

Weekly Report

Notable Notes:

- The weekend of March 26-28, 2021 was the first very warm weekend in Newark this year. Officers responded to one (1) large house party on W. Main Street and backyard parties on Cleveland Avenue. Due to the unobstructed backyards on much of Cleveland Avenue, several hundred people were spread out across the yards. While the large parties were a concern and were addressed, this small number of parties is a drastic improvement over what officers would have responded to pre-COVID. Many factors including the social gathering ordinance, the mutual cooperation between the City of Newark and the University of Delaware has greatly reduced large off-campus parties. On a pre-COVID weekend, with such warm weather, NPD would usually have responded to dozens of large party complaints. It is gratifying that most students and residents are taking COVID prevention and safeguards seriously.

Special Enforcement Division:

- On March 24, 2021, Lt. Jones organized a meeting to address traffic congestion concerns with the ongoing Elkton Road construction project. Among those in attendance were Newark Police Department, DeDOT, Diamond Materials, KCI (inspection company), and Newark Charter School. The meeting resulted in several good strategies to help reduce traffic congestion including a change to signal timing.
- The Traffic Unit is coordinating with Diamond Materials to place sign boards reminding drivers not to block intersections and the unit will conduct additional traffic enforcement in the construction zone.
- The Special Operations Unit is completing follow-up investigations on several recent large gatherings on East Cleveland Avenue, New London Road and North Chapel Street. As part of these investigations, the unit is contacting landlords, tenants, and the University of Delaware and will obtain arrest warrants as necessary.
- On March 26, 2021, the Special Enforcement Division conducted a distracted driving initiative. During the initiative, nine (9) officers were deployed to two (2) locations throughout the day. In total, one hundred forty (140) traffic citations were issued to included seatbelt and cell phone violations, Driving While Suspended, Disregarding a Red Light, Failure to Yield at an Intersection, Driving over the Median, Possession of Marijuana, Blocking an Intersection, Unregistered Motor Vehicle and various other traffic offenses. Future initiatives are planned to gain further compliance on motor vehicle laws, primarily distracted driving.

- On March 30, 2021, the Special Operations Unit attended a public Naloxone training and distribution event at Dickie Park that was coordinated by the Newark Police Department and the New Castle County Community Response Team. The event was well received, and a future event will be scheduled for May.
- During the week the Special Operations Unit also met with Parks and Recreation to plan for several community engagement events scheduled for the remainder of the year.

Patrol Division:

- On March 23, 2021, at 0811 hours, Newark Police responded to a hit & run crash at the intersection of Elkton Road and Christina Parkway. During the crash, a maroon Lexus struck a vehicle and left the scene on Elkton Road. The driver of the vehicle that was struck contacted a Newark Police Officer, who stopped the suspect vehicle. Following a DUI investigation, the driver was taken into custody without incident. She was identified as Viviana Depradel, 38, of New Castle. She was charged with Driving Under the Influence of Drugs and released on her own recognizance.
- On March 24, 2021, at about 0723 hours, Newark Police responded to a single vehicle crash on Library Avenue south of East Delaware Avenue. During the crash, a vehicle struck a sign in the median and left the scene. A Newark Police Officer located the vehicle and its driver a short distance away. Following a DUI investigation, the driver was taken into custody without incident. He was identified as James Clifford, 35, of Smyrna. He was charged with Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol and released on his own recognizance.
- On March 30, 2021, officers responded to area of 419 Hamlet Drive for an unknown alarm originating from the reporting persons apartment. Upon investigation, officers observed the Riser Room (exterior accessed room housing waterpipes) to have a large amount of water seeping from under the door. Once the unsecured door was opened, a pipe that burst and was spraying water out of the door. Additionally, a hole was also observed on the interior wall. While still on-scene the original reporting person told officers that an unknown male was just observed inside of their residence. The intoxicated male was detained, and it was later determined that after he found himself in the Riser Room, the male suspect broke through the drywall and into the bathroom of the unoccupied unit on the ground floor. Warrants are pending.

