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2007 YEAR-END MOTOR VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT STATISTICS

Throughout this past year the Berlin Police Department conducted numerous traffic safety checkpoints that were geared toward compliance by way of enforcement. Officers routinely cited motor vehicle operators for seatbelt violations, driving under the influence, and numerous other traffic offenses in 2007.

2007 TOP (5) MOST OFTEN CITED TRAFFIC OFFENSES

<u>Traffic Offense</u>	<u># of Citations</u>
Failure to Obey Red Light	566
Failure to Wear Seat Safety Belt	540
Speeding	514
Operating an Unregistered Motor Vehicle	241
State Traffic Commission Violations - Signals, Signs, & Markings	232

Other significant statistics include: 137 operators were issued a ticket for operating a motor vehicle while using a hand-held telephone or mobile electronic device, and 102 operators were arrested for driving a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.

The Berlin Police Department will continue these enforcement efforts in 2008, in hopes that the number of traffic crashes occurring on our highways will be reduced and that our ultimate aim of voluntary compliance is achieved. We ask all motorists to help us keep the streets and highways of Berlin safe by being more cognizant of the rules of the road.

