

ANNUAL REPORT
of the
MOTOR VEHICLE DIVISION
of
STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
June 1, 1952 to June 30, 1953

October 1, 1953

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

Gentlemen:

I respectfully submit a report of the activities of the
Motor Vehicle Division of the State Highway Department
for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1953.

Respectfully,
H. H. Keller
Motor Vehicle Commissioner

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The Motor Vehicle Division during the year 1952-53 continued to make many changes in the procedure in the various Departments. Through careful study and planning many duplications of effort were eliminated and a great deal of filing space was saved in the Department by consolidation of files by installation of the Remington Rand system.

The new drivers' license system is devised so one application will produce all base value of the student driver training in our State. This report will be published somewhere near the end of 1953 and will be used by many States in their course of study when teaching Student Driving Training.

During the past Legislature many bills were passed which will be beneficial to the State of Delaware. Station wagons, ranch wagons and Town and Country now carry the PC combination license plate which has proved very beneficial.

In past years all reciprocal agreements between other States and Provinces and Delaware were made by the Motor Vehicle Commissioner. However, during the past Legislature a Reciprocity Commission was set up which is composed of the Chief Engineer of the State Highway Department, the Motor Vehicle Commissioner and one member appointed by the Governor. This Commission will keep abreast of the times and make reciprocity agreements which will be of decided advantage to our State.

The inspection of motor vehicles has been an outstanding progress in our State for many years. The State owned Inspection Lanes have proven a most practical system for inspection of motor vehicles and has been a protection to the people of our State. The National Safety Council awarded the State of Delaware a plaque for having been one of the outstanding States in the field of motor vehicle inspections. The award was made to the Commissioner in his office on October 30, 1953 by Mr. George Grotz of the National Safety Council and Colonel J. James Ashton of the Delaware Safety Council.

MOTOR VEHICLE DIVISION
Annual Report of Vehicles Examined at the
Wilmington, Dover and Georgetown Lanes
July 1, 1952 to June 30, 1953

Closing

Approved on Re-Examination	93,419
Rejected on Initial Examination	5,255

Reason For Rejections

Tires	63	Dr. Lights	599
Alin.	586	C. P. B. Output	579
St. Oper.	1,197	P. & O. Lights	135
Dimensions	7	R. & S. Lights	2,835
Plates	9	Bulbs	60
Glass	904	Wir. & Sw.	10
W. W. Vision	57	Reflectors	58
Horn	82	Div. Sig.	23
Windshield	26	Ser. Br.	836
Mirror	14	Park. Br.	397
Exhaust	535	Br. Equal.	308
Misc.	47	P. & L. Reserve	7
Hd. Lights	682	Door & Latch	24

MOTOR VEHICLE DIVISION
APPROXIMATE NO. BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS
FISCAL YEAR ENDED June 30th—
(Comparative)

1951	1952	% of Decrease over 1951	1953	% of Decrease over 1951	% of Increase over 1952
417,919	394,812	—5.5%	404,840	—3.1%	+2.5%

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APPROXIMATE NO. BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS
FISCAL YEAR ENDED June 30th—
(Classified by Departments)

Registrations		Oper., Chauff. & App.		Miscellaneous		Titles, etc.		Totals	
1951	1953	1951	1953	1951	1953	1951	1953	1951	1953
157,912	176,641	122,969	67,310	16,690	18,972	120,348	141,917	417,919	404,840
	+18,729		—55,659		+2,282		+21,569		—13,079

Percentage of Decrease in Grand Total of Business Transactions for fiscal year ended June 30, 1953 under
fiscal year ended June 30, 1951 3.1%

MOTOR VEHICLE DIVISION
AUDITING DEPT.
COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF REVENUE
7-1-51 to 6-30-52 and 7-1-52 to 6-30-53