Criminal Investigation Division:

- Newark detectives began an investigation into human trafficking in 2016. The case expanded to several jurisdictions in multiple states and involved the FBI, as well as Newark PD, Tinicum Township, Delaware State Police, Delaware River and Bay Police, and Philadelphia Police Department. The case was prosecuted by United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. This week one of the defendants, a Delaware resident, was sentenced to 35 years in prison for his involvement in the case.

- Victim Services Coordinator Melissa Pennachi will be participating on a podcast that will be recorded this coming weekend in observance of Sexual Assault Awareness Month. The Delaware Alliance Against Sexual Violence is hosting a series of podcasts during the month of April in recognition of SAAM. Ms. Pennachi will be joining DFS and the CAC on a panel to discuss the system response to sexual violence and how victims can report. The podcast will be on multiple platforms including Spotify.

NEWARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

WEEK 03/21/21-03/27/21

INVESTIGATIONS

CRIMINAL CHARGES

	2020 TO <u>DATE</u>	2021 TO <u>DATE</u>	THIS WEEK <u>2021</u>	2020 TO <u>DATE</u>	2021 TO <u>DATE</u>	THIS WEEK <u>2021</u>
<u>PART I OFFENSES</u>						
a)Murder/Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0
b)Attempt	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kidnap	3	0	0	1	0	0
Rape	1	1	0	2	1	0
Unlaw. Sexual Contact	2	1	0	0	0	0
Robbery	4	3	0	8	2	0
- Commercial Robberies	0	0	0	0	0	0
- Robberies with Known Suspects	2	2	0	1	2	0
- Attempted Robberies	0	0	0	0	0	0
- Other Robberies	2	1	0	7	0	0
Assault/Aggravated	4	1	0	3	3	0
Burglary	6	8	2	43	2	0
- Commercial Burglaries	0	0	0	41	0	0
- Residential Burglaries	6	7	2	2	2	0
- Other Burglaries	0	1	0	0	0	0
Theft	103	168	20	68	29	2
Theft/Auto	17	22	2	1	2	0
Arson	0	0	0	0	0	0
All Other	47	2	0	43	10	0
TOTAL PART I	187	206	24	169	49	2
<u>PART II OFFENSES</u>						
Other Assaults	72	48	6	66	9	3
Rec. Stolen Property	0	0	0	1	4	0
Criminal Michief	28	42	1	25	6	1
Weapons	6	1	1	13	1	1
Other Sex Offenses	0	0	0	0	0	0
Alcohol	20	17	2	18	10	1
Drugs	18	32	3	25	24	2
Noise/Disorderly Premise	139	152	26	42	68	7
Ordinance Violation	0	76	11	0	4	2
Disorderly Conduct	31	90	10	30	26	0
Trespass	69	77	11	19	24	3
All Other	55	89	11	79	50	3
TOTAL PART II	438	624	82	318	226	23
<u>MISCELLANEOUS:</u>						
Alarm	40	96	16	0	0	0
Animal Control	104	93	10	15	2	0
Recovered Property	58	36	4	0	0	0
Service	8483	7949	670	0	0	0
Suspicious Per/Veh	116	112	13	0	0	0
TOTAL MISC.	8801	8286	713	15	2	0

	THIS WEEK <u>2020</u>	2020 TO <u>DATE</u>	THIS WEEK <u>2021</u>	2021 TO <u>DATE</u>
TOTAL CALLS	498	10,773	887	10,076



Newark Police Department Weekly Traffic Report



03/21/21-03/27/21

TRAFFIC SUMMONSES	2020 YTD	2021 YTD	THIS WEEK 2020	THIS WEEK 2021
Moving/Non-Moving	2290	2849	10	278
DUI	30	36	0	5
TOTAL	2320	2885	10	283

*Included in the total collision numbers

TRAFFIC COLLISIONS				
Fatal	0	0	0	0
Personal Injury	57	30	0	3
Property Damage (Reportable)	236	188	12	26
*Hit & Run	58	39	3	4
*Private Property	45	41	1	7
TOTAL	293	218	12	29

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.