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MOTOR VEHICLE DEPARTMENT

State of Delaware



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Mr. Henry T. Price, Chairman
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Dear Sir:

I submit herewith a report of the activities of the Motor Vehicle Department for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1965. Comparisons, which may be of interest, have also been included.

Respectfully submitted,

Russell W. Whitby
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PAST & PRESENT

Automobiles were required to have State registration as early as 1905. In 1907, when 313 vehicles were registered, operator's licenses were first required. However, it was not until the Highway Department assumed responsibility for the Motor Vehicle Department in 1940-41 that vehicle registration buildings were constructed in Wilmington, Dover and Georgetown.

Today, there are over 240,000 vehicles registered in the State of Delaware (an increase of 8.5 percent over last year), and 193,267 licensed drivers. During the fiscal year, 28,801 temporary instruction permits were issued.

The Motor Vehicle Department is responsible for seeing that drivers are qualified initially, for following up on them during their driving career, for titling and registering motor vehicles and annually inspecting them to ensure their safe operating condition.

**MOTOR VEHICLE DEPARTMENT
 APPROXIMATE NO. BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS
 FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30th
 (COMPARATIVE)**

1963	1964	% of Increase Over 1963	1965	% of Increase Over 1963	% of Increase Over 1964
714,984	760,489	6.4%	818,340	14.5%	7.6%

**APPROXIMATE NO. BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS
 FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30th
 (CLASSIFIED BY DEPARTMENT)**

Registrations		Oper., Chauff. & Applic.		Miscellaneous		Titles, Etc.		Totals	
1963	1965	1963	1965	1963	1965	1963	1965	1963	1965
296,276	339,392	98,025	109,085	119,332	134,787	201,351	235,076	714,984	818,340
	43,116		11,060		15,455		33,725		103,356

Percentage of Increase in Grand Total of Business Transactions For Fiscal Year
 Ended June 30, 1965 Over Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1963 14.5%

**SUMMARIZED COMPARISON OF NET INCOME
MOTOR VEHICLE DEPARTMENT
FISCAL YEAR ENDING 1964 AND 1965**

	1963-1964	1964-1965	Increase or Decrease
Registrations	\$4,518,779.91	\$4,909,662.44	\$390,882.53
Licenses—Operators Chauffeurs & Applications	432,447.00	449,239.00	16,762.00
Titling	349,233.50	384,267.75	35,034.25
Miscellaneous	278,105.25	315,119.34	37,014.09
Total	\$5,578,595.66	\$6,058,288.53	\$479,692.87
Non-Revenue Receipts	(4,870.50)	(4,695.00)	(175.50)
Total Net Income	\$5,573,725.16	\$6,053,593.53	\$479,868.37

**SUMMARIZED COMPARISON OF NET REFUNDS
USED IN DETERMINING NET INCOME
MOTOR VEHICLE DEPARTMENT**

	1963-1964	1964-1965	Increase or Decrease
Registrations	\$ 17,064.55	4,702.05	(12,362.50)
Bi-Annual Operators, Chauffeurs & Applications	196.00	172.00	(24.00)
Duplicate Cards	9.00	11.00	2.00
New Car, Used Car, Supp. & Corr. Titles	26.00	24.00	(2.00)
Duplicate Titles	12.00	24.00	12.00
Liens	8.00	27.00	19.00
Temporary Vehicle Permits	4.00	12.00	8.00
Tag Retainer Fees	—	10.00	10.00
Total	\$ 17,319.55	\$ 4,982.05	\$ 12,337.50

MOTOR VEHICLE DEPARTMENT
AUDITING DEPARTMENT
COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF NET INCOME
7-1-63 to 6-30-64 and 7-1-64 to 6-30-65

