

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
MOTOR VEHICLE DEPARTMENT
OF
STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
June 1, 1955 to June 1, 1956

To the Chairman and Members of the
State Highway Commission
Dover, Delaware

Gentlemen:

I respectfully submit herewith a report of the activities of the Motor Vehicle Department of the State Highway Department for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1956.

Respectfully,

CHARLES G. MOORE
Motor Vehicle Commissioner

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The Motor Vehicle Department is now issuing temporary license plates thereby eliminating the permit system which, for years, has been a source of confusion to the enforcement agencies.

This session of Legislature passed a uniform light bill, which conforms with the I.C.C. regulations.

Delaware entered into several written reciprocal agreements with other States.

The Deputy Chief Examiner attended Unit 1 of the Chief Examiner's Course at Northwestern University.

Delaware entered into uniform bus inspection agreements with New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

The Department is beginning the processing of titles and registration on the punch card system. This will give the public much more efficient service and will give the Department better control of the records.

**MOTOR VEHICLE DEPARTMENT
ANNUAL REPORT OF VEHICLES EXAMINED**

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1955

Closing

Approved on Initial Examination	119,697
Approved on Re-Examination	7,760
Total	140,379

Reasons For Rejections

Tires	1	18	Dr. Lights	14	1,102
Alin.	2	790	C.P.B. Output	15	1,005
St. Oper.	3	1,682	P.&O. Lights	16	783
Dimensions	4	213	R.&S. Lights	17	1,933
Plates	5	143	Bulbs	18	627
Glass	6	1,696	Wir. & Sw.	19	190
W.W. Vision	7	147	Reflectors	20	238
Horn	8	154	Div. Sig.	21	190
Windshield	9	129	Ser. Br.	22	328
Mirror	10	355	Park. Br.	23	714
Exhaust	11	924	Br. Equal	24	691
Disc.	12	1,064	P.&L. Reserve	25	406
Hd. Lights	13	1,534	Door & Latch	26	47

MOTOR VEHICLE DEPARTMENT
APPROXIMATE No. BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS

Fiscal Year Ended June 30th

(COMPARATIVE)

		% of Increase over 1954		% of Increase over 1954	% of Increase over 1955
1954	1955		1956		
429,891	480,012	11.7%	532,980	19.3%	9.9%

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APPROXIMATE No. BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS

Fiscal Year Ended June 30th

(CLASSIFIED BY DEPARTMENTS)

Registrations		Oper., Chauff. & App.		Miscellaneous		Titles, etc.		Totals	
1954	1955	1954	1955	1954	1955	1954	1955	1954	1955
191,129	222,916	65,656	75,938	26,503	55,119	146,603	179,007	429,891	532,980
	31,787		10,282		28,616		32,404		103,089

Percentage of Increase in Grand Total of
 Business Transactions for Fiscal Year
 Ended June 30, 1954 over Fiscal Year
 Ended June 30, 1956 19.3%

MOTOR VEHICLE DEPARTMENT

AUDITING DEPARTMENT

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF NET INCOME

7-1-54 to 6-30-55 and 7-1-55 to 6-30-56

REGISTRATIONS

	1954-1955	1955-1955	Increase or Decrease
Pleasures (1 Yr.)	\$1,201,365.01	\$1,305,967.50	\$ 104,602.49
Pleasures (½ Yr.)	38,597.00	38,661.00	64.00
Pleasures (¼ Yr.)	1,783.50	1,584.00	(199.50)
Commercials (1 Yr.)	904,310.44	1,110,431.17	206,120.73
Commercials (½ Yr.)	124,799.23	127,042.87	2,243.64
Commercials (¼ Yr.)	9,660.65	8,271.00	(1,389.65)
Trailers (1 Yr.)	314,368.04	425,481.17	111,113.13
Trailers (½ Yr.)	52,480.69	69,412.93	16,932.24
Trailers (¼ Yr.)	2,872.46	3,687.47	815.01
Tractors	1,060.25	1,170.00	109.75
Motor Cycles (1 Yr.)	2,247.00	2,448.00	201.00
Motor Cycles (½ Yr.)	—	6.00	6.00
Motor Cycles (¼ Yr.)	—	2.00	2.00
Stock Cars	145.00	135.00	(10.00)
Farm Trucks (1 Yr.)	73,085.45	76,585.09	3,499.64
Farm Trucks (½ Yr.)	1,069.32	1,465.33	396.01
Farm Trucks (¼ Yr.)	—	31.35	31.35
Dealers	14,622.00	13,545.50	(1,076.50)
Extra Weight	3,937.00	4,966.80	1,029.80
Total	\$2,746,403.04	\$3,190,894.18	\$ 444,491.14

