

NEWARK

POLICE DEPARTMENT



2022

ANNUAL REPORT

Thomas Coleman, City Manager

Mark Farrall, Chief of Police

REFLECTIONS FROM THE CHIEF'S DESK

Mayor and Council Members:

On behalf of the Newark Police Department, it is my pleasure to submit to you the 2022 Annual Report. This report provides an opportunity to share the exceptional work completed by the men and women of the Newark Police Department. I applaud the efforts of our incredible staff and the following pages highlight much of their fine work and dedication to our community.

As you read through this report, you will see many examples of notable cases, community engagement, awards, exceptional training, and departmental highlights including re-accreditation (dating back to 1997) and our first ever accreditation of our 911 communications center. This report, however, covers only a sampling of the exceptional work completed by the men and women of the Newark Police Department.

This past year was not without challenges. Due to several retirements and officers leaving for other law enforcement agencies, we have experienced a significant reduction in staffing levels. This has created a great challenge for our supervisors and officers as we redirected our resources to ensure that emergency calls for service remain our top priority. Despite significant staffing challenges, our staff have continued to excel and provide exceptional service to the citizens of Newark and our visitors.

As we move into 2023, our priority focus will be on the recruitment and retention of officers of exceptional caliber and integrity, which our community has come to expect from our officers.

The successes highlighted in this report would not be possible without the strong support of City Manager Tom Coleman, the Mayor and Council, and the Newark community for which we serve.

In closing, I wish to thank the members of our department for their continued commitment and dedication to the City of Newark. I am humbled to serve as the new Chief of Police and look forward to leading this great agency as we continue to be guided by our values of Human Life, Integrity, Service and Professionalism.

