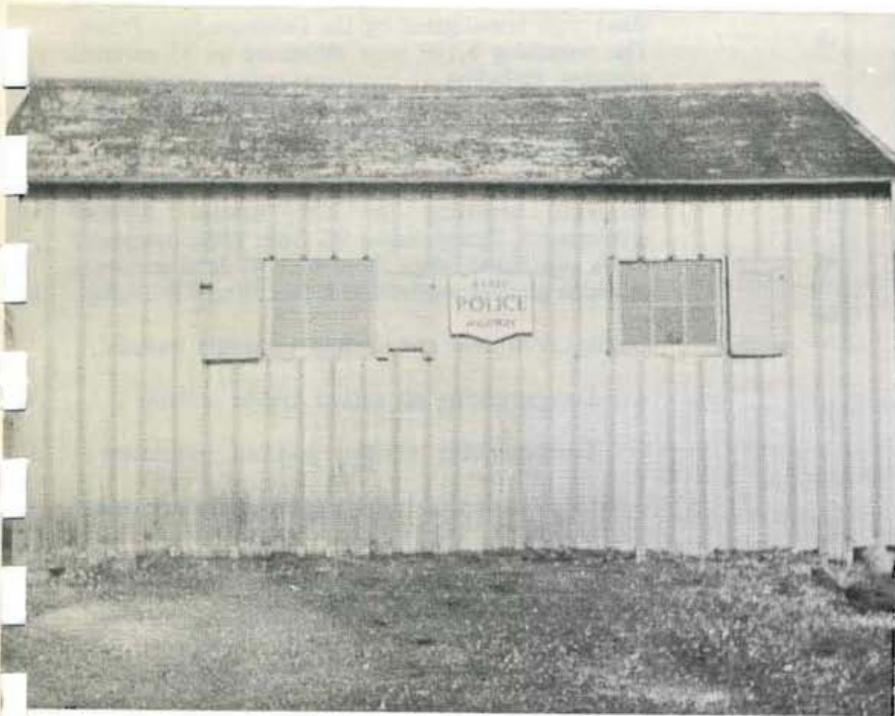


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This State Police report, submitted for the last time within the Highway Department Annual Report, covers the calendar year 1969. The new organization of the State Department of Public Safety will submit the 1970 annual report.

The report year was marked by a noted decrease in traffic deaths, a sharp increase in drug violations, and the first full year's operation of the Major Crime Tactical Unit.

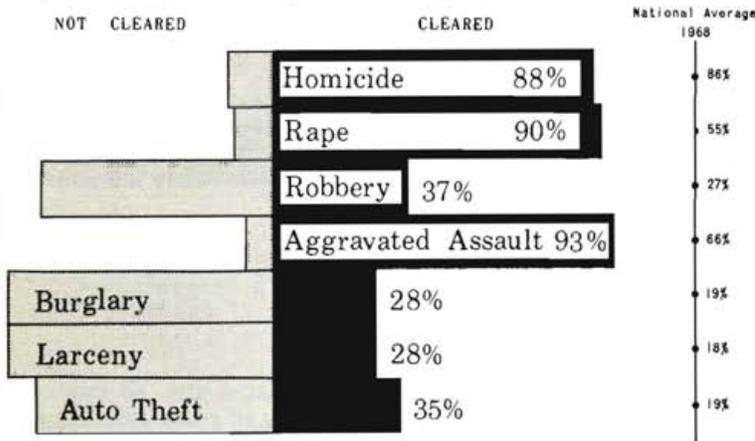
The passage of two new legislative acts, an Implied Consent Law and the lowering of prima facie blood alcohol level to .10%, was considered to be a factor in the reduction of 26 highway deaths during 1969. The Superintendent "declared war" on the drug offenders and initiated plans for the new State Police Drug Control Unit, now operating with excellent results. The Major Crime Tactical Unit was responsible for the apprehension of an auto theft ring and was also instrumental in the apprehension of a burglary ring that encompassed five states. The State Police effort is reflected by 39,081 1/2 hours of overtime worked.

The mandatory training law for police officers, passed this year, requires all police officers to undergo a basic training period prior to serving more than one year with any police department. Delaware is unique with a program which ranks second only to California, with Delaware's 280 classroom hours of instruction for the basic course. During the report year, 348 Recruit Trooper applicants were tested. Of this number 102 applicants attended three Recruit classes, have graduated and are now assigned to various troops in the State. The coming year's projection includes two Recruit and two mandatory training classes. The opening of the Delaware State Police Training Academy, Dover, in early spring is anticipated.

Criminal Investigation

Crimes reported to the Delaware State Police during 1969 numbered 22,486, an increase in volume of 15 percent over 1968. Investigation concerning these complaints resulted in 6,397 arrests, and 15,527 cases cleared and closed. This clearance rate was 69 percent.

Crimes Cleared By Arrests 1969



Auto thefts continued to increase during 1969. 858 vehicles were reported stolen as compared with 752 during 1968. The State Police recovered 749 of the stolen vehicles. An additional 261 vehicles were recovered by the Delaware State Police for other jurisdictions.

The total amount of property reported lost due to theft, fraud and embezzlement amounted to \$2,134,814. Of this amount, the State Police recovered \$1,138,806.

The Delaware State Police investigated 148 known drug offenses during 1969. Compared to 53 offenses during 1968, this reflects an increase of 179%.

The Polygraph Unit conducted 217 tests and obtained 25 confessions, while the Canine Corps during 1969 was responsible for the apprehension of 72 criminals.

Traffic

During the year, the Traffic Record Section processed 28,931 traffic arrest tickets. This represents a 9% increase over 1968. This section also answered 6,074 requests for accident information, submitted by attorneys, insurance companies, government agencies, and private citizens. This is an increase of 10% over the 1968 figure.