LICENSES

Operator, Chauffeur & Applications	270,550.50	284,959.40	14,408.90
Permanent Operators & Chauffeurs	44,980.00	41,790.00	(3,190.00)
Total	\$ 315,530.50	\$ 326,749.40	\$ 11,218.90

TITLING DEPARTMENT

New Car Titles	23,441.00	26,356.00	2,915.00
Used Car Titles	64,960.00	72,143.00	7,183.00
Corrected Titles	2,977.00	2,207.00	(770.00)
Duplicate Titles	957.00	1,017.00	60.00
Liens	18,351.50	20,761.50	2,410.00
Satisfactions	7,549.00	7,813.00	264.00
Supplementary Titles	3,062.00	2,919.00	(143.00)
Total	\$ 121,297.50	\$ 133,216.50	\$ 11,919.00

**MOTOR VEHICLE DEPARTMENT
AUDITING DEPARTMENT
COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF NET INCOME**

7-1-54 to 6-30-55 and 7-1-55 to 6-30-56

(Continued)

MISCELLANEOUS

Duplicate Cards	7,069.00	8,664.00	1,595.00
Exchange Operators Cards ...	544.00	565.00	21.00
Reference Money	4,621.15	3,829.15	(792.00)
Bad Check Collections	300.00	265.00	(35.00)
Temporary Vehicle Permits ..	7,975.00	11,168.00	3,193.00
Tag Retainers Fees	11,015.00	12,085.00	1,070.00
Amateur Radio Operator Tags	170.50	71.50	(99.00)
Lost Tags and Inserts	2,813.50	2,849.50	36.00
Telephone Fees	4,259.50	4,340.88	81.38
Temporary Tags	-----	16,032.00	16,032.00
Bad Check Collected from			
Previous Year	-----	106.90	106.90
Shortage and Surcharge	(1,117.04)	(476.18)	640.86
Bad Checks	(23.95)	-----	23.95
Total	\$ 37,626.66	\$ 59,500.75	\$ 21,874.09

	1954-1955	1955-1956	Increase or Decrease
ADD:			
Refund Checks of Prior Year			
Unclaimed Registrations—			
Pleasure	\$ 20.50	\$ 13.00	\$ (7.50)
Unclaimed Registrations—			
Commercial	86.56	-----	(86.56)
Adjustment of Income			
Registration10	(.50)	(.60)
Total	\$ 107.16	\$ 12.50	\$ (94.66)
Total Net Income	\$3,220,964.86	\$3,710,373.33	\$ 489,408.47
Non-Revenue Receipts			
Telephone	\$ (4,259.50)	\$ (4,340.88)	\$ (81.38)
Telephone Adjustment	-----	(.50)	(.50)
Total	\$ (4,259.50)	\$ (4,341.38)	\$ (81.88)
	\$3,216,705.36	\$3,706,031.95	\$ 489,326.59

SUMMARIZED COMPARISON OF NET INCOME

MOTOR VEHICLE DEPARTMENT

Fiscal Years Ending 1955 and 1956

	1954-1955	1955-1956	Increase or Decrease
Registrations	\$2,746,403.04	\$3,190,894.18	\$ 444,491.14
Licenses--Operators, Chauffeurs, & Applications	315,530.50	326,749.40	11,218.90
Titling	121,297.50	133,216.50	11,919.00
Miscellaneous	37,626.66	59,500.75	21,874.09
Refund Checks of Prior Year Unclaimed	107.16	12.50	(94.66)
Total	\$3,220,964.86	\$3,710,373.33	\$ 489,408.47
Non-Revenue Receipts	(4,259.50)	(4,341.38)	(81.88)
Net Income	\$3,216,705.36	\$3,706,031.95	\$ 489,326.59

