



**NEWARK POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
**PRESS RELEASE**

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**SUBJECT: Police Announce Joint Pedestrian Enforcement Initiative**

Beginning the week following the University of Delaware spring break, officers from the Newark Police Department Traffic Division and the University of Delaware Police Department began a joint enforcement initiative designed to increase compliance of laws pertaining to pedestrian rights and duties, crosswalk safety, and vehicle driver rights and duties regarding pedestrians. The beginning of spring following spring break brings a significant increase in pedestrian traffic to Newark. This enforcement initiative is intended to promote the safety of pedestrians, as well as positively impact the flow of vehicular traffic in areas of the University and downtown business district.

During the first week of this initiative officers issued a total of 82 citations. The enforcement effort is continuing and will take place in areas where a large number of pedestrians cross the roads including Delaware Avenue, Main Street, College Avenue, Cleveland Avenue, and Elkton Road. Violations by both pedestrians and drivers will continue to be enforced.

Some of the laws being enforced include:

- When pedestrian signals are in place, pedestrians must obey the signal.
- If there is no signal in place, a driver must yield to a pedestrian who is in a crosswalk.
- Pedestrians cannot leave the curb and step into the path of an oncoming car.
- If crossing not within a crosswalk, pedestrians must yield the right of way to vehicles.
- No vehicle can pass another vehicle that is stopped at a crosswalk.
- Between adjacent intersections at which traffic-control signals are in operation, pedestrians shall not cross at any place except in a marked crosswalk.
- Pedestrians cannot walk upon the roadway if a sidewalk is provided.

Information about traffic laws can be obtained from the Newark Police Department's Traffic Division at 302-366-7110 ext. 105.

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