

Weekly Report

Notable Notes:

- The end of 2022 crime statistics show that Newark experienced the lowest number of robberies in over a decade and a half. Last year we had 16 reported incidents of robbery as compared to 78 robberies in 2006. The vigilant work of our police officers, communications staff, as well as the assistance of the community, had a meaningful impact on this violent crime category.
- The year 2023 will begin a change in how the Newark Police Department records and tracks crime data. As you will read below in the Administration Division Section, instead of manually recording and classifying crimes that occur, we will access the FBI Crime Data Explorer. This will ensure that the FBI, Delaware State Police, and Newark Police crime numbers match. Since this is the first year we will be solely utilizing this method, it will be difficult to compare our previous years crime statistics to future years but will ensure that data reported in 2023 and future years will match. More explanation is in the Administration section below. Since this web-based system is available to the public, we will no longer be reporting crime statistics in the weekly report.
- We may have a minor delay in rolling out the new recruiting website we hired a firm to complete. The submitted videos do not completely represent the City of Newark and the work done by the Newark Police. We have requested changes be made to show that Newark is home to a university, has a vibrant downtown area, our own communication division, and highlight more of the variety of police work performed by our officers. We are hopeful these changes can be made quickly.

Patrol Division:

- On December 13th, 2022, at approximately 1949 hours, Newark Police responded to the Acme, 100 Suburban Drive, for a report of a shoplifting in progress. Upon arrival, an officer contacted a male suspect in the rear of the store. While speaking with the suspect, the suspect attempted to walk away from the officer. When the officer attempted to detain the suspect, the suspect began to assault the officer by repeatedly striking him in the head. During a struggle to detain the suspect, the suspect attempted to remove the officer's firearm from its holster. Additional Newark Police Officers responded to the scene and assisted in taking the suspect into custody. The officer, an 8-year veteran, was transported to an area hospital by ambulance for treatment of serious physical injuries suffered during the struggle. He was treated and later released from the hospital.
- On December 18th, 2022, at approximately 0713 hours, Newark Police received a report of a vehicle stolen from a residence in the 1200-block of Janice Drive. In addition, officers received a report of a second vehicle stolen from a driveway in the 400-block of Douglas D Alley Drive. As officers began to investigate these theft reports, officers were notified that the location of one of these vehicles was being tracked by the vehicle's built-in tracking system. Officers were directed to the area of Keith Street in Newark. Newark officers stopped two suspects leaving the vehicle. One suspect fled on foot and was taken into custody after a brief foot pursuit. He

was identified as a 16-year-old juvenile from Wilmington. The other suspect stopped at the scene and was detained by Newark Police. During a search incident to arrest, the juvenile was found in possession of a handgun magazine and ammunition. He is prohibited from possessing a firearm or ammunition. During a track conducted by a New Castle County Police K-9, a firearm was located that had been discarded during the foot pursuit. The juvenile appeared before Justice of the Peace Court #11 by video. He was ordered to be held in default of \$62,100 cash bail and was turned over to the custody of the New Castle County Detention Center in Wilmington.

Special Enforcement Division:

- During the week, the Traffic Unit will conduct enforcement in various locations throughout the city including Paper Mill Road, Capitol Trail, South Main Street, and Delaware Avenue. The unit will conduct speed studies on Elkton Road at Interchange Boulevard. A car seat installation for a resident was completed on January 3rd.
- During the week of December 19th, the Special Operations Unit participated in West Park School reading program. The unit also helped distribute gifts for families in need that could not be present for the Presents with Police event. On December 28th, SOU Officers conducted a Cocoa with a Cop event at the Newark Free Library where officers read books to kids and interacted with them and their families over a cup of hot chocolate. On January 4th, Sgt. Darryl Saunders will begin the intensive 13-week Command & Leadership Academy. The program, developed through the United States Military Academy at West Point in collaboration with law enforcement experts, is designed to expose law enforcement leaders to leadership strategies in order to effectively lead and develop the law enforcement profession.