SUMMARIZED COMPARISON OF NET REFUNDS

USED IN DETERMINING NET INCOME

MOTOR VEHICLE DEPARTMENT

Fiscal Years Ending 1955 and 1956

	1954-1955	1955-1956	Increase or Decrease
Registrations	\$ 30,291.34	\$ 32,701.20	\$ 2,409.86
Bi-Annual Operators, Chauffeurs, & Applications	429.00	344.00	(85.00)
Permanent Operators & Chauffeurs	220.00	70.00	(150.00)
Duplicate Cards	17.50	17.50	-----
New Car, Used Car, Supplementary, & Corrected Titles	44.00	69.00	25.00
Duplicate Titles	4.50	4.50	-----
Liens	22.50	29.50	7.00
Lost Tags	2.00	6.00	4.00
Temporary Vehicle Permits ...	2.00	2.00	-----
Reference Money	16.30	-----	(16.30)
Tag Retainers Fees	10.00	5.00	(5.00)
Telephone Fees	-----	.50	.50
Total	\$ 31,059.14	\$ 33,249.20	\$ 2,190.06

**MOTOR VEHICLE DEPARTMENT
AUDITING DEPARTMENT
GROSS CASH COLLECTIONS**

Fiscal Year

7-1-55 to 6-30-56

(Classified by Departments)

	Mail	Dover	Wilmington	Georgetown	Total
Cash Collections	\$ 888,145.78	\$ 471,823.46	\$ 1,755,998.98	\$ 627,654.31	\$ 3,743,622.53
	23.7%	12.6%	46.9%	16.8%	

**MOTOR VEHICLE DEPARTMENT
AUDITING DEPARTMENT
COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF
GROSS COLLECTIONS**

Fiscal Year Ended 6-30th

(Classified by Months)

Month	1955	1956
July	\$ 210,933.86	\$ 209,796.73
August	152,065.33	163,050.47
September	403,905.99	411,283.23
October	329,277.68	216,892.28
November	139,852.12	246,689.37
December	384,732.74	383,382.30
January	181,659.14	316,284.46
February	145,944.77	184,967.31
March	517,063.44	551,148.19
April	241,546.73	366,004.02
May	146,371.00	260,815.44
June	398,671.10	433,308.73
Adjustment on Yr. Income10	(.50)
Totals	\$ 3,252,024.00	\$ 3,743,622.53
Increase for 1956	\$ 491,598.53	
Percentage of Increase	15.1%	

**MOTOR VEHICLE DEPARTMENT
AUDITING DEPARTMENT
TRANSACTIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR**

(7-1-55 to 6-30-56)

REGISTRATIONS

	Mail	Dover	Wilmington	Georgetown	Total
Pleasures (1 Yr.)	9,736	15,612	78,170	20,794	124,312
Pleasures (½ Yr.)	1,336	1,146	2,291	1,224	5,997
Pleasures (¼ Yr.)	14	111	230	70	425
Commercials (1 Yr.)	3,298	4,279	16,352	5,833	29,762
Commercials (½ Yr.)	495	891	992	1,076	3,454
Commercials (¼ Yr.)	51	104	91	89	335
Trailers (1 Yr.)	2,115	1,358	3,376	1,629	8,478
Trailers (½ Yr.)	648	243	171	266	1,328
Trailers (¼ Yr.)	36	33	18	20	107
Tractors	12	72	129	21	234
Motor Cycles (1 Yr.)	41	94	410	71	616
Motor Cycles (½ Yr.)	1	—	—	1	2
Motor Cycles (¼ Yr.)	—	—	—	1	1
Stock Cars	3	2	7	15	27
Dealers	479	92	613	375	1,559
Farm Trucks (1 Yr.)	181	1,207	179	2,116	3,683
Farm Trucks (½ Yr.)	14	31	1	40	86
Farm Trucks (¼ Yr.)	1	—	—	1	2
Extra Weight, etc.	447	28	71	115	661
Exempt	248	446	833	445	1,972
Transfers	24,813	139	12,720	2,203	39,875
Totals	43,969	25,888	116,654	36,405	222,916

OPERATORS

Bi-Annual Operators (1956)	27,066	2,432	10,945	2,854	43,297
Bi-Annual Chauffeurs— (1957)	5,041	1,148	3,527	1,404	11,120
Applications	9	2,839	11,858	2,060	16,766
Permanent Operators	255	330	2,390	532	3,507
Permanent Chauffeurs	81	134	313	151	679
Taxi Renewals (1955)	—	38	210	27	275
Taxi Renewals (1956)	—	54	209	31	294
Totals	32,452	6,975	29,452	7,059	75,938