	1951-1952	1952-1953	1952-1953	1952-1953
			Increase	Decrease
Registrations				
Pleasures (1 yr.).....	\$788,033.50	\$ 838,521.00	\$ 50,487.50	\$
Pleasures (½ yr.).....	18,577.00	17,822.00	.....	755.00
Pleasures (¼ yr.).....	906.00	1,250.00	344.00	.....
Commercials (1 yr.).....	621,619.99	653,404.76	31,784.77	.....
Commercials (½ yr.).....	84,664.14	92,174.15	7,510.01	.....
Commercials (¼ yr.).....	4,893.92	6,332.60	1,438.68	.....
Trailers (1 yr.).....	121,285.50	141,120.52	19,835.02	.....
Trailers (½ yr.).....	22,571.00	31,108.75	8,537.75	.....
Trailers (¼ yr.).....	1,618.63	1,910.05	291.42	.....
Tractors	1,250.00	1,060.00	.....	190.00
Motorcycles (1 yr.).....	2,254.50	2,411.50	157.00	.....
Motorcycles (½ yr.).....	15.00	0	.....	15.00
Stock Cars	*	35.00	35.00	.....
Farm Trucks (1 yr.).....	47,242.13	52,829.14	5,587.01	.....
Farm Trucks (½ yr.).....	696.50	446.50	.....	250.00
Dealers	12,292.00	12,295.00	3.00	.....
Extra Weight, etc.	2,221.32	1,986.78	.....	234.54
Total	\$1,730,141.13	\$1,854,707.75	\$126,011.16	\$1,444.54
Operators				
Annual Operators, Chauffeurs and Applications	\$ 3,089.00	\$ 582.00	.....	\$2,507.00
Bi-Annual Operators, Chauffeurs and Applications	156,631.00	156,220.00	.....	411.00
Permanent Operators and Chauffeurs	26,905.00	20,760.00	.....	6,145.00
Total	\$186,625.00	\$177,562.00	.....	\$9,063.00
Titling Department				
New Car Titles	\$16,591.00	\$ 18,726.00	\$2,135.00	.....
Used Car Titles	53,092.00	55,687.00	2,595.00	.....
Corr. Titles	2,485.00	2,570.00	85.00	.....
Dup. Titles	827.00	822.50	.....	4.50
Liens	15,383.50	16,560.50	1,177.00	.....
Satisfactions	6,542.50	6,567.25	24.75	.....
Supp. Titles	2,366.00	3,551.00	\$1,185.00	.....
Total	\$97,287.00	\$104,484.25	\$7,201.75	\$4.50

MOTOR VEHICLE DIVISION
AUDITING DEPT.
COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF REVENUE
7-1-51 to 6-30-52 and 7-1-52 to 6-30-53

(Continued)

	1951-1952	1952-1953	1952-1953	1952-1953
			Increase	Decrease
Miscellaneous				
Lost Tags	\$ 3,162.00	\$ 2,856.00	.....	\$ 306.00
Duplicate Cards	5,198.50	4,443.00	.....	755.50
Exch. Oper. Cards	548.50	570.50	22.00	.....
Reference Money	1,092.00	1,887.15	795.15	.....
Lost Inserts	44.75	134.00	89.25	.....
Temporary Veh. Permits	8,071.00	7,786.00	.....	285.00
Bad Check Collections	270.00	270.00	.....	.....
Tag Retainers' Fees	5,265.00	6,565.00	1,300.00	.....
Total	\$23,651.75	\$24,511.65	\$2,206.40	\$1,346.50
Shortage & Surcharge	—\$284.40	—\$196.16	—\$88.24	
Total	—\$284.40	—\$196.16	—\$88.24	

*Stock Cars were first issued in May, 1953

SUMMARIZED COMPARISONS OF REVENUE
MOTOR VEHICLE DIVISION
Fiscal Years Ending 1952 and 1953

	1951-1952	1952-1953	1952-1953 Increase	1952-1953 Decrease
Registrations	\$1,730,141.13	\$1,854,707.75	\$124,566.62	\$
Annual Operators, Chauffeurs & Applications	3,089.00	582.00		2,507.00
Bi-Annual Operators, Chauffeurs & Applications	156,631.00	156,220.00		411.00
Permanent Operators & Chauffeurs	26,905.00	20,760.00		6,145.00
Titling	97,287.00	104,484.25	7,197.25	
Miscellaneous	23,651.75	24,511.65	859.90	
Shortage & Surcharge	-284.40	-196.16	-88.24	
Total	\$2,037,420.48	\$2,161,069.49	\$132,712.01	\$9,063.00
Deduct 1951-1952 Total	2,037,420.48			
Deduct 1952-1953 Decrease			9,063.00	
Equals 1952-1953 Net Increase ...	\$	123,649.01	\$123,649.01	

