

## Weekly Report

### Auxiliary Services Division:

- Nothing to report.

### Administration Division:

- The Year 3 Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) assessment was completed last Friday by an assessor from an outside agency. The assessment consisted of an online review of numerous policies and NPD passed with no issues. The on-site CALEA assessment is scheduled for December 2021.
- On Wednesday and Thursday, Sgt. D'Elia and Sgt. Conover hosted an in-house supervisor training course. The training focused on a variety of topics for newly promoted and future NPD supervisors.

### Criminal Investigations Division:

- On May 5, 2021, Detectives charged Benez Woodard, 20, of Newport News, Virginia, with robbery and related offenses stemming from a February 2, 2021 reported robbery on Hamlet Way. In addition, on April 29, 2021, a 17-year-old male from Newark was also charged for the same incident. At the time of the initial report, two victims reported that they arrived on Hamlet Way to visit a friend. They reported that the friend came up to their vehicle and spoke with them. A short time later, two males came to their vehicle and pointed a handgun at them while demanding their property. The suspects stole personal property from the victims and fled the area. Newark Detectives quickly determined that the incident did not occur exactly how it was reported and believed that the "friend" may have set-up a robbery of the two victims. Both suspects turned themselves in to Newark Police and were charged with: Robbery First Degree, Conspiracy Second Degree, and Theft Under \$1500. Woodard appeared before Justice of the Peace Court #2 by video and was released on \$7,000 unsecured bail. The 17-year-old male was additionally charged with Aggravated Menacing. He appeared before Justice of the Peace Court #2 by video and was ordered to be held in default of \$45,000 secured bail. He was turned over to the custody of the New Castle County Detention Center in Wilmington.
- On May 6, 2021, Victim Services Coordinator Melissa Pennachi was informed that she was selected as a Compassionate Champion Award 1<sup>st</sup> Runner Up in the first responder category by the Family Services Cabinet Council and Trauma Matters Delaware. The award recognizes individuals and organizations providing exemplary trauma-informed services in Delaware. More information about the award can be found at: <https://governor.delaware.gov/family-services-cabinet-council/compassionate-champion-award/>
- On May 10, 2021 members of CID attended the funeral services for Cpl. Keith Heacock from the Delmar Police Department in Salisbury, MD.

#### Patrol Division:

- On April 6, 2021, Newark Police responded to a parking garage in the 100-block of East Main Street for a report of a subject breaking into a vehicle. Officers contacted the victim who advised that an unknown male suspect entered a vehicle and rummaged through items within. Nothing was taken from the vehicle and the vehicle was not damaged. On May 4, 2021, Newark Police responded to the same parking garage for a report of a subject breaking into a vehicle. Officers detained a suspect at the scene. A review of surveillance video showed the suspect attempting to enter a vehicle by pulling on its door handle. However, the doors were locked. Comparison of the videos revealed that the suspect detained was the same suspect in both incidents. The suspect was identified as Joseph Knapp. Knapp was transported to Newark Police headquarters where he was charged with burglary third degree (3 counts) and attempted burglary third degree. Knapp appeared before Justice of the Peace Court #11 by video and was ordered to be held in default of \$4,000 secured bail. Knapp was turned over to the custody of the Howard R. Young Correctional Institution in Wilmington.
- On Saturday, May 8, 2021, at approximately 0218 hours, officers responded to Aetna Station #8 for the report of suspects trespassing in the firehouse. Upon arrival contact was made with a male who was speaking with firefighters. It was determined that the male had replica handcuffs stuck on his wrist and was seeking assistance after he locked himself in the handcuffs and could not get out. The male was released from his own custody and turned over to his friends.
- On Saturday, May 8, 2021, a theft was reported at Dash Discount Liquors at 1142 Elkton Road. The theft occurred on May 7, 2021 at about 1815 hours. During the theft, a male and female suspect entered the business. The female suspect engaged an employee in conversation while the male suspect removed the entire display of lottery tickets from the front counter. Both suspects fled the store on foot towards Maryland with the male suspect carrying the lottery ticket display. The suspects are described as a black male, tall, thin and wearing a black hooded sweatshirt, tan boots lined with fur and a blue glove. The female is white or Hispanic with tattoos on her left arm.