TITLING DEPARTMENT

New Car Titles	10,815	297	12,583	2,713	26,408
Used Car Titles	40,162	1,575	24,177	6,246	72,160
Corrected Titles	931	256	591	429	2,207
Duplicate Titles	1,871	9	129	34	2,043
Liens	21,028	661	15,987	3,906	41,582
Satisfactions	31,252	—	—	—	31,252
Supplementary Titles	2,504	—	393	22	2,919
Exempt Titles	221	5	151	59	436
Totals	108,784	2,803	54,011	13,409	179,007

**MOTOR VEHICLE DEPARTMENT
AUDITING DEPARTMENT
TRANSACTIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR**

(7-1-55 to 6-30-56)

(Continued)

REGISTRATIONS	Mail	Dover	Wilmington	Georgetown	Total
MISCELLANEOUS					
Lost Tags	93	351	577	400	1,421
Dup. Reg. Cards ..	4,334	460	3,444	1,395	9,633
Reference Money	606	—	9	—	615
Temporary Veh.					
Permits	168	1,078	7,969	1,955	11,170
Lost Inserts	8	—	13	33	54
Exch. Oper. Cards	1	322	519	288	1,130
Dup. Oper. &					
Chauff. Cards ..	446	447	2,552	420	3,865
Tag Retainers' Fees	2,168	2	122	126	2,418
Telephone Fees ..	121	19	6,638	1,937	8,715
Bad Check Collections	6	25	7	15	53
A.R.O. Fees	13	—	—	—	13
Temporary Tags	16,032	—	—	—	16,032
	<u>23,996</u>	<u>2,704</u>	<u>21,850</u>	<u>6,569</u>	<u>55,119</u>
Totals	23,996	2,704	21,850	6,569	55,119
GRAND TOTALS					
Transactions	209,201	38,370	221,967	63,442	532,980
& Percentages	39.2%	7.2%	41.7%	11.9%	

MOTOR VEHICLE DEPARTMENT
AUDITING DEPARTMENT
APPROXIMATE No. ONE YEAR AND
ONE-HALF YEAR REGISTRATIONS ISSUED
DURING FISCAL YEARS

7-1-54 to 6-30-55 and 7-1-55 to 6-30-56
7-1-54 7-1-55
to 6-30-55 to 6-30-56

CLASSIFICATION	One Year	Increase or	
		One Year	Decrease
Pleasures	115,585	124,312	8,727
Commercials	25,400	29,762	4,362
Trailers	7,261	8,478	1,217
Tractors	213	234	21
Motor Cycles	565	616	51
Stock Cars	29	27	(2)
Dealers	1,709	1,559	(150)
Farm Trucks	3,507	3,683	176
Exempt	1,808	1,972	164
TOTALS	156,077	170,643	14,566
PER CENT	93.1%	93.6%	
CLASSIFICATION	One-Half	One-Half	
	Year	Year	Increase or
			Decrease
Pleasures	6,044	5,997	(47)
Commercials	3,384	3,454	70
Trailers	1,028	1,328	300
Motor Cycles	0	2	2
Farm Trucks	61	86	25
TOTALS	10,517	10,867	350
PER CENT	6.3%	5.9%	

Note: Approximately 370 registrations of various types were issued for one-quarter year during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1956, or about 5/10 of 1%. About 6/10 of 1% were issued for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1955.

MOTOR VEHICLE DEPARTMENT

AUDITING DEPARTMENT

APPROXIMATE DISTRIBUTION OF MOTOR VEHICLES

IN REFERENCE TO EXPIRATION OF REGISTRATION

June 30, 1956
REGISTRATION AND INSERT GUIDE

Period	Sussex County	Kent County	New Castle County	Total	State & Exempt	Class	7-1-55	7-1-56	Increase or Decrease
9-30-56	8,041	9,863	23,386	41,290		Pleasure	109,517	115,532	5.5%
Reg. Exp.						Comm.	24,495	27,890	13.9%
12-31-56	7,435	10,437	22,176	40,048	1,875	Trailers	6,952	7,990	14.9%
Reg. Exp.						Tractors	187	188	.5%
3-31-57	8,901	11,294	30,408	50,603		M. Cycles	452	471	4.2%
Reg. Exp.						Stock Cars	23	20	(13.1%)
6-30-57	4,714	4,496	15,771	24,981		Farm Trucks	3,233	3,386	4.7%
Totals	29,091	36,090	91,741	156,922	1,875	Totals	144,859	155,477	7.2%

(Note: Dealers are not included in the above number of vehicles registered.)

