

Weekly Report

Notable Notes:

- On behalf of the Newark Police Department, Chief Tiernan wishes to express our condolences on the passing of Newark Councilwoman Sharon Hughes. Ms. Hughes was a supporter of the city and the police department and always had kind words to say about our police officers and civilian employees. She will be missed.
- The following email was sent to the police department this week:

“I am writing this letter in an attempt, to have the officers and civilians recognized for their outstanding teamwork in locating, interviewing, and interrogating an individual that was targeting women and their purses.

On September 25, 2021 I was in the area of 50 E. Main St., Newark Delaware. I was accompanied by my wife, daughter, and parents-in law. My daughter is a nursing student at the University, and we were there to celebrate her birthday. At or about 1400 hour a suspect targeted my wife and her purse. The suspect approached my wife a very quick pace while riding a bicycle on the sidewalk. The suspect used a substantial amount of force in attempt to get my wife’s purse. My wife lost her balance and was almost pulled to the ground because of the force used. I called 911 to report the incident. The dispatcher asked the pertinent questions needed for a quick response, lookout, direction of travel, etc. A few minutes elapsed and the patrol officers had already located someone that matched the description given. My family responded for a show-up and a positive identification was made. The suspect was transported to the police station and detectives were summonsed to assist with the incident. From what I understand the suspect waived his Miranda rights and gave a confession and wanted to apologize to my wife.

I want to thank your department and especially those involved with this incident. The department operated smoothly and efficiently. My family was impressed with the department response and professionalism, especially during these trying times.”

Patrol Division:

- On 09/24/2021, at approximately 2309 hours, officers were conducting uniformed patrol on East Main Street when a vehicle was observed momentarily stopping for a solid red light on Academy Street at East Main Street. This vehicle then proceeded through the intersection on a solid red light and made a right turn onto East Main Street, against the flow of traffic. At that time, a vehicle stop was initiated; however, the vehicle failed to stop. The vehicle then struck a parked car on East Main Street, stopping in the area of Haines Street. Through investigation, the driver was found to be driving under the influence of alcohol. In addition to DUI, the driver was charged with Failing to Stop on Command along with 6 other traffic offenses. The driver was also found to be wanted on a Violation of Probation issued by Superior Court. The driver was arraigned through Justice of the Peace Court #11 and was turned over to the custody of Howard R. Young Correctional in default of secured bond.

Special Enforcement Division:

- On Wednesday, September 29th, the Traffic Unit and SOU will conduct Distracted Driving Enforcement Operation, with focus in the area of W. Main Street and S. Main Street at the Trabant Center and Elkton Road. On Thursday, September 30th, the speed box on Corbit Street will be turned to the opposite direction. On Friday, October 1st, the Traffic Unit will assist in the funeral escort of Councilwoman Sharon Hughes. The Traffic Unit will focus on the most recent speeding complaints on W. Main Street/Nottingham Road area and the Yield sign at W. Main Street and S. Main Street.
- On Thursday, September 30th, the Special Operations Unit will be presenting at the Citizen's Police Academy on K9 and Patrol procedures. On Friday, October 1st, during the start of University of Delaware Parent's Weekend, SOU will work with Delaware Alcohol and Tobacco Enforcement (DATE), concentrating on restaurant locations due to the issues that occur with adult over service and alcohol overdoses. SOU will continue targeted proactive patrols throughout the city with an emphasis on the college neighborhoods including Cleveland Ave and Choate St.
- On September 23rd, during the heavy rain downpour, ACO Vickers responded to the unit block of Madison Drive for a reported stray cat howling in distress. ACO Vickers located the animal under the deck of a residence. The cat was soaking wet and shivering. The reporting person said a few days prior she saw a subject throw the cat out of a vehicle and drive away. ACO Vickers captured the animal and transported it to Faithful Friends Animal Society for any needed care. If the cat's owner is not located, it will go up for adoption.