The following refunds were deducted:

	1951-1952	1952-1953
Registrations	\$15,425.48	\$17,488.32
Annual Operators, Chauffeurs & Applications	28.00	
Permanent Operators & Chauffeurs	65.00	20.00
Duplicate Cards	22.00	9.50
New Car, Used Car, Supp. & Corr. Titles	20.00	25.00
Duplicate Titles	2.00	6.00
Liens	12.00	14.00
Lost Tags	6.00	4.00
Temp. Vehicle Permits		1.00
Tag Retainers' Fees	10.00	
Satisfactions	10.00	
Bi-Annual Oper., Chauffeurs & Applications....	7.50	215.50
Lost Inserts .....	.50	
Total	\$15,608.48	\$17,783.32

Note: (Refund checks amounting to One Hundred Seventy-three Dollars and Forty-seven cents (\$173.47) were given to Mr. Hawke to be returned to the State Treasurer for cancellation. This amount was not included in grand total of cash collections. The checks returned for cancellation covered the following: Registrations, \$164.97—Titles, \$1.00—Bi-Annual Operators & Chauffeurs, \$7.50.)

**MOTOR VEHICLE DIVISION
AUDITING DEPT.
GROSS CASH COLLECTIONS
Fiscal Year 7-1-52 to 6-30-53
(Classified by Departments)**

	Mail	Dover	Wilmington	George- town	Total
Cash Collec- tions	\$266,335.32	\$328,652.00	\$1,133,173.23	\$450,692.26	\$2,178,852.81
Per- centages	12.2%	15.1%	52.1%	20.6%	

**GROSS CASH COLLECTIONS
(Comparative)**

Year	7-1-51 to 6-30-52	7-1-52 to 6-30-53	Increase or Decrease
Cash Collections	\$2,053,028.96	\$2,178,852.81	+\$125,823.85

**COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF REFUNDS
Fiscal Year
MOTOR VEHICLE DIVISION**

Year	7-1-51 to 6-30-52	7-1-52 to 6-30-53	Increase or Decrease
Refunds	\$15,608.48	\$17,783.32	+\$2,174.84

AUDITING DEPT.
COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF GROSS COLLECTIONS
Fiscal Year Ended 6-30
(Classified by Months)

Month	1952	1953
July	\$ 128,440.32	\$ 147,855.84
August	88,543.34	96,760.28
September	231,311.86	308,078.63
October	154,445.13	155,060.91
November	60,479.55	76,729.83
December	215,816.08	199,100.75
January	122,950.35	203,543.65
February	93,249.63	98,902.80
March	343,885.06	355,442.07
April	180,959.35	176,934.50
May	136,987.95	96,347.90
June	295,960.34	264,095.65
Totals	\$2,053,028.96	\$2,178,852.81
Increase for 1953		\$125,823.85
Percentage of Increase		6.1%

MOTOR VEHICLE DIVISION
AUDITING DEPT.
TRANSACTIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR
(7-1-52 to 6-30-53)

