

## Weekly Report

### Notable Notes:

- After many years of service to the citizens of Newark, Sergeant Michael Szep announced his retirement effective January 20<sup>th</sup>. Sergeant Szep has been a steady influence on the officers under his command and will be greatly missed.
- Two of our Newark police officers have announced they will be leaving the Newark Police Department this month in order to accept positions at two different federal law enforcement agencies. While they both will be missed, they are a credit to the caliber of police officers working in Newark and certainly a gain to the federal agencies they are going to.
- With three officers leaving this month, the police department currently has five (5) vacant positions. Additionally, we have several positions currently vacant due to officers being out long term. These vacancies will have a severe impact on our operation. In order not to eliminate any squads such as traffic, street crimes, or special operations, the Chief and Deputy Chiefs have instituted the following reassignments. We are removing our officer assigned to the DEA federal task force and reassigning him back to NPD. We are temporarily going to work with one vacant position in each of the following assignments. One officer each will be reassigned from Administration, Criminal Investigation Division, Street Crime Unit, Special Operations, and K-9. This will allow us to almost fully staff the operational uniform police officer positions for the time being. Our police officer exam held last weekend, only had eleven people participate in the written portion. It continues to be a challenge to recruit and hire police officers. As a result, we expect to be understaffed for several years.

### Patrol Division:

- On January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at approximately 0412 hours, a Newark Police Officer was patrolling South College Avenue near West Chestnut Hill Road. The officer observed a vehicle traveling on South College Avenue without a registration plate and conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle. The officer contacted the female driver and male passenger. While speaking with them, the officer observed packaged methamphetamine on the floor of the vehicle. Both occupants were taken into custody without incident. During a further search of the vehicle, officers located more than 30 grams of marijuana and 11 grams of methamphetamine. In addition, officers seized an AR-15 rifle, along with two loaded magazines. Both suspects were transported to Newark Police headquarters where they were charged with: Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Felony, Possession of a Deadly Weapon by a Person Prohibited, Carrying a Concealed Deadly Weapon, Possession of a Controlled Substance in a Tier 2 Quantity (Methamphetamine), Possession of Marijuana, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.
- On January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at approximately 0145 hours, officers were dispatched to the area of South College Avenue and the train station for the report of a yellow Jeep pulled to the side of the road and the operator hanging out the window vomiting. Upon arrival officers located the Jeep and found the vehicle was stopped with the right side of his vehicle on the curb. Subsequent investigation confirmed that the operator was driving under the influence of alcohol and he was arrested for DUI.

### Special Enforcement Division:

- On Sunday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022, one member of the Special Operations Unit and departmental instructor assisted the Dover Police Department with “Day 1” of the police academy. On Monday and Tuesday of this week, several members of the unit attended mandatory annual in-service training while other members of the unit provided road coverage for the Patrol Division who also attended the training. The unit will spend the remainder of the week conducting proactive patrols throughout the city.
- On Monday and Tuesday, the Traffic Unit also attended mandatory annual in-service training. M/Cpl. Aston will provide instruction on LIDAR/RADAR as part of the training. On Thursday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, a speed measuring device was placed on Ritter Lane to assess vehicle speeds and a second device was placed on South College Avenue in the area of the train bridge. Throughout the week, the unit will focus traffic enforcement activities on several areas including West Chestnut Hill Road, Nottingham Road, New London Road, and South College Avenue.

### Administration Division:

- Administration Unit officers conducted the department wide yearly in-service training on Monday 01/10 and Tuesday 01/11. Half of the sworn officers virtually attended a variety of training sessions including Inclusive/Anti-Biased Based Policing, Officer Resiliency, and legal updates.