Respectfully submitted,

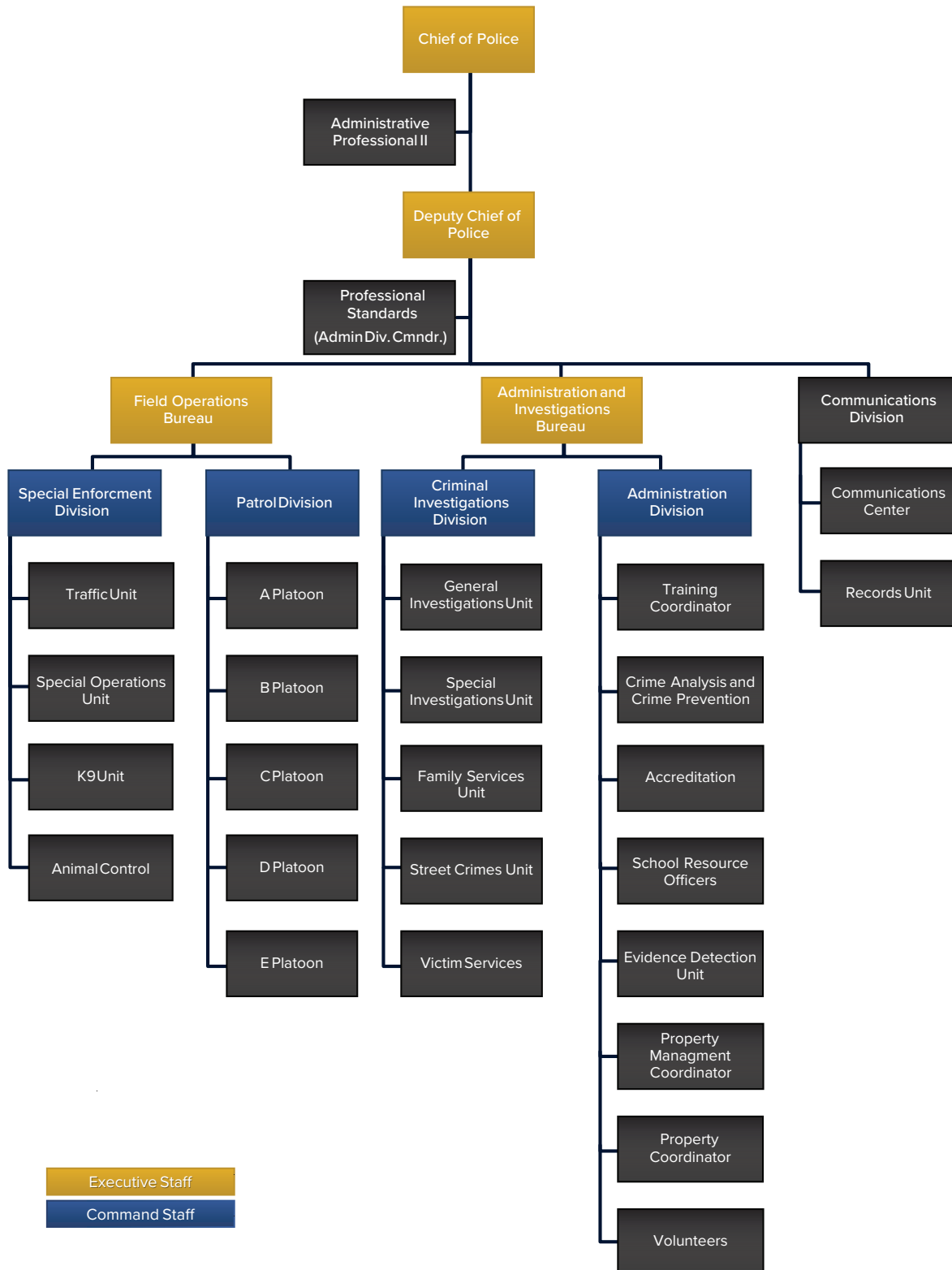
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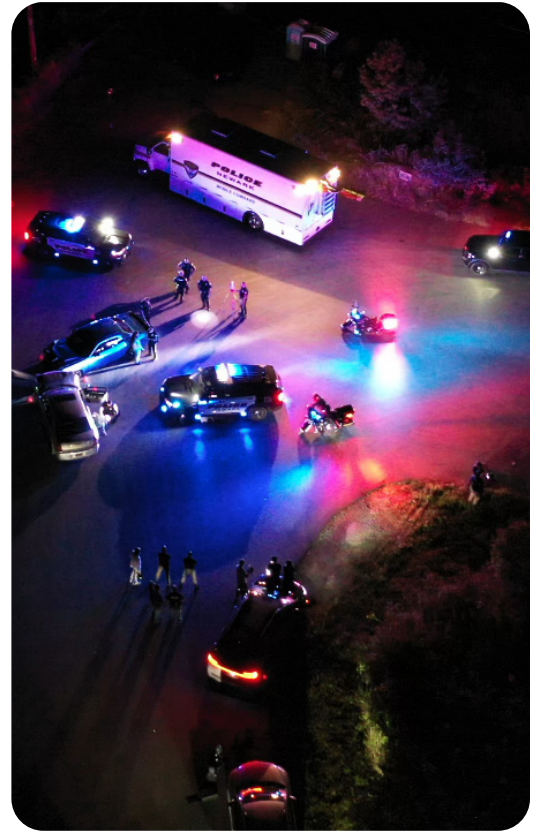
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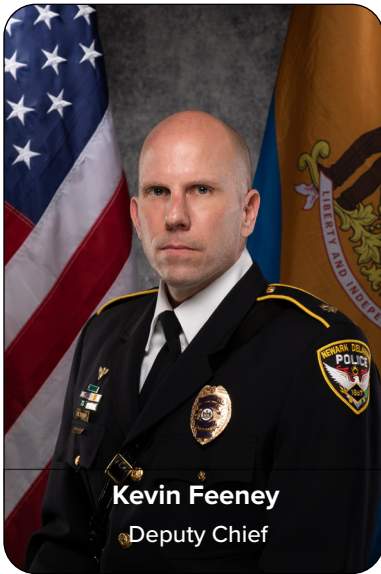
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THE CHAIN OF COMMAND AT NEWARK POLICE DEPARTMENT





ADMINISTRATION AND INVESTIGATIONS BUREAU



The Administration and Investigations Bureau consists of the Administration Division, the Criminal Investigations Division and Auxiliary Services. The Bureau is led by Deputy Chief Kevin Feeney.

AUXILIARY SERVICES

Auxiliary Services is under the command of Captain Michael Van Campen and consists of the Communications Center and Records Department, which is managed by Mr. Brian Cannon. There are a total of 14 full-time civilians, two part-time civilians, and one officer assigned to Auxiliary Services. Captain Van Campen is also responsible for information technology projects, grants, and he is the Team Commander for the SWAT Team.