	Mail	Dover	Wilm.	Georgetown	Total
REGISTRATIONS					
Pleasures (1 yr.)	6,339	12,716	64,794	19,030	102,879
Pleasures (½ yr.)	1,112	520	1,260	562	3,454
Pleasures (¼ yr.)	4	79	256	71	410
Commercials (1 yr.)	1,180	3,599	11,533	5,056	21,368
Commercials (½ Yr.)	302	799	633	976	2,710
Commercials (¼ yr.)	25	134	60	59	278
Trailers (1 yr.)	254	1,235	2,614	1,296	5,399
Trailers (½ yr.)	58	305	137	205	705
Trailers (¼ yr.)	10	36	14	17	77
Tractors	10	108	77	17	212
Motorcycles (1 yr.)	29	88	397	96	610
Motorcycles (½ yr.)	0	0	0	0	0
Stock Cars	0	0	7	0	7
Dealers	435	94	471	424	1,424
Farm Trucks (1 yr.)	149	1,002	169	1,547	2,867
Farm Trucks (½ yr.)	2	1	0	24	27
Extra Wgt., etc.	108	36	94	59	297
Exempt	127	417	718	362	1,624
Transfers	18,520	127	12,104	1,542	32,293
Totals	28,664	21,296	95,338	31,343	176,641
OPERATORS					
Annual Operators (1952)	0	1	0	0	1
Bi-Annual Operators (1954)	25,786	1	9,022	43	34,852
Annual Chauffeurs (1952)	2	87	446	46	581
Bi-Annual Chauffeurs (1954)	7,168	54	3,153	101	10,476
Applications	18	2,488	12,472	2,266	17,244
Permanent Operators	581	151	2,134	374	3,240
Permanent Chauffeurs	239	81	422	174	916
Totals	33,794	2,863	27,649	3,004	67,310

**MOTOR VEHICLE DIVISION
AUDITING DEPT.
TRANSACTIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR
(7-1-52 to 6-30-53)—(Continued)**

	Mail	Dover	Wilm.	Georgetown	Total
TITLING DEPARTMENT					
New Car Titles	5,515	292	10,097	2,836	18,740
Used Car Titles	27,891	1,209	21,944	4,653	55,697
Corr. Titles	677	324	1,059	511	2,571
Dup. Titles	1,299	0	303	55	1,657
Liens	15,059	416	14,215	3,459	33,149
Satisfactions	26,269	0	0	0	26,269
Exempt Titles	133	0	101	49	283
Supplementary	2,971	3	383	194	3,551
Totals	79,814	2,244	48,102	11,757	141,917
MISCELLANEOUS					
Lost Tags	131	344	511	444	1,430
Dup. Reg. Cards	651	561	1,906	815	3,933
Reference Money	292	0	0	0	292
Temporary Veh. Permits	156	339	5,232	2,060	7,787
Lost Inserts	34	25	387	90	536
Bad Check Collections ..	21	3	0	30	54
Exch. Opr. Cards	4	260	628	249	1,141
Dup. Opr. & Chauff. Cards	658	55	1,339	434	2,486
Tag Retainers' Fees	913	0	292	108	1,313
Totals	2,860	1,587	10,295	4,230	18,972
GRAND TOTALS					
Transactions &	145,132	27,990	181,384	50,334	404,840
Percentages	35.8%	6.9%	44.8%	12.5%	

MOTOR VEHICLE DIVISION

AUDITING DEPT.

Approximate No. One Year and One-Half Year Registrations

Issued during Fiscal Years 7-1-51 to 6-30-52

and 7-1-52 to 6-30-53

CLASSIFICATION	7-1-51 to	7-1-52 to	Increase or Decrease
	6-30-52	6-30-53	
Pleasures	96,840	102,879	+ 6,039
Commercials	20,043	21,368	+ 1,325
Trailers	4,732	5,399	+ 667
Tractors	250	212	- 38
Motorcycles	569	610	+ 41
Stock Cars	0	7	+ 7
Dealers	1,546	1,424	- 122
Farm Trucks	2,445	2,867	+ 422
Exempt	1,623	1,624	+ 1
TOTALS	128,048	136,390	+ 8,342
Per Cent	94.4%	94.6%	

CLASSIFICATION	One-Half Year	One-Half Year	Increase or Decrease
Pleasures	3,597	3,454	- 143
Commercials	2,523	2,710	+ 187
Trailers	559	705	+ 146
Tractors	0	0	0
Motorcycles	5	0	- 5
Stock Cars	0	0	0
Dealers	0	0	0
Farm Trucks	40	27	- 13
Exempt	0	0	0
TOTALS	6,724	6,896	+ 172
Per Cent	5.0%	4.8%	

Note: Approximately 765 registrations for one-quarter year were issued.