REGISTRATIONS	1963-1964	1964-1965	Increase or Decrease
Pleasures (1 yr.)	\$1,827,182.00	\$1,955,243.00	\$128,061.00
Pleasures (1/2 yr.)	43,151.00	41,352.00	(1,799.00)
Pleasures (1/4 yr.)	1,688.00	2,057.50	369.50
Commercials (1 yr.)	1,598,364.30	1,734,065.00	135,700.70
Commercials (1/2 yr.)	372,614.60	458,130.91	85,516.31
Commercials (1/4 yr.)	16,862.20	14,127.44	(2,734.76)
Trailers (1 yr.)	379,143.10	412,934.00	33,790.90
Trailers (1/2 yr.)	115,456.15	125,387.15	9,931.00
Trailers (1/4 yr.)	13,285.70	8,378.20	(4,907.50)
Tractors	2,685.00	2,921.00	236.00
Motor Cycles (1 yr.)	9,114.00	14,682.00	5,568.00
Stock Cars	395.00	335.00	(60.00)
Farm Trucks (1 yr.)	97,210.95	99,021.28	1,810.33
Farm Trucks (1/2 yr.)	2,548.30	2,144.60	(403.70)
Farm Trucks (1/4 yr.)	—	22.90	22.90
Dealers	24,984.00	28,147.00	3,163.00
Extra Weight, Etc.	14,095.61	10,713.46	(3,382.15)
Total	<u>\$4,518,779.91</u>	<u>\$4,909,662.44</u>	<u>\$390,882.53</u>
LICENSES			
Operator, Chauffeur & Applications	410,047.00	425,159.00	15,112.00
Permanent Operators & Chauffeurs	22,430.00	24,080.00	1,650.00
Total	<u>\$ 432,477.00</u>	<u>\$ 449,239.00</u>	<u>\$ 16,762.00</u>
TITLING DEPARTMENT			
New Car Titles	63,592.00	72,766.00	9,174.00
Used Car Titles	199,654.00	221,022.00	21,368.00
Corrected Titles	7,278.00	7,038.00	(240.00)
Duplicate Titles	5,032.00	5,600.00	568.00
Liens	41,266.00	45,668.00	4,402.00
Satisfactions	24,091.50	23,239.75	(851.75)
Supplementary Titles	8,320.00	8,934.00	614.00
Total	<u>\$ 349,233.50</u>	<u>\$ 384,267.75</u>	<u>\$ 35,034.25</u>
MISCELLANEOUS			
Duplicate Cards	21,735.00	23,315.00	1,580.00
Exchange Operator Cards	594.50	652.50	58.00
Reference Money	29,949.42	48,824.64	18,875.22
Bad Check Collections	295.00	405.00	110.00
Temporary Vehicle Permits	44,810.00	43,262.00	(1,548.00)
Tag Retainer Fees	26,990.00	27,290.00	300.00
A.R.O. Fees	121.00	181.50	60.50
Lost Tags	21,534.00	21,330.00	(204.00)
Temporary Tags	127,642.00	146,099.00	18,457.00
New Car List	4,795.00	4,600.00	(195.00)
Thermo-Fax	75.50	95.00	19.50
Shortage	(297.52)	(616.25)	(318.73)
Reimbursement of bad checks	12.00	8.00	(4.00)
Bad Checks	(150.65)	(327.05)	(176.40)
Total	<u>\$ 278,105.25</u>	<u>\$ 315,119.34</u>	<u>\$ 37,014.09</u>
Total Net Income	<u>\$5,578,595.66</u>	<u>\$6,058,288.53</u>	<u>\$479,692.87</u>
Non-Revenue Receipts			
New Car Lists	4,795.00	4,600.00	195.00
Thermo-Fax	75.00	95.00	19.50
Total	<u>\$ 4,870.50</u>	<u>\$ 4,695.00</u>	<u>\$ 175.50</u>
Grand Total	<u>\$5,573,725.16</u>	<u>\$6,053,593.53</u>	<u>\$479,868.37</u>

**MOTOR VEHICLE DEPARTMENT
AUDITING DEPARTMENT
GROSS CASH COLLECTIONS
Fiscal Year
7-1-64 to 6-30-65
(Classified by Departments)**

	Mail	Dover	Wilmington	Georgetown	Total
Cash Collections	\$1,646,048.82	\$817,304.92	\$2,728,025.65	\$871,891.19	\$6,063,270.58
	27.1%	13.5%	45.0%	14.4%	

**MOTOR VEHICLE DEPARTMENT
AUDITING DEPARTMENT
COMPARATIVE STATEMENT GROSS COLLECTIONS
Fiscal Year Ended 6-30th
(Classified by Months)**

Month	1964	1965
July	\$ 412,787.63	\$ 437,871.18
August	263,704.72	332,551.24
September	645,856.02	684,540.17
October	445,921.42	466,559.87
November	235,657.79	310,717.91
December	625,988.80	660,215.90
January	388,906.93	374,594.38
February	282,644.52	258,386.16
March	791,277.76	911,901.57
April	503,017.80	500,474.05
May	315,067.64	350,040.06
June	685,084.18	775,418.09
Total	\$5,595,915.21	\$6,063,270.58
Increase for 1965		\$ 467,355.37
Percentage of Increase		8.4%

MOTOR VEHICLE DEPARTMENT
AUDITING DEPARTMENT
TRANSACTIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR (7-1-64 to 6-30-65)