COMMUNICATIONS

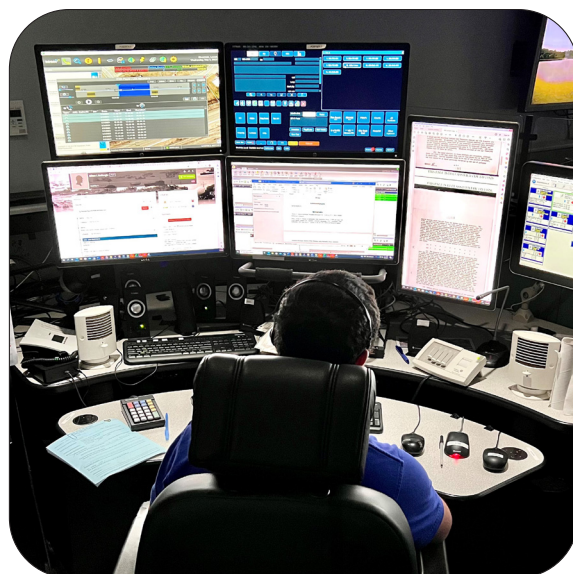
The 911 communications center is the Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) for the incorporated city limits of Newark, Delaware. The center answers emergency and non-emergency calls for service 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, as well as calls for city utility emergencies after regular business hours. Police emergencies are dispatched to officers on duty and requests for medical and fire services are connected to the New Castle County Fireboard by the dispatcher. The Communications Officer remains on the line to determine if police services will also be needed. Communications Officers are often handling multiple tasks simultaneously. Communications Officers also monitor the city

camera system and maintain active warrants to include filing, entering, updating, and clearing them in the Criminal Justice Information Systems. The communications division is also responsible for the maintenance and operation of the department's mobile command post. This unit is used primarily for special events held within the city and may also be used in the event of a prolonged incident. During these events, the mobile command post is operated and staffed by a Communications Officer. The Mobile Command Unit has full dispatch capability including CAD (Computer Aided Dispatch), two-way radio, internet, and phones.

COMMUNICATIONS *CONTINUED*

The 911 communications center is staffed by 12 Communications Officers and the center's manager, who also oversees the records department. Three Communications Officers are assigned to each shift with a minimal staffing level of 2 Communications Officers on all shifts. The authorized strength was approved to increase to 14 Communications Officers in 2023. In 2022, Communications Officers processed over 70,000 phone calls and 44,000 calls for service.

In April 2022, the communications division received its first accreditation from (CALEA), the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies. To obtain this accreditation, the communications division was required to be in compliance with over 200 standards and successfully complete an onsite assessment by CALEA. Annually, communications must show proof of maintaining compliance with the standards and complete reassessments.



RECORDS

The Records Division is staffed by 1 full-time Administrative Professional and 2 part-time Records Clerks, managed by the Police Communications and Records Manager. The records office is staffed Monday – Friday during regular business hours. The Records Division serves as the first point of contact for walk-in matters to the police department and operates the police information window. The staff are also responsible for maintaining police reports and supporting documents, processing requests for copies of reports, data entry, background checks, responding to Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests, and providing discovery for court cases. Records staff review and process approximately 12,000 new reports a year.

S.W.A.T.

The Newark Police Department's S.W.A.T. Team consists of officers who are trained and equipped to meet the unique challenges of high-risk operations. S.W.A.T. provides the department with a tactical response to high-risk warrant service, high-risk vehicle stops, dignitary protection, surveillance assistance and any evolving crisis deemed appropriate by the executive staff.

Members of S.W.A.T. train bi-monthly with a five-day consecutive training event annually. Currently, S.W.A.T. has a sniper-observer team which trains with the team monthly, as well as dedicated sniper-observer training days. As a part time team, training is crucial for team members to maintain proficiencies for advanced tactics and firearm skills.

During 2022, the Newark Police Department's S.W.A.T. team was activated for numerous matters. Most often, S.W.A.T. services were in support of the Criminal Investigations Unit to serve high risk search and arrest warrants of violent offenders/suspects.