**MOTOR VEHICLE DIVISION
AUDITING DEPT.**

Approximate Distribution of Motor Vehicles in Reference to Expiration of Registration

JUNE 30, 1953 REGISTRATION AND INSERT GUIDE Expir. Period	Sussex County	Kent County	New Castle County	Total	State & Exempt	Class.	As of 7-1-52	As of 7-1-53	Increase or Decrease
Reg. Exp. 9-30-53	7,078	7,520	20,647	35,245		Pleasures ..	90,022	96,986	+ 7.7%
Reg. Exp. 12-31-53	6,439	6,504	17,447	30,390	1,537	Commercials.	19,001	20,560	+ 8.2%
Reg. Exp. 3-31-54	8,395	8,636	25,452	42,483		Trailers	4,327	5,013	+ 15.8%
Reg. Exp. 6-30-54	4,069	3,355	11,657	19,081		Tractors	191	165	- 13.6%
						M-Cycles	430	465	+ 8.1%
						Stock Cars ..	0	7	+100.0%
						Farm Trucks ..	2,362	2,626	+ 11.2%
Totals	25,981	26,015	75,203	127,199	1,537	Totals.....	116,333	125,822	+ 8.2%

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

APPROXIMATE NO. VEHICLES REGISTERED

As Of	1950	1951	% of Increase or Decrease Over 1950	1952	% of Increase or Decrease Over 1950	% of Increase or Decrease Over 1951	1953	% of Increase or Decrease Over 1950	% of Increase or Decrease Over 1952
July 1	101,727	111,376	+10.4%	117,656	+15.7%	+5.6%	127,199	+25.0%	+8.1%

**MOTOR VEHICLE DIVISION
AUDITING DEPT.
Approximate Distribution of Motor Vehicles
in Reference to Counties**

CLASSIFICATION OF VEHICLES REGISTERED BY COUNTIES AS OF 7-1-58	Sussex County	Kent County	New Castle County	TOTALS
Pleasures	17,873	18,085	61,028	96,986
Commercials	4,975	4,764	10,821	20,560
Trailers	1,219	1,427	2,367	5,013
Tractors	13	90	62	165
Motorcycles	68	87	310	465
Stock Cars	0	0	7	7
Farm Trucks	1,418	1,054	154	2,626
Totals	25,566	25,507	74,749	125,822

**MOTOR VEHICLE DIVISION
AUDITING DEPT.
APPROXIMATE NO. REGISTRATIONS ISSUED
(Classified by Expiration Period)**

Ended June 30, 1953

Date & No.	3-31-46	33,564	6-30-46	8,357	9-30-46	27,779	12-31-46	9,828
"	3-31-47	33,532	6-30-47	10,259	9-30-47	28,530	12-31-47	12,474
"	3-31-48	34,355	6-30-48	13,214	9-30-48	29,864	12-31-48	15,397
"	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	*

Remarks: *Registrations expiring 12-31-53 not complete on June 30, 1953, end of fiscal year, as vehicles are registered during months of October, November and December carrying an expiration date of 12-31-53.

**MOTOR VEHICLE DIVISION
AUDITING DEPT.**

Approximate No. of New Car Titles and Used Car Titles Issued for Fiscal Years Ending June 30

Month	NEW CAR TITLES					USED CAR TITLES			
	1950	1951	1952	1953	1950	1951	1952	1953	
July	1,632	2,400	1,676	1,384	3,220	3,755	4,480	4,775	
August	1,814	2,108	1,667	710	3,663	4,124	4,679	3,930	
September	1,526	1,770	1,242	1,135	3,244	3,634	3,956	4,042	
October	1,878	1,922	1,552	1,683	3,396	3,667	4,457	4,528	
November	1,419	1,387	1,219	1,332	3,019	3,260	3,577	3,466	
December	1,156	1,394	934	1,244	3,082	2,633	3,194	3,496	
January	1,738	2,056	1,362	1,774	3,733	4,416	4,526	4,840	
February	1,548	1,543	1,135	1,524	3,479	3,512	4,265	4,569	
March	1,689	1,633	1,192	1,722	4,294	4,933	5,086	6,101	
April	2,054	1,915	1,534	2,397	4,101	4,811	5,298	6,034	
May	1,916	1,576	1,515	2,048	3,717	4,315	4,776	5,037	
June	2,005	1,487	1,576	1,787	3,789	4,026	4,805	4,879	
Totals	20,375	21,191	16,604	18,740	42,737	47,086	53,099	55,697	
Percentage of Increase in New Car Titles over 1952				12.9%	Percentage of increase in Used Car Titles over 1952				4.9%