	Mail	Dover	Wilmington	Georgetown	Total
REGISTRATIONS					
Pleasures (1 yr.)	10,543	26,154	114,892	26,835	178,424
Pleasures (1/2 yr.)	606	1,879	2,067	1,501	6,053
Pleasures (1/4 yr.)	50	192	229	66	537
Commercials (1 yr.)	6,233	9,870	33,684	9,838	59,575
Commercials (1/2 yr.)	3,348	1,470	1,230	1,188	7,236
Commercials (1/4 yr.)	184	176	124	74	558
Trailers (1 yr.)	3,244	2,434	5,247	2,687	13,612
Trailers (1/2 yr.)	1,452	288	172	278	2,190
Trailers (1/4 yr.)	208	30	12	23	273
Tractors	118	72	360	34	584
Motor Cycles (1 yr.)	320	351	1,486	290	2,447
Stock Cars	1	7	44	15	67
Dealers	929	79	1,166	440	2,614
Farm Trucks (1 yr.)	264	1,464	161	2,411	4,300
Farm Trucks (1/2 yr.)	9	54	—	44	107
Farm Trucks (1/4 yr.)	1	1	—	1	3
Exempt	447	796	1,525	738	3,506
Extra Weight, etc.	354	59	341	145	899
Transfers	14,300	4,422	31,695	5,990	56,407
Totals	42,611	49,798	194,385	52,598	339,392
OPERATORS					
Bi-Annual Operators	44,996	4,099	16,565	4,381	70,041
Bi-Annual Chauffeurs	5,369	1,312	3,967	1,716	12,364
Applications	—	4,396	16,365	3,040	23,801
Permanent Operators	179	229	1,402	252	2,062
Permanent Chauffeurs	45	70	156	79	350
Taxi Renewals (1964)	—	28	172	13	213
Taxi Renewals (1965)	—	39	186	29	254
Totals	50,589	10,173	38,813	9,510	109,085
MISCELLANEOUS					
Tag Retainer Fees	2,266	324	2,310	560	5,460
Lost Tags	1,875	—	3,603	1,632	7,110
Dup. Reg. Cards	4,927	1,562	6,881	743	14,113
Reference Money	2,694	—	—	—	2,694
Temporary Vehicle Permits	718	2,049	15,547	3,323	21,637
Bad Check Collections	50	10	19	2	81
Exchange Operator Cards	14	272	603	416	1,305
Dup. Oper. & Chauffeurs	813	1,069	6,352	979	9,213
A.R.O. Fees	33	—	—	—	33
Temporary Tags	73,049	—	—	—	73,049
New Car List	47	—	—	—	47
Thermo-Fax	45	—	—	—	45
Totals	86,531	5,286	35,315	7,655	134,787
TITLES					
New Car Titles	9,642	2,589	20,421	3,738	36,390
Used Car Titles	26,604	13,437	57,209	13,265	110,515
Corrected Titles	853	352	1,633	681	3,519
Duplicate Titles	2,349	3	438	22	2,812
Liens	16,891	4,484	19,611	4,709	45,695
Satisfactions	30,986	—	—	—	30,986
Supp. Titles	3,799	37	551	81	4,468
Exempt Titles	361	35	219	76	691
Totals	91,485	20,937	100,082	22,572	235,076
GRAND TOTALS					
Transaction	271,216	86,194	368,595	92,335	818,340
& Percentages	33.2%	10.5%	45.0%	11.3%	

MOTOR VEHICLE DEPARTMENT
AUDITING DEPARTMENT
Approximate No. One Year and One-Half Year
Registrations Issued During Fiscal Years
7-1-63 to 6-30-64 and 7-1-64 to 6-30-65

Classification	One Year	One Year	Increase Decrease
Pleasures	166,094	178,424	12,330
Commercials	54,763	59,575	4,812
Trailers	12,648	13,612	964
Tractors	537	584	47
Motor Cycles	1,519	2,447	928
Stock Cars	79	67	(12)
Dealers	2,304	2,614	310
Farm Trucks	4,240	4,300	60
Exempt.	3,133	3,506	373
Totals	245,317	265,129	19,812
Percent	93.7%	94.0%	

Classification	One Half Year	One Half Year	Increase Decrease
Pleasures	6,390	6,053	(337)
Commercials	6,373	7,236	863
Trailers	2,027	2,190	163
Farm Trucks	124	107	(17)
Totals	14,914	15,586	672
Percent	5.7%	5.5%	

Note: Approximately 1,371 registrations of various types were issued for one-quarter year during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1965 or about 5/10 of 1%. About 6/10 of 1% were issued for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1964.

