



# NEWS RELEASE

*Paul M. Tiernan, Chief of Police*

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**SUBJECT: Newark Police Chief Encouraged Over Drop in Crime**

During the first four months of 2013 the Newark Police have seen a significant decrease in crime throughout the City.

Comparing the time period of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013 through April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2013 to the same time period in 2012, Robberies have decreased by 46.1%. Aggravated Assaults have decreased by 28.6%, and Simple Assaults have decreased by 54.8%. Additionally, Burglaries have decreased by 46.3%, Thefts have decreased by 14.4% and Criminal Mischief has decreased by 14.4%. The City has also experienced a 7.3% decrease in Motor Vehicle Collisions.

During the same time period alcohol arrests have increased by 42.4%, drug arrests have increased by 32.8% and criminal mischief arrests have increased by 122.9%.

The Newark Police Department continues to employ aggressive patrol techniques by the Uniformed Patrol Division, Street Crimes Unit and Traffic Unit. In addition, under the direction of Chief Paul M. Tiernan, a newly created Special Operations Unit has been established to identify and address quality of life issues in chronic problem areas. The Department continues to increase their use of technology including a network of surveillance cameras throughout the City. This camera system has proven to be an invaluable tool to increase safety and security of residents and visitors alike. The camera system, which is monitored in the NPD 911 center, allows the Department to dispatch officers to in progress crimes and has proven invaluable in the investigation of criminal and traffic offenses.

Chief Tiernan stated: "This dramatic reduction in crime and motor vehicle accidents is a credit to the men and women of the Newark Police Department, the assistance of the University of Delaware Police Department, as well as an increased awareness and caution exhibited by residents of Newark and students attending the University of Delaware."

*The Newark Police Department affirms that all defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.*

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