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**MOTOR VEHICLE DIVISION
AUDITING DEPT.
APPROX. NO. ANNUAL OPR. & CHAUFF. ISSUED (FISCAL YEAR)**

As Of	1950	1951	% of Increase or Decrease Over 1950	1952	% of Increase or Decrease Over 1950	% of Increase or Decrease Over 1951	1953	% of Increase or Decrease Over 1950	% of Increase or Decrease Over 1952
June 30	-F- 98,729	-G- 103,903	+5.2	-H- 58,782	-40.5	-76.6	-I- 119,251	+20.8	+102.9

F Represents (1950) Opr. & Chauff. issued as of June 30th.
G " (1951) " " " " " " " " "
H " (1952) " " " " " " " " "
I " (1954) " " " " " " " " "

Approximate number taxi licenses issued as of June 30, 1953 318

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APPROX. NO. TEMPORARY INSTRUCTION PERMIT NOS. ISSUED

Fiscal year	July, 1951 to June, 1952 Incl.	Approx. Average per Mo.	July, 1952 to June, 1953 Incl.	Approx. Average per Mo.	Increase or Decrease in Average
No.	15,684	1,307	17,244	1,437	+130

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 DIVISION
AUDITING DEPT.
APPROXIMATE NO. PERMANENT OPERATOR AND
CHAUFFEUR APPLICATIONS RECEIVED
(Classified by Months and Departments)
Fiscal Year 7-1-52 to 6-30-53

Month	Mail	Dover	Wilm.	Georgetown	Total
July	128	31	387	88	634
August	105	28	275	69	477
September	132	35	346	75	588
October	92	32	325	69	518
November	93	21	219	78	411
December	33	4	69	16	122
January	14	6	46	5	71
February	9	4	24	5	42
March	14	4	57	10	85
April	61	17	249	23	350
May	80	20	302	56	458
June	59	30	257	54	400
Totals	820	232	2,556	548	4,156
Percentages	19.7%	5.6%	61.5%	13.2%	

APPROX. NO. PERMANENT OPR. & CHAUFF. ISSUED

As of July 1, 1953	Permanent Operators	Permanent Chauffeurs	Totals
Applications Received	37,787	9,802	47,589
Refunds (Subtracted)	—1,013	—259	—1,272
Total No. Issued	36,774	9,543	46,317

MONTHLY REPORT

FOR THE YEAR OF JULY 1, 1952 TO JUNE 30, 1953

Items	From Registration Each Branch	Total
REGISTRATIONS		
Wilmington	83,140	
Georgetown	29,742	
Dover	21,133	
Mail	10,036	144,051
OUTGOING LETTERS	7,830	7,830
DUPLICATE CARDS		
Wilmington	3,245	
Georgetown	1,249	
Dover	616	
Mail	1,309	6,419
INTER-OFFICE MEMO	95	95
OUTGOING ASSIGNMENTS		
Wilmington	738	
Georgetown	285	
Dover	95	1,118
INFORMATION LETTERS	4,708	4,708
CHANGE OF ADDRESS		
Dover	448	
Wilmington	3,607	
Georgetown	479	
Mail	6	4,540
OUTGOING TITLES TO BE ISSUED & MAILED		
Dover Lane	1,828	
Wilmington	33,877	
Georgetown	8,295	44,000
OUTGOING TITLES		
Mail	37,971	37,971
LIENS SATISFIED	26,269	26,269
REFUNDS	\$17,783.32	\$17,783.32