MOTOR VEHICLE DEPARTMENT
AUDITING DEPARTMENT
Approximate Distribution of Motor Vehicles
in Reference to Counties
Classification of Vehicles Registered by Counties as of 7-1-66

	Sussex Co.	Kent Co.	New Castle Co.	Total
Pleasures	24,827	33,466	105,194	163,487
Commercials	9,218	16,735	30,608	56,561
Trailers	2,299	5,968	4,425	12,692
Tractors	28	162	322	512
Motor Cycles	222	530	1,258	2,010
Stock Cars	7	3	29	39
Farm Trucks	2,217	1,590	147	3,954
Totals	38,818	58,454	141,983	239,255

MOTOR VEHICLE DEPARTMENT
AUDITING DEPARTMENT
 Approximate Distribution of Motor Vehicles
 in Reference to Expiration of Registration

June 30, 1965
 Registration and Insert Guide.

Period	Sussex Co.	Kent Co.	N.C.	Total	State & Exempt	Class	7-1-64	7-1-65	Increase or Decrease
Reg. Exp.									
9-30-65	10,705	16,588	37,065	64,358		Pleas.	151,881	163,487	7.6%
12-31-65	9,523	15,962	35,905	61,390	2,965	Com.	51,310	56,561	10.2%
						Trl.	11,722	12,692	8.3%
3-31-66	12,138	18,245	46,507	76,890		Trac.	463	512	10.6%
6-30-66	6,875	8,612	23,558	39,046		Motor Cycle	1,149	2,010	74.9%
						Stock Car	57	39	(30.6%)
						Farm Truck	3,892	3,954	1.6%
TOTAL	39,242	59,407	143,035	241,684		TOTAL	220,474	239,255	8.5%

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

APPROXIMATE NO. OF VEHICLES REGISTERED

As of	1962	1963	% of Increase or Decrease over 1962	1964	% of Increase or Decrease over 1962	% of Increase or Decrease over 1963	1965	% of Increase or Decrease over 1962	% of Increase or Decrease over 1964
July 1	197,412	210,028	6.4	222,665	12.8	6.0	241,684	22.4	8.5

MOTOR VEHICLE DEPARTMENT
AUDITING DEPARTMENT
 APPROXIMATE NO. REGISTRATIONS ISSUED
 (Classified by Expiration Period)

Date & No.	3-31-58	55,162	6-30-58	47,325	9-30-58	44,672	12-31-58	47,162
"	3-31-59	56,912	6-30-59	49,768	9-30-59	48,419	12-31-60	51,467
"	3-31-60	59,309	6-30-60	52,034	9-30-60	46,697	12-31-59	49,230
"	3-31-61	60,726	6-30-61	54,641	9-30-61	50,245	12-31-61	51,152
"	3-31-62	63,073	6-30-62	56,737	9-30-62	53,374	12-31-62	52,742
"	3-31-63	66,073	6-30-63	59,387	9-30-63	56,231	12-31-63	52,522
"	3-31-64	70,768	6-30-64	61,940	9-30-64	60,198	12-31-64	59,756
"	3-31-65	73,870	6-30-65	65,737	9-30-65	64,358	12-31-65	61,390

Remarks: *Registrations expiring 9-30-65 are not complete on June 30, 1965, end of the fiscal year, as vehicles are registered during the months of September carrying an expiration date of 9-30-65.

*Registrations expiring 12-31-65 are not complete on June 30, 1965, end of the fiscal year, as vehicles are registered during the months of October and November also December carrying an expiration date of 12-31-65.

MOTOR VEHICLE DEPARTMENT
AUDITING DEPARTMENT
Approximate No. of New Car Titles and Used Car Titles
Issued for Fiscal Years Ending June 30th

Month	NEW CAR TITLES				USED CAR TITLES			
	1962	1963	1964	1965	1962	1963	1964	1965
July	2,159	2,926	3,174	2,926	6,876	8,352	9,077	9,506
August	2,149	2,349	2,487	2,795	7,263	7,841	8,539	8,540
September	1,338	1,324	1,533	1,903	6,415	5,920	6,858	7,915
October	2,659	2,956	3,378	3,106	7,110	7,972	9,029	9,008
November	2,382	2,484	2,517	2,166	6,699	6,920	7,008	7,846
December	1,779	1,757	1,985	2,616	5,537	5,924	6,356	7,587
January	2,313	2,671	3,111	3,330	7,347	7,870	8,485	8,477
February	1,796	1,923	2,200	2,679	5,754	6,334	7,386	8,421
March	1,924	2,092	2,283	3,213	7,272	7,930	8,760	10,973
April	3,310	3,494	3,708	4,705	8,860	9,780	10,488	11,623
May	2,926	2,913	2,774	3,310	8,282	8,690	8,342	9,632
June	2,072	2,154	2,655	3,639	7,438	7,544	9,494	10,987
TOTALS	26,807	29,043	31,805	36,390	84,853	91,077	99,077	110,515
Percentage of Increase in New Car Titles Over 1964	14.4%				Percentage of Increase in used Car Titles Over 1964	10.7%		