#### Special Enforcement Division:

- On May 10, 2021, the Traffic Unit motor officers assisted with the funeral escort for Cpl. Keith Heacock. During the week, the Traffic Unit will conduct high visibility patrols at various locations throughout the city.
- On May 14, 2021, the unit will conduct a distracted driving operation with members of the Special Operations Unit.
- On May 10, 2021, members of the Special Operations Unit participated in the funeral detail for Cpl. Heacock. Members of the unit from both the K9 unit and the Honor Guard participated in the ceremony.
- During the week, Officer Santos will begin a temporary rotation with the unit. The temporary rotation is designed to give a familiarity to patrol officers who have an interest in the unit and future opportunities.

- Throughout the week, the unit will conduct proactive patrols throughout the city including the business district and student rental areas.
- The unit will continue working with UDPD enforcing the COVID Emergency Ordinance.
- The unit will also conduct Cops in Shops patrols and ID checks at local restaurants.

NEWARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

WEEK 05/02/21-05/08/21

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	4	0	0	1	0	0
Rape	1	1	0	2	1	0
Unlaw. Sexual Contact	2	1	0	0	0	0
Robbery	5	5	0	8	4	0
- Commercial Robberies	0	0	0	0	0	0
- Robberies with Known Suspects	2	2	0	1	2	0
- Attempted Robberies	0	1	0	0	1	0
- Other Robberies	3	2	0	7	1	0
Assault/Aggravated	6	4	0	5	5	2
Burglary	12	11	2	43	5	2
- Commercial Burglaries	1	1	0	41	0	0
- Residential Burglaries	10	9	2	2	3	0
- Other Burglaries	1	1	0	0	2	2
Theft	160	253	17	79	43	2
Theft/Auto	23	27	3	4	3	0
Arson	0	0	0	0	0	0
All Other	65	2	0	43	17	2
TOTAL PART I	278	304	22	185	78	8
<u>PART II OFFENSES</u>						
Other Assaults	97	66	2	77	29	5
Rec. Stolen Property	0	0	0	3	4	0
Criminal Michief	39	68	3	31	16	2
Weapons	6	2	1	13	4	2
Other Sex Offenses	0	0	0	0	0	0
Alcohol	22	40	4	22	21	0
Drugs	22	46	2	26	33	0
Noise/Disorderly Premise	188	264	15	66	109	6
Ordinance Violation	0	117	4	0	15	1
Disorderly Conduct	49	146	10	38	46	3
Trespass	98	115	2	25	32	0
All Other	85	113	5	95	82	2
TOTAL PART II	606	977	48	396	391	4
<u>MISCELLANEOUS:</u>						
Alarm	50	167	15	0	0	0
Animal Control	162	144	16	20	5	0
Recovered Property	75	59	7	0	0	0
Service	11658	12268	662	0	0	0
Suspicious Per/Veh	167	163	10	0	0	0
TOTAL MISC.	12112	12801	710	20	5	0

	THIS WEEK <u>2020</u>	2020 TO <u>DATE</u>	THIS WEEK <u>2021</u>	2021 TO <u>DATE</u>
TOTAL CALLS	608	14,417	881	15,230



**Newark Police Department  
Weekly Traffic Report**



**05/09/21-05/15/21**

TRAFFIC SUMMONSES	2020 YTD	2021 YTD	THIS WEEK 2020	THIS WEEK 2021
Moving/Non-Moving	2347	4795	5	333
DUI	32	52	0	3
TOTAL	2379	4847	5	336

\*Included in the total collision numbers

TRAFFIC COLLISIONS				
Fatal	0	0	0	0
Personal Injury	59	43	0	2
Property Damage (Reportable)	281	307	10	22
*Hit & Run	69	62	2	6
*Private Property	56	70	2	5
TOTAL	340	350	10	24

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.