YEARLY DETAILED REPORT

For Fiscal Year June 30, 1952 to June 30, 1953

REVOCATIONS AND SUSPENSIONS

Residents

283 Intoxicated Driving
30 Rescinded (False Statement)
6 Failed to File Insurance
12 Taking Car Without Owner's Consent
6 Lending License
2 Manslaughter
24 Leaving Scene of Accident
51 Driving During Period of Revocation
52 Judgment
1 Violated Emergency Permit
1 Larceny
1 Driv. Dif. from Spec. on Rest. License

REINSTATEMENTS AND RELEASES

42 Reinstated 173A
36 Released 173A
113 Reinstated Insurance Filed
56 Released 3 Years Filing
21 Reinstated by Consent of Commissioner
11 Rescission Lifted
1 Released By Law Oct. 1949
2 Revoked in Error

MISCELLANEOUS

13 Second Conviction
2 Third Conviction
421 Responsible for Insurance
79 Out of State Conviction

YEARLY DETAILED REPORT
For Fiscal Year June 30, 1952 to June 30, 1953
(Continued)

Non-Residents

- 63 Intoxicated Driving
- 1 Failed to File Insurance
- 1 Judgment
- 2 Leaving Scene of An Accident
- 1 Driving During Period of Revocation
- 1 Manslaughter

REINSTATEMENTS AND RELEASED

- 2 Reinstated 173A
- 4 Released 3 Years Filing
- 1 Reinstated by Consent of Commissioner
- 5 Reinstated Insurance Filed

MISCELLANEOUS

- 69 Responsible for Insurance
- 1 Second Conviction

YEARLY ACTIVITY REPORT

For Fiscal Year—June 30, 1952 to June 30, 1953

8,593 Letters
313 Inner-Office
642 Assignments
296 Change of Name by Marriage (Annual)
890 Duplicate Licenses
84 Stencils Cut
3,200 Bulletins
8,419 Information by Phone
20,957 Original Licenses
443 Exchange to Chauffeur's (Annual)
134 Bills
317 Renewal Insurance Certificates
214 Original Insurance Certificates
42,791 Renewal Licenses
24 Activity Report
24 Detailed Report
39 Revocation Report
3,085 Change of Address (Annual)
165 Notices to Renew Insurance
95 Certified Copies Driving Record
69 Copies of Letters
71,200 Mimeographed Letters
1 Yearly Activity Report
1 Yearly Detailed Report
1,288 Paid Information
33 Restricted Licenses
1,904 Revocation Cards
762 Responsibility Cards
68 Title Cards
77 Certificates of Revocation
66 Copies of Arrest Report
339 Responsibility Letters
444 Revocation Letters
142 Suspension Letters
299 Licenses Corrected
308 Correction License Letters
2,384 Change of Address (Perm.)
368 Duplicate Permanents
262 Taxi Cards
7 Defaced License
132 Change of Name (Perm.)
284 Taxi Renewals
96 Exchange to Chauffeur's (Perm.)
4,144 Permanents
64 Corrected Permanents
38 Magistrate Reports
49 Stop Cards
6 Defaced Permanents
4 Second License (Perm.)
1 Addition to Name
33 Restricted Forms Given
249 Correction or Retake (Annual)
1 Change of Address on Rest. Licenses

DRIVER IMPROVEMENT DIVISION

Capt. C. Preston Poore

The Driver Improvement Division of the Motor Vehicle Division during the past year showed a marked increase in activities. The records of more drivers were reviewed resulting in a higher percentage of suspension. The increased activities of this Division became necessary when we reviewed with alarm the increased number of fatal accidents on our highways.

This in no sense means that should the number of fatal accidents be reduced we should relax our vigilance and rest on the laurels of past performances. Until drivers learn to police their own operating habits, to a point where suspension of operating privileges are no longer necessary, we must continually be on the watch for those drivers who are either accident or arrest prone and, if necessary, remove them from our highways to protect innocent drivers.