MOTOR VEHICLE DEPARTMENT
AUDITING DEPARTMENT

Approximate Number of Valid Bi-Annual Operators License as of June 30, 1965	165,980
Approximate Number Valid Bi-Annual Chauffeurs License as of June 30, 1965	<u>27,287</u>
TOTAL	193,267
Approximate Number 1965 Taxi License Issued as of June 30, 1965	254

APPROXIMATE NO. TEMPORARY INSTRUCTION PERMITS ISSUED

Fiscal Year	July 1963 to June 1964 Inc.	Approx. Average Per Mo.	July 1964 to June 1965 Inc.	Approx. Average Per Mo.	Increase or Decrease In Ave.
No.	22,407	1,867	23,801	1,988	116

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
 (Classified by Months and by Departments)
 Fiscal Year 7-1-64 to 6-30-65

Month	Mail	Dover	Wilmington	Georgetown	Total
July	20	28	184	25	257
August	16	29	191	45	281
September	19	39	168	50	276
October	24	18	131	30	203
November	15	25	126	18	184
December	25	22	135	32	214
January	11	27	90	21	149
February	14	12	98	23	147
March	27	26	130	26	209
April	14	29	89	11	143
May	18	13	94	20	145
June	21	31	122	30	204
TOTAL	224	299	1,558	331	2,412
PERCENTAGES	9.3%	12.4%	64.6%	13.7%	

Approximate No. Permanent Oper. & Chauff. Issued

As of 7-1-65	Permanent Operators	Permanent Chauffeurs	Totals
Applications Received	68,166	15,473	83,639
Refunds SEubtracted	(1,059)	(272)	(1,331)
Totals	67,166	15,201	82, 308

**STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
MOTOR VEHICLE DIVISION
STATEMENT OF NET INCOME
July 1, 1964 to June 30, 1965**

	Gross Collections	Refunds	Unclaimed Checks Cancelled	Total Net Income
REGISTRATIONS				
Pleasures	\$1,999,145.25	\$ 492.75	—	
Commercials	2,207,686.90	1,363.55	—	
Trailers	549,317.80	2,618.45	—	
Tractors	2,921.00	—	—	
Motor Cycles	14,682.00	—	—	
Stock Cars	335.00	—	—	
Farm Trucks	101,313.83	125.05	—	
Dealers	28,160.00	13.00	—	
Extra Weight	10,802.71	89.25	—	
	\$4,914,364.49	\$4,702.05	—	\$4,909,662.44
LICENSES				
Operators, Chauffeurs & Applications	\$ 449,411.00	\$ 176.00	\$4.00	\$ 449,239.00
MISCELLANEOUS				
Duplicate Cards	\$ 23,326.00	\$ 11.00	—	
Exchange Oper. Cards ..	652.50	—	—	
Reference Money	48,824.64	—	—	
Bad Check Collections ...	405.00	—	—	
Temporary Vehicle Permits	43,274.00	12.00	—	
Tag Retainer Fees	27,300.00	10.00	—	
Lost Tags	21,330.00	—	—	
Amateur Radio Operators	181.50	—	—	
Temporary Tags	146,099.00	—	—	
New Car List	4,600.00	—	—	
Thermo-Fax	95.00	—	—	
Reimbursement of Bad Checks	8.00	—	—	
Shortage	(616.25)	—	—	
Bad Checks	(327.05)	—	—	
	\$ 315,152.34	\$ 33.00	—	\$ 315,119.34
TITLING				
Titles	\$ 302,746.00	\$ 24.00	—	
Corrected Titles	7,038.00	—	—	
Duplicate Titles	5,624.00	24.00	—	
Liens	45,695.00	28.00	\$1.00	
Satisfactions	23,239.75	—	—	
	\$ 384,342.75	\$ 76.00	\$1.00	384,267.75
NON-REVENUE RECEIPTS				
New Car List	\$ (4,600.00)	—	—	
Thermo-Fax	(95.00)	—	—	
	4,695.00	—	—	\$ 4,695.00
	\$6,058,575.58	\$4,987.05	\$5.00	\$6,053,593.53