### Criminal Investigations Division:

- January is Human Trafficking Awareness Month. Human Trafficking, by U.S. law, is the use of force, fraud, or coercion to compel a person into commercial sex acts or labor against their will. Human trafficking occurs when a perpetrator (trafficker) uses force, fraud or coercion for the purpose of compelling the victim to provide commercial sex acts or labor or services. The National Human Trafficking Hotline is a U.S. wide resource. In their most recent statistics from 2019, they handled over 11, 000 contacts (calls, texts, web chats, email) about trafficking situations and handled over 22,000 trafficking survivors. When the hotline is contacted, they will make referrals to appropriate local services and law enforcement. For more information about human trafficking, including identifying trafficking and trafficking myths, please visit The Polaris Project: <https://polarisproject.org/>. For assistance or to report a tip, please contact the National Human Trafficking hotline: 1-888-373-7888 or text: 233733. Web chat is available via their website: <https://humantraffickinghotline.org/>. For local information, resources, and response, please visit the State of Delaware Human Trafficking Interagency Coordinating Council: <https://dhss.delaware.gov/dhss/admin/humantrafinteragcouncil.html>

NEWARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

WEEK 01/02/22-01/08/22

INVESTIGATIONS

CRIMINAL CHARGES

	2021 TO DATE	2022 TO DATE	THIS WEEK 2022	2021 TO DATE	2022 TO DATE	THIS WEEK 2022
<u>PART I OFFENSES</u>						
a)Murder/Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0
b)Attempt	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kidnap	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rape	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unlaw. Sexual Contact	0	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	0	1	1	0	1	0
- Commercial Robberies	0	0	0	0	1	0
- Robberies with Known Suspects	0	0	0	0	0	0
- Attempted Robberies	0	0	0	0	0	0
- Other Robberies	0	1	1	0	0	0
Assault/Aggravated	0	0	0	0	0	0
Burglary	1	2	2	0	0	0
- Commercial Burglaries	0	1	1	0	0	0
- Residential Burglaries	1	1	1	0	0	0
- Other Burglaries	0	0	0	0	0	0
Theft	9	7	7	2	1	0
Theft/Auto	1	0	0	1	0	0
Arson	0	0	0	0	0	0
All Other	0	1	1	2	1	0
<b>TOTAL PART I</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>
<u>PART II OFFENSES</u>						
Other Assaults	5	2	1	1	1	1
Rec. Stolen Property	0	0	0	0	0	0
Criminal Mischief	6	4	1	0	1	0
Weapons	0	0	0	0	6	6
Other Sex Offenses	0	0	0	0	0	0
Alcohol	0	0	0	0	0	0
Drugs	3	3	3	8	6	6
Noise/Disorderly Premise	6	1	1	2	0	0
Ordinance Violation	2	0	0	0	0	0
Disorderly Conduct	2	5	4	1	1	1
Trespass	10	3	2	6	0	0
All Other	5	12	10	7	2	0
<b>TOTAL PART II</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>14</b>
<u>MISCELLANEOUS:</u>						
Alarm	9	11	11	0	0	0
Animal Control	12	6	6	0	0	0
Recovered Property	0	3	3	0	0	0
Service	760	767	676	0	0	0
Suspicious Per/Veh	16	4	3	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL MISC.</b>	<b>797</b>	<b>791</b>	<b>699</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

	THIS WEEK <u>2021</u>	2021 TO <u>DATE</u>	THIS WEEK <u>2022</u>	2022 TO <u>DATE</u>
TOTAL CALLS	681	893	790	897



# Newark Police Department Weekly Traffic Report



01/02/22-01/08/22

TRAFFIC SUMMONSES	2021 YTD	2022 YTD	THIS WEEK 2021	THIS WEEK 2022
Moving/Non-Moving	252	161	245	156
DUI	2	2	2	2
TOTAL	254	163	247	158

\*Included in the total collision numbers

TRAFFIC COLLISIONS				
Fatal	0	0	0	0
Personal Injury	5	4	4	3
Property Damage (Reportable)	14	11	9	8
*Hit & Run	3	5	2	3
*Private Property	3	4	1	4
TOTAL	19	15	13	11

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.