APPROXIMATE No. VEHICLES REGISTERED

As of	1953	1954	% of Increase or Decrease Over 1953	1955	% of Increase or Decrease Over 1953	1956	% of Increase or Decrease Over 1954	1956	% of Increase or Decrease Over 1953
July 1	127,199	135,243	6.3	146,438	6.3	156,922	8.3	156,922	23.4

MOTOR VEHICLE DEPARTMENT
AUDITING DEPARTMENT
APPROXIMATE DISTRIBUTION OF
MOTOR VEHICLES
IN REFERENCE TO COUNTIES

Classification of Vehicles				
Registered by Counties as of				
7-1-56	Sussex Co.	Kent Co.	N. C. Co.	Totals
Pleasures	19,566	23,340	72,626	115,532
Commercials	5,664	7,240	14,986	27,890
Trailers	1,476	3,517	2,997	7,990
Tractors	19	67	102	188
Motor Cycles	49	103	319	471
Stock Cars	10	5	5	20
Farm Trucks	1,948	1,274	164	3,386
Totals	<u>28,732</u>	<u>35,546</u>	<u>91,199</u>	<u>155,477</u>

MOTOR VEHICLE DEPARTMENT
AUDITING DEPARTMENT
APPROXIMATE No. REGISTRATIONS ISSUED

(Classified by Expiration Period)

		Ended June 30, 1956							
191	Date & No.	3-31-49	35,323	6-30-49	16,384	9-30-49	30,978	12-31-49	18,239
	"	3-31-50	36,139	6-30-50	20,391	9-30-50	32,382	12-31-50	22,325
	"	3-31-51	37,902	6-30-51	25,588	9-30-51	33,587	12-31-51	25,695
	"	3-31-52	39,495	6-30-52	28,613	9-30-52	33,589	12-31-52	28,057
	"	3-31-53	40,883	6-30-53	30,328	9-30-53	35,302	12-31-53	32,096
	"	3-31-54	44,769	6-30-54	34,190	9-30-54	36,761	12-31-54	35,206
	"	3-31-55	46,172	6-30-55	36,411	9-30-55	39,283	12-31-55	39,113
	"	3-31-56	50,445	6-30-56	41,080	9-30-56	*	12-31-56	**

Remarks: *Registrations expiring 9-30-56 are not complete on June 30, 1956, end of the fiscal year, as vehicles are registered during months of July, August, and September carrying an expiration date of 9-30-56.

**Registrations expiring 12-31-56 are not complete on June 30, 1956, end of the fiscal year, as vehicles are registered during months of October, November, and December carrying an expiration date of 12-31-56.

MOTOR VEHICLE DEPARTMENT

AUDITING DEPARTMENT

APPROXIMATE No. OF NEW CAR TITLES AND USED CAR TITLES ISSUED

ISSUED FOR FISCAL YEARS ENDING JUNE 30

	1953	1954	1955	1956	1953	1954	1955	1956
July	1,384	2,138	1,764	2,421	4,775	5,339	5,072	5,649
August	710	1,896	1,537	2,699	3,930	4,669	5,023	6,213
September	1,135	1,691	1,391	2,077	4,042	4,608	4,518	5,682
October	1,683	2,048	1,624	2,415	4,528	4,931	4,480	5,805
November	1,332	1,600	1,676	2,191	3,466	4,012	4,576	5,689
December	1,244	1,346	2,307	1,949	3,496	4,106	4,486	4,920
January	1,774	1,404	1,903	2,331	4,840	3,951	5,443	5,996
February	1,524	1,474	1,828	2,098	4,569	4,501	4,770	5,897
March	1,722	1,661	2,112	1,663	6,101	7,186	7,271	7,210
April	2,397	2,286	2,589	2,646	6,034	5,638	6,825	7,274
May	2,048	1,666	2,541	2,134	5,037	4,759	6,231	6,412
June	1,787	1,853	2,190	1,784	4,879	5,139	6,284	5,413
Totals	18,754	21,063	23,462	26,408	55,697	58,839	64,979	72,160