Administration Division:

- In an effort to improve the overall quality of crime data available to the public, Newark Police Department will be changing the way crime statistics are reported. Beginning January 1st, 2023, NPD will rely on the National Incident Based-Reporting System or NIBRS. NIBRS replaces the traditionally utilized Summary Reporting System (SRS) which solely consists of aggregate data thus omitting some important data in accordance with the Hierarchy Rule. The SRS Hierarchy Rule states only the most serious offense within an incident is counted. NIBRS utilizes incident-based data which is information about specific details of occurrences or crime including information about victims, offenders, times, and locations for one or more offenses in the occurrence. This incident-based data helps to provide a more detailed understanding of crime than the Summary Reporting System (FBI. 2018, October "*30 Questions and Answers about NIBRS Transition*". www.fbi.gov).
- The State of Delaware and the Newark Police Department have been submitting NIBRS data to the FBI since the early 2000s. Members of the public are encouraged to visit the FBI's Crime Data Explorer at <https://cde.ucr.cjis.gov/> or the link provided in the City of Newark website at [Crime Statistics | Newark, DE - Official Website \(newarkde.gov\)](https://www.newarkde.gov/crime-statistics).
- The Administration Unit continues to work with Epic Recruiting on the PD Recruiting website and upcoming marketing plan.

Criminal Investigations Division:

- The Street Crimes Unit has been investigating drug sales in the Newark area. During the investigation, one of the suspects was identified as **Eliel Cruz-Castillo**, 40, of New Castle. On December 5th, 2022, Cruz-Castillo was observed in an active drug transaction outside of a residence in Wilmington. Cruz-Castillo was taken into custody by Newark Police officers without incident. A search warrant was then executed at Cruz-Castillo's residence in New Castle and on a vehicle he possessed. During the course of the searches, officers seized more than 14 grams of crack cocaine, marijuana, drug packaging, and United States currency. Cruz-Castillo was transported to Newark Police headquarters where he was charged with Possession with Intent to Deliver a Controlled Substance in a Tier 2 Quantity, Possession with Intent to Deliver a Controlled Substance (6 counts stemming from various identified drug sale transactions), Conspiracy Second Degree, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, and Possession of Marijuana. Cruz-Castillo appeared before Justice of the Peace Court #11 by video and was ordered to be held in default of \$5,650 secured bail. Cruz-Castillo was turned over to the custody of the Howard R. Young Correctional Institution in Wilmington.
- On January 1st, 2023, at approximately 1100 hours, officers responded to a residence in the unit block of East Park Place for a report of a residential burglary that occurred overnight. Responding officers were advised by a resident that they discovered property missing from their unlocked residence. The resident reported that there was no forced entry and they were not home when the burglary occurred. The investigation determined that the burglary occurred between 0430 – 0500 hours. While investigating the burglary, officers contacted the resident of another house in the unit block of East Park Place. The resident advised that personal property, along with the resident's vehicle and vehicle key, was stolen from the residence. The resident was home at the time of the burglary but was unaware the burglary was occurring. There was no forced entry to the residence. The stolen vehicle is a 2011 silver Hyundai Sonata with Delaware tag 48930. The vehicle has not been recovered. While these burglary investigations were ongoing, Newark Police received a call from a residence in the 100-block of South Chapel Street reporting a burglary. This burglary occurred sometime after 0100 hours and personal property was found to have been removed the residence. The resident was home at the time of the burglary but was unaware the burglary was occurring. There were no signs of forced entry at the residence. The investigation into these incidents and their connection, if any, has been turned over to detectives for follow up. Anyone with information about this incident is asked to contact Det. P. Klein at (302) 366-7100 x. 3480 or pklein@newark.de.us.
- January is Stalking Awareness Month. Over the course of a year, 3.4 million individuals over the age of 18 are stalked in the United States. Three (3) in four (4) stalking victims are stalked by someone they know. People ages 18 to 24 experience the highest rate of stalking. Stalking is often associated with behavior within a current or previous intimate partner relationship however, can occur with individuals that have never had that type of association. In Delaware, stalking is done by a person who intentionally engages in a course of conduct directed at a specific person which would cause a reasonable person to fear physical injury to him or herself. Stalking can include sending unwanted contact to the victim by means of phone calls, texts, emails, or social media messages. It can include sending unwanted gifts, showing up uninvited at the person's home, place of employment, or school, or following the victim. Technology may be used to track or spy on a victim. Stalking can have lethal consequences and