Accidents

A total of 17,603 reportable accidents were received. This represents a 9% increase over 1968. 9,405 of these were investigated by the Delaware State Police. The remaining 8,198 were submitted by 33 external agencies, including 31 municipal police departments, New Castle County Police and the Delaware River and Bay Authority.

During 1969, Delaware experienced 120 fatal accidents resulting in 127 deaths. Alcohol involvement, though down 9% from 1968, continued to be significant, since there were 49 fatal accidents in which alcohol was involved, excluding Wilmington.

During 1970 new and revised programs include:

- Computerizing all officer traffic activity
- Computerizing monthly accident summaries
- Modification of troop accident summary report format
- Random selection computer program for accident and arrest information.

Aircraft

During the report year, the airplane was hangared at Rehoboth Airport. Due to nonflying duties assigned the pilot, only 124 hours were accumulated during 1969. The traffic law enforcement's use achieved 210 arrests and 93 reprimands during 50.5 hours. Other primary usage included:

Transportation	34.0 hours
Searches	15.5 hours
Highway Dept. Photography	7.5 hours
Police Photography	5.0 hours
Delaware Shellfish Commission	4.0 hours
Water & Air Resources	4.0 hours
Mosquito Control	3.5 hours

Enforcement

The following breakdown reflects the 28,931 traffic arrests made by the State Police during 1969:

DANGEROUS MOVING ARRESTS	
OPERATING UNDER THE INFLUENCE	776
FAILED TO STOP AT COMMAND OF POLICE	67
SPEED	11932
RIGHT OF WAY	472
WRONG SIDE OF ROAD	228
FOLLOWING TOO CLOSELY	259
RECKLESS DRIVING	870
IMPROPER PASSING	257
FAILURE TO SIGNAL	1
DISREGARDED STOP SIGN OR SIGNAL	2187
PASSED STOPPED SCHOOL BUS	49
IMPROPER TURNING	589
DRIVING WITHOUT LIGHTS	59
FAILED TO DIM LIGHTS	16
MANSLAUGHTER BY MOTOR VEHICLE	5
OTHER DANGEROUS MOVING VIOLATIONS	3415
EQUIPMENT ARRESTS	
BRAKES	152
LIGHTS	0
MUFFLERS	606
OTHER EQUIPMENT VIOLATIONS	275
LICENSE AND REGISTRATION ARRESTS	
DRIVER LICENSE VIOLATIONS	2235
SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION	148
OPERATING M.V. WITHOUT CONSENT	59
TAMPERING WITH A MOTOR VEHICLE	70
OCCUPATIONAL LICENSE VIOLATION	13
REGISTRATION AND TITLE VIOLATIONS	1581
OVERSIZE AND OVERWEIGHT VIOLATIONS	31

PEDESTRIAN ARRESTS

PEDESTRIAN UNDER THE INFLUENCE	453
CROSSING NOT AT INTERSECTION	1
CROSSING AT INTERSECTION AGAINST SIGNAL	0
WALKING IN ROADWAY AT NIGHT WITHOUT LIGHT	102
FAILURE TO GRANT RIGHT OF WAY TO VEHICLE	0
HITCH-HIKING ON HIGHWAY	315
WALKING NOT FACING TRAFFIC	73
OTHER ARRESTS	
LEAVING THE SCENE	288
FAILED TO REPORT ACCIDENT	414
PARKING VIOLATIONS	583
KEYS IN CAR	29
LITTERING THE HIGHWAY	71
OTHER	227
TOTAL	28,931

In addition to the 28,931 arrests, the State Police issued 143,218 reprimands.

Assaults Upon State Police Officers

During 1969, 27 State Police Officers were assaulted while in the performance of duty. Seven suffered physical injury requiring medical attention.

State Bureau of Identification

The State Bureau of Identification for the year 1969 processed a total of 11,713 criminal fingerprint cards, reflecting a 7% increase over 1968. This reflects an increase in crime and subsequent expansion of State Police activities.

A 58% reduction in firearms registration from 1103 in 1968 to 458 during this year is attributed to the mandatory registration last report year and normal registration during the current report year.

A 46% increase in processed wanted notices during 1969 reflects the upswing in crime at the national and State level.

The Uniform Crime Reporting Section is functioning well, in that only five small police agencies have not submitted reports for system input this year.

Youth Activities

Youth Division personnel spent 12,556 hours on duty of which 1587 were overtime. There were 546 public appearances by the six youth officers before Driver Education Classes, other school classes, school assemblies, and church or civic groups. Audience attendance involved 49,165 persons. In combat against drugs, 157 of the public appearances were on Drug Abuse to audiences totaling 15,319 persons.

4,222 juveniles, not arrested (excluding traffic reprimands), were brought to the attention of the Youth Division. Of these, 3,085 required additional investigation or other action by a Youth Officer.

5,475 juveniles were issued traffic reprimands. There were 2,795 juveniles arrested for traffic violations and 1,889 arrested for criminal violations of which 98 were for drug abuse. In the "Letter to the Parent" program, 2,053 letters were mailed and 1,168 answers were received containing many favorable comments.

Youth Division personnel patrols of the Delaware ocean beaches during summer weekends accounted for 448.5 man-hours.

Communications Division

The National Crime Information Terminal was initiated during the report year. This provides all Delaware law enforcement agencies to query a computer located in the National FBI Headquarters. This system provides virtually uninterrupted 24 hour communication with system participants, including State and Federal agencies throughout the United States and Canada.

During June, 1969, the Kent County Emergency Reporting Center (KENTCOM) was officially opened. This 24 hour center functions to maintain hotlines between law enforcement agencies, emergency facilities, and public safety (FIRE - AMBULANCE) services.



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