Percentage of Increase in
New Car Titles over 1955 — 12.6%

Percentage of Increase in
Used Car Titles over 1955 — 11.1%

MOTOR VEHICLE DEPARTMENT

AUDITING DEPARTMENT

Approximate number Bi-Annual Operators Licenses issued as of June 30, 1956	104,341
Approximate number Bi-Annual Chauffeurs Licenses issued as of June 30, 1956	22,677
TOTAL	127,018
Approximate Number (1956) Taxi Licenses issued as of June 30, 1956	294

APPROX. No. TEMPORARY INSTRUCTION

PERMIT Nos. ISSUED

Fiscal Year	July 1954 to June 1955 Incl.	Approx. Average Per No.	July 1955 to June 1956 Inc.	Approx. Average Per Mo.	Increase or Decrease In Ave.
No.	14,858	1,238	16,766	1,397	159

Remarks: The above figures showing the approximate number of Temporary Instruction Permits Issued do Not represent the number of examinations passed. A percentage of these permits expired.

**MOTOR VEHICLE DEPARTMENT
AUDITING DEPARTMENT
APPROXIMATE No. PERMANENT OPERATOR
AND CHAUFFEUR APPLICATIONS RECEIVED**

(Classified by Months and by Departments)

(Fiscal Year 7-1-55 to 6-30-56)

Month	Mail	Dover	Wilmington	Georgetown	Total
July	10	1	38	14	63
August	7	3	52	13	75
September	11	13	85	15	124
October	6	11	57	12	86
November	6	12	82	17	117
December	32	55	224	61	372
January	55	69	397	109	630
February	46	62	380	109	597
March	33	70	385	95	592
April	36	56	315	66	473
May	51	46	347	74	518
June	43	57	341	98	539
TOTALS	336	464	2,703	683	4,186
PERCENTAGES	8.0%	11.1%	64.6%	16.3%	

**APPROX. NO. PERMANENT OPR.
& CHAUFF. ISSUED**

As of July 1, 1956	Permanent Operators	Permanent Chauffeurs	Totals
Applications Received	49,631	12,363	61,994
Refunds Subtracted	(1,043)	(270)	(1,313)
Total No. Issued	48,588	12,093	60,681

MONTHLY REPORT

Items	From Each Branch	Total
REGISTRATIONS		
Wilmington	89,266	
Georgetown	33,765	
Dover	25,310	
Mail	17,513	
		1,658.54
OUTGOING LETTERS	5,519	5,519
DUPLICATE CARDS		
Wilmington	3,444	
Georgetown	1,395	
Dover	460	
Mail	4,334	
		9,633
INTER-OFFICE MEMO		
OUTGOING ASSIGNMENTS		
Wilmington	803	
Georgetown	337	
Dover	113	
		1,273
INFORMATION LETTERS	4,749	4,749
CHANGE OF ADDRESS		
Dover	1,421	
Wilmington	4,864	
Georgetown	654	
Mail		6,939
OUTGOING TITLES		
TO BE ISSUED & MAILED		
Dover Lane	2,142	
Wilmington	38,024	
Georgetown	9,503	
		49,669
OUTGOING TITLES	59,500	
Mail		59,500
LIENS SATISFIED	32,153	32,153
REFUNDS		\$29,492.82

DRIVER IMPROVEMENT

It is a known fact that only a small percentage of the total licensed drivers are repeat violators. It is likewise known that these drivers if permitted to continue their habitual violations become our problem drivers and are more likely to become involved in motor vehicle accidents.

To control the habitual, negligent or careless driver calls for a driver improvement technique known as driver control. To accomplish this the division is constantly reviewing each arrest, warning, and accident as each is placed on a driver's record. When it becomes apparent that an individual needs the attention of the division he is called before a hearing officer to give reason why his privilege to operate should not be suspended. The department must utilize every known method in a determined effort to raise the level of operation of our problem drivers up to the same level of operation as our best drivers. For public acceptance the program must be fair and uniform so that all drivers can expect the same treatment.

To keep the division abreast of present day needs one of its members, the deputy Chief Examiner, attended a three weeks course at Northwestern University, where the very latest technique in handling the problem drivers is taught. This course will continue for nine more weeks, divided into three week courses. It is hopeful that we shall continue to take advantage of this very important training for the division members.

During the fiscal year of 1955-56 a record number of cases were reviewed by the division, resulting in a substantial increase in the suspension of operating privileges.