ADMINISTRATION DIVISION

The Administration Division is under the command of Lieutenant Andrew Rubin, who also serves as the Department's Professional Standards (Internal Affairs) Officer and Public Information Officer (PIO). The Administration Division is staffed by six officers, two full-time civilian employees and one part-time civilian employee and it consists of the following positions: Accreditation Manager, Training Coordinator, Crime Analysis and Crime Prevention, Evidence Detection, Property Management, and School Resource Officers. In 2022, members of the Administration Division organized the annual National Night Out event, which takes place on Academy St. and the Presents with Police Program that helps to provide gifts to children in the community who may otherwise do without.

ACCREDITATION MANAGER

The Accreditation Manager is responsible for ensuring that periodic reports, reviews, and other activities mandated by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) are accomplished. The purpose of CALEA's Accreditation Program is to improve the delivery of public safety services, primarily by maintaining a body of standards developed by public safety practitioners covering a wide range of up-to-date public safety initiatives; establishing and administering an accreditation process; and recognizing professional excellence.

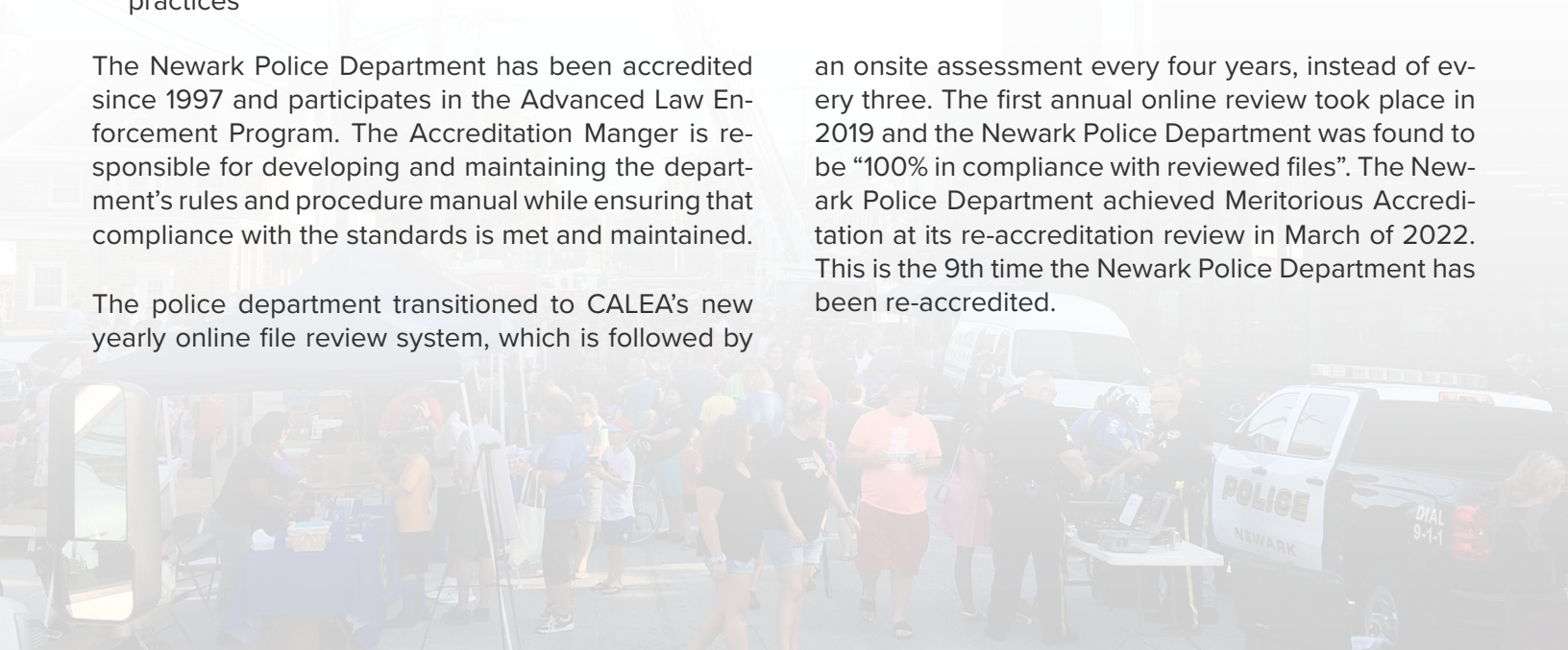