Criminal Division:

- On 9/25/21, detectives arrested David Berry, 21, of Wilmington for Attempted Robbery Second Degree and Theft Under \$1500. During the investigation, detectives learned that at about 1254 hours, a bicycle was stolen from the area of the 7-11 store in the 200 block of E. Delaware Avenue. Just over an hour later, at 1409 hours, Newark Police responded to the unit block of East Main Street for an attempted robbery. In that incident, a female victim reported that she was walking on the sidewalk when a male rode up to her on a bicycle and tried to remove her purse from her shoulder. The victim overcame the taking of the purse and the suspect was unable to remove it. The victim suffered a minor injury that did not require medical attention. The suspect fled the scene on the bicycle. A short time later, a Newark Police Officer on patrol observed the suspect on South Main Street at the Park 'N Shop shopping center. The officer contacted the male suspect and took him into custody without incident. The male, David Berry, was identified as the suspect in both the bicycle theft and the robbery attempt. Berry appeared before Justice of the Peace Court #11 by video and was released on \$7,000 unsecured bail.
- During the week of 9/27/21, detectives continued to assist with Patrol coverage due to staffing shortages in Patrol.

NEWARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

WEEK 09/19/21-09/25/21

INVESTIGATIONS

CRIMINAL CHARGES

	2020 TO DATE	2021 TO DATE	THIS WEEK 2021	2020 TO DATE	2021 TO DATE	THIS WEEK 2021
PART I OFFENSES						
a)Murder/Manslaughter	0	1	0	0	0	0
b)Attempt	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kidnap	5	1	0	3	2	0
Rape	3	5	0	3	2	0
Unlaw. Sexual Contact	4	6	0	4	0	0
Robbery	14	17	1	24	28	1
- Commercial Robberies	1	1	0	0	3	0
- Robberies with Known Suspects	2	4	0	1	2	0
- Attempted Robberies	0	5	1	0	11	0
- Other Robberies	11	7	0	23	12	1
Assault/Aggravated	14	19	1	13	55	0
Burglary	30	22	0	73	11	0
- Commercial Burglaries	9	6	0	42	4	0
- Residential Burglaries	17	14	0	15	4	0
- Other Burglaries	4	1	0	16	2	0
Theft	355	538	14	122	96	3
Theft/Auto	49	53	2	16	11	0
Arson	0	0	0	0	0	0
All Other	128	4	0	78	43	0
TOTAL PART I	602	665	18	336	247	4
PART II OFFENSES						
Other Assaults	207	180	8	154	143	0
Rec. Stolen Property	2	0	0	7	8	0
Criminal Mischief	92	133	8	43	32	1
Weapons	11	5	0	37	23	0
Other Sex Offenses	0	8	1	0	3	0
Alcohol	34	131	7	32	132	8
Drugs	42	113	8	71	69	0
Noise/Disorderly Premise	430	641	32	156	201	12
Ordinance Violation	23	125	0	13	23	0
Disorderly Conduct	117	308	15	57	72	1
Trespass	230	268	3	34	67	3
All Other	198	320	17	200	196	3
TOTAL PART II	1386	2232	99	804	969	28
MISCELLANEOUS:						
Alarm	121	385	16	0	0	0
Animal Control	366	348	12	20	9	0
Recovered Property	141	128	3	0	0	0
Service	21680	25117	598	0	0	0
Suspicious Per/Veh	317	311	6	0	0	0
TOTAL MISC.	22625	26289	635	20	9	0

	THIS WEEK 2020	2020 TO DATE	THIS WEEK 2021	2021 TO DATE
TOTAL CALLS	604	26,728	839	32,199



Newark Police Department Weekly Traffic Report



09/19/21-09/25/21

TRAFFIC SUMMONSES	2020 YTD	2021 YTD	THIS WEEK 2020	THIS WEEK 2021
Moving/Non-Moving	3205	9022	50	277
DUI	67	119	1	6
TOTAL	3272	9141	51	283

*Included in the total collision numbers

TRAFFIC COLLISIONS				
Fatal	0	1	0	0
Personal Injury	125	123	2	2
Property Damage (Reportable)	554	651	18	20
*Hit & Run	153	127	5	4
*Private Property	133	158	2	4
TOTAL	679	775	20	22

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.