It is the sincere hope of the Driver Improvement Bureau to eliminate every unnecessary accident from our highways.

**STATE OF DELAWARE
DRIVER IMPROVEMENT BUREAU**

July 1, 1955 to July 1, 1956

CASES REVIEWED			3,988
CITED TO APPEAR FOR INTERVIEW			1,121
Driving Record	558	WARNING LETTERS	2,204
Accidents	28	Regular letters	1,913
Special Interview	267	Accident letters	291
SUSPENSIONS	1,779		<u>2,204</u>
SUSPENSION BY			
INTERVIEW	267		
Driving Record	207	TEENS	665
Court Request	2	TWENTIES	1,822
Physical	31	THIRTIES	1,082
Reckless Drive	27	FORTIES	575
	<u>267</u>	FIFTIES	235
SUSPENSION W/O		SIXTIES	122
HEARING	1,512	SEVENTIES	39
		EIGHTIES	14
Drive During Suspension	101		<u>4,554</u>
Violation on Probation	119		
Violation after Suspension	234	MALE	4,345
Excess Speed in State	306	FEMALE	209
Excess Speed out of State	420		<u>4,554</u>
Court Request	65		
Reckless Drive	40	JUVENILE LETTER	5
Take Car W/O Consent	13	RESTRICTED LIC.	362
False Statement	11	CASES CONTINUED	352
Other	203		
	<u>1,512</u>		
TOTAL MONTHS SUSPENSION			5,112
PROBATION			513

THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE ANY MANDATORY
REVOCATIONS

**REPORT FOR YEAR
FROM JULY 1, 1955, TO JULY 1, 1956**

EXAMINATION GIVEN

INSIDE EXAM — 23,545 ROAD TESTS — 8,282
FAILED ROAD SIGN — 388 FAILED ROAD RULES — 4,138
FAILED VISION — 283

DRIVING TESTS GIVEN	8,252
FAILED DRIVING TESTS	1,555
PERMITS ISSUED	7,943
TAXI	576
D. E. T.	1,238

AGE GROUP:	
16-25	15,386
26-55	15,223
55-	952
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	31,561

STATE OF DELAWARE
STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
MOTOR VEHICLE DEPARTMENT
P. O. BOX 671
DOVER, DELAWARE

July 30, 1956

Hon. Charles G. Moore
Commissioner of Motor Vehicles
Dover, Delaware

Dear Mr. Moore:

I herewith submit a report of the activities of the Financial Responsibility Department during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1956.

A comparison of the preceding fiscal year, brings to light the sad fact that there were 237 more processable accidents in the State of Delaware than the preceding year. Our records indicate that there was an increase of 240 in the number of Out-of-State owners involved in these accidents and those involved **without insurance** increased 366. The property damage involved increased in the amount of \$253,117. There were less personal injuries during this period of time.

I have made a point of going to the Wilmington Lane one day a week in order to be of assistance to the people in the Wilmington area in any way possible. I believe that this will result in fewer interviews and telephone conversations in the normal day's work at this office.

I find that it is still necessary to suspend the operating privileges of persons involved in accidents who fail to make a report to this office. In this connection, I believe more newspaper coverage at periodic intervals might alleviate this to some extent.

Since my appointment of May 1, 1956, is comparatively new, I have been unable to make a more complete study of the conditions in this office due to the press of current routine work, telephone conversations and personal interviews.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. HATTIE W. TARBURTON, Director
Financial Responsibility

FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1956

Month	Number of Accidents	New Castle	Kent	Sussex	Out of State	No Insurance	Injuries	Damages	Suspensions
July	454	311	59	84	222	150	181	\$183,975	101
August	532	354	96	82	219	163	199	288,875	170
September	510	329	86	95	228	162	169	194,315	162
October	539	373	96	70	181	160	166	224,400	26
November	576	434	76	66	190	166	186	227,382	205
December	622	475	74	73	192	171	189	230,055	204
January	619	486	71	62	198	180	139	243,280	146
February	516	402	53	61	200	166	132	201,235	98
March	594	463	76	55	190	167	143	206,785	59
April	463	360	50	53	195	150	131	179,605	160
May	568	450	64	54	220	189	170	214,705	113
June	616	448	80	88	247	199	222	268,000	122
TOTAL	6,609	4,885	881	843	2,482	2,023	2,027	\$2,662,612	1,566