is a felony charge in the state of Delaware. For more information about stalking, please visit the Stalking Resource Center: <https://victimsofcrime.org/stalking-resource-center/>

For local assistance:

- Local Domestic Violence hotline: 302-762-6110
- Newark Police Victim Services: 302-366-7100 x3137

NEWARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

WEEK 12/18/22-12/31/22

INVESTIGATIONS

CRIMINAL CHARGES

	2021 TO DATE	2022 TO DATE	THIS WEEK 2022	2021 TO DATE	2022 TO DATE	THIS WEEK 2022
PART I OFFENSES						
a)Murder/Manslaughter	1	0	0	0	0	0
b)Attempt	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kidnap	2	3	0	6	4	0
Rape	5	9	0	2	10	0
Unlaw. Sexual Contact	8	6	0	2	3	0
Robbery	22	16	1	34	16	0
- Commercial Robberies	3	1	0	3	4	0
- Robberies with Known Suspects	5	2	0	4	0	0
- Attempted Robberies	5	1	0	13	1	0
- Other Robberies	9	12	1	14	11	0
Assault/Aggravated	29	20	0	73	37	0
Burglary	36	36	4	15	31	3
- Commercial Burglaries	6	8	1	4	7	0
- Residential Burglaries	25	18	3	6	13	3
- Other Burglaries	4	10	0	3	11	0
Theft	703	765	18	135	158	3
Theft/Auto	62	61	1	17	18	5
Arson	0	0	0	0	0	0
All Other	14	26	0	74	64	9
TOTAL PART I	881	942	24	356	341	20
PART II OFFENSES						
Other Assaults	244	295	9	206	318	7
Rec. Stolen Property	0	1	0	12	12	0
Criminal Mischief	190	179	8	60	78	6
Weapons	10	17	0	68	76	4
Other Sex Offenses	10	7	0	4	8	0
Alcohol	161	263	1	169	392	1
Drugs	135	140	3	90	173	1
Noise/Disorderly Premise	799	527	2	263	165	0
Ordinance Violation	125	0	0	24	0	0
Disorderly Conduct	424	372	6	110	117	1
Trespass	365	601	5	105	116	2
All Other	471	577	13	270	276	4
TOTAL PART II	2934	2979	47	1381	1731	26
MISCELLANEOUS:						
Alarm	564	669	35	0	0	0
Animal Control	555	419	6	9	19	0
Recovered Property	184	188	5	0	0	0
Service	33458	29418	1108	0	0	0
Suspicious Per/Veh	428	395	5	0	0	0
TOTAL MISC.	35189	31089	1159	9	19	0

	THIS WEEK 2021	2021 TO DATE	THIS WEEK 2022	2022 TO DATE
TOTAL CALLS	1,251	43,222	1,390	39,987



Newark Police Department Weekly Traffic Report



12/18/22-12/31/22

TRAFFIC SUMMONSES	2021 YTD	2022 YTD	THIS WEEK 2021	THIS WEEK 2022
Moving/Non-Moving	12332	10578	161	226
DUI	179	156	6	11
TOTAL	12511	10734	167	237

*Included in the total collision numbers

TRAFFIC COLLISIONS				
Fatal	1	1	0	0
Personal Injury	188	182	3	4
Property Damage (Reportable)	1061	959	32	32
*Hit & Run	231	183	6	9
*Private Property	245	204	5	10
TOTAL	1250	1142	35	36

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.