Professional traffic people can talk of motor vehicle death rates, and highway statistics and trends, but until we succeed in eliminating every unnecessary accident, our efforts are not all they should be. There is little consolation in saying that we can expect as many or more deaths on the highways as traffic volume increases.

When speaking of bad-record drivers we are not talking of all Delaware drivers. The majority of our licensed drivers have an accident and arrest free record. The responsibility of the Driver Improvement Division is to increase the efficiency of all drivers and make a sincere attempt to raise the level of operation of our problem drivers up to the same safe level of operation as our best drivers.

**STATE OF DELAWARE
DRIVER IMPROVEMENT BUREAU**

July 1, 1952 to July 1, 1953

July 24, 1953

CASES REVIEWED	2,286		
CASES REQUIRING ACTION ..	2,286		
Accidents	38	Teens	363
Repeated Violators	486	Twenties	959
Bad Driving Record	1,447	Thirties	523
Misc.	315	Forties	245
		Fifties	128
RE-EXAMINATION	604	Sixties	44
Passed	599	Seventies	18
Failed	5	Eighties	5
		Nineties	1
FORM LETTERS MAILED	2,286		
No. 1 Letters	1,447		2,286
No. 3 Letters	486		
Accidents Letters	38	Male	2,214
Special Letters	315	Female	72
INTERVIEWS	604		2,286
CASES REFERRED TO		White	1,684
COMMISSIONER	746	Colored	602
Drivers Put on Probation ..	274		
License Suspended	517		2,286
Cases Continued	27		
TOTAL NUMBER OF LETTERS REQUIRED TO			
COMPLETE THE ABOVE CASES			5,661
CASES REVIEWED TO DATE			126,112
ACTION TAKEN ON			170,149
THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE ANY MANDATORY REVOCATIONS			

STATE OF DELAWARE
NEW DRIVERS LICENSED
July 1, 1952 to July, 1953

NEW CASTLE COUNTY

NEW DRIVERS	4,379	
OUT OF STATE	5,835	
LAPSED LICENSE	533	
RECKLESS DRIVING	0	
DRIVING DRUNK	55	
		10,702

KENT COUNTY

NEW DRIVERS	1,102	
OUT OF STATE	1,033	
LAPSED LICENSE	122	
RECKLESS DRIVING	2	
DRIVING DRUNK	31	
		2,290

SUSSEX COUNTY

NEW DRIVERS	1,208	
OUT OF STATE	829	
LAPSED LICENSE	89	
RECKLESS DRIVING	0	
DRIVING DRUNK	23	
		2,149

TOTAL		15,141
NEW DRIVERS	6,689	
OUT OF STATE	7,697	
LAPSED LICENSE	644	
RECKLESS DRIVING	2	
DRIVING DRUNK	109	
		15,141

REPORT 1953

From July 1, 1952 to July 1, 1953

EXAMINATION GIVEN

INSIDE EXAM	ROAD TESTS
20,621	8,187
FAILED ROAD SIGNS	FAILED ROAD RULES
64	1,415

FAILED VISION
204

DRIVING TESTS GIVEN	8,187
FAILED DRIVING TESTS	877
PERMITS ISSUED	8,748
TAXI	592
D. E. T.	931

AGE GROUPS:

16-25	13,957
26-55	13,848
55	715

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY
(July 1, 1952 — June 30, 1953)

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Month	No. Accidents	Out of State	No. Insurance	Injuries	Fatalities	Damages	Suspensions
1952 July	552	224	154	226	8	\$ 226,941	327
August	476	257	108	192	4	186,264	168
September	495	263	127	229	7	224,739	230
October	459	185	94	202	10	203,921	230
November	491	183	110	175	2	200,985	123
December	554	217	118	256	4	224,397	123
1953 January	552	196	111	169	6	233,673	185
February	427	149	89	128	4	171,226	152
March	502	176	104	135	4	201,564	158
April	453	139	95	147	3	168,109	69
May	512	166	88	175	8	185,510	63
June	519	198	122	198	11	213,579	49
TOTALS	5,992	2,353	1,320	2,232	71	\$2,440,908	1,877

