

Weekly Report

Notable Notes:

- This week marks the first time since March, that our “normal” patrol schedule is in place and officers are assigned back to their various specialty units. During the COVID-19 schedule, we had a skeleton staff working so that we could reduce the risk of the virus spreading among members. We do have several officers out this week in self quarantine, after having contact with an officer who tested positive for COVID. The return to the pre-covid schedule will have many more officers working in the field to address some of the recent crime and traffic issues.

Administration Division:

- NPD certified background investigators have been assigned applicant backgrounds. This is the third phase of the hiring process and investigators will have until early February to complete their investigations.

Criminal Investigations Division:

- Detectives are investigating a home invasion robbery that was reported on December 6, 2020 at 0047 hours at a residence in the unit block of Church Street. Residents reported that a group of approximately seven unknown male suspects entered the residence through the front door and a group of the suspects confronted one of the residents. They assaulted the victim and struck him with a handgun. The victim was able to flee the residence. A second resident was also confronted by another group of the suspects. They demanded property from the victim at gunpoint and then assaulted the victim. The suspects fled with personal property belonging to the victim. The suspects were described only as black males and at least two were armed with handguns. Neither victim required medical attention for their injuries. Anyone with information about this incident is asked to contact Det. P. Keld at (302) 366-7100 x 3106 or pkeld@newark.de.us
- Detectives are investigating a shooting that was reported on December 7, 2020 at 0210 hours. At that time, officers responded to a parking lot in the 800 block of Library Avenue and found a female victim who suffered a wound to the foot after having been struck by a bullet. The initial investigation found that the victim and other occupants were in a vehicle when the passenger side was struck by gunfire while driving in the area of East Delaware Avenue and Library Avenue. Although the victim and some witnesses remained at the scene, the vehicle the victim was riding in left the scene. That vehicle has since been located by Newark Police detectives. One passenger was struck and was treated and released from an area hospital for a non-life-threatening injury to the leg. Anyone with information about this incident is asked to contact Det. P. Keld at (302) 366-7100 x 3106 or pkeld@newark.de.us

Special Enforcement Division

- During the week the traffic unit finalized a speed study for Chrysler Avenue. The survey revealed the average speed on the roadway to be 24.2 mph with an 85th percentile speed of 30 mph. The traffic unit will return to strict traffic enforcement measures throughout the city to include several roadways leading into the city to include Paper Mill Road, New London Road, South College Avenue, Capital Trail and others.

- During the week, the Special Operations Unit continues to work on mitigation measures for one home in the unit block of Annabelle street and a second home in the 200 block of South Chapel Street after repeated order maintenance violations at those locations. The unit will spend the week conducting proactive patrols for robbery suppression, DUI Enforcement and order maintenance issues.

Patrol Division:

- On December 7, 2020, at approximately 1215 hours, Newark Police responded to the DART bus Hub on Delaware Avenue for a male pointing a gun at another male. Upon arrival, officers took both subjects into custody. During the investigation, it was learned that the defendant, identified as Joshua Lawton, assaulted the victim for no apparent reason. During the ensuing physical struggle, Lawton drew what appeared to be a firearm from his waistband, pointed it at the victim and then striking him with the weapon. The victim continued to fight back and was able to gain control of the firearm during the struggle at which point officers arrived on scene. As officers were taking control of the scene, they located and recovered a black BB gun in the area of the assault. As a result of the investigation Lawton admitted to pulling the BB gun on the victim and was charged with Aggravated Menacing, Assault 2nd, and Offensive Touching.

NEWARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

WEEK 11/29/20-12/5/20

INVESTIGATIONS

CRIMINAL CHARGES

	2019 TO <u>DATE</u>	2020 TO <u>DATE</u>	THIS WEEK <u>2020</u>	2019 TO <u>DATE</u>	2020 TO <u>DATE</u>	THIS WEEK <u>2020</u>
<u>PART I OFFENSES</u>						
a)Murder/Manslaughter	1	0	0	0	0	0
b)Attempt	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kidnap	1	5	0	1	3	0
Rape	6	4	1	11	3	0
Unlaw. Sexual Contact	5	6	0	0	5	0
Robbery	17	22	0	15	24	0
- Commercial Robberies	8	3	0	9	0	0
- Robberies with Known Suspects	1	2	0	1	1	0
- Attempted Robberies	0	1	0	1	0	0
- Other Robberies	8	16	0	4	23	0
Assault/Aggravated	24	19	0	23	13	0
Burglary	64	37	0	104	85	0
- Commercial Burglaries	9	11	1	8	45	0
- Residential Burglaries	42	20	1	60	21	1
- Other Burglaries	13	8	0	36	20	0
Theft	546	501	15	324	148	2
Theft/Auto	45	68	2	10	17	0
Arson	0	0	0	0	0	0
All Other	103	162	0	104	87	1
TOTAL PART I	812	826	20	592	386	4
<u>PART II OFFENSES</u>						
Other Assaults	265	262	7	155	180	2
Rec. Stolen Property	1	2	0	18	9	1
Criminal Michief	140	125	2	120	51	1
Weapons	21	12	0	72	42	0
Other Sex Offenses	0	0	0	7	0	0
Alcohol	183	39	1	333	42	0
Drugs	200	55	0	308	89	2
Noise/Disorderly Premise	639	573	11	250	197	4
Ordinance Violation	0	76	1	0	94	0
Disorderly Conduct	163	155	6	132	65	1
Trespass	225	305	7	82	48	1
All Other	327	252	2	431	238	3
TOTAL PART II	2164	1856	37	1908	1055	15
<u>MISCELLANEOUS:</u>						
Alarm	158	156	1	0	0	0
Animal Control	577	449	3	9	20	0
Recovered Property	223	179	3	0	0	0
Service	31906	25919	418	0	0	0
Suspicious Per/Veh	437	419	13	0	0	0
TOTAL MISC.	33301	27122	438	9	20	0

	THIS WEEK <u>2019</u>	2019 TO <u>DATE</u>	THIS WEEK <u>2020</u>	2020 TO <u>DATE</u>
TOTAL CALLS	802	42,374	558	32,512



**Newark Police Department
Weekly Traffic Report
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TRAFFIC SUMMONSES	2019 YTD	2020 YTD	THIS WEEK 2019	THIS WEEK 2020
Moving/Non-Moving	11308	3786	153	50
DUI	215	85	2	1
TOTAL	11523	3871	155	51

*Included in the total collision numbers

TRAFFIC COLLISIONS				
Fatal	2	0	0	0
Personal Injury	247	136	5	3
Property Damage (Reportable)	1153	645	23	7
*Hit & Run	265	142	4	1
*Private Property	281	146	4	2
TOTAL	1402	781	28	10

Note: Typically, the YTD numbers are generated by adding the current week statistics to the YTD statistics from the previous reporting period. Periodically, the numbers for this report will be generated from the beginning of the year to capture data that may have otherwise been omitted due to a processing delay or other administrative anomaly, more accurately updating the year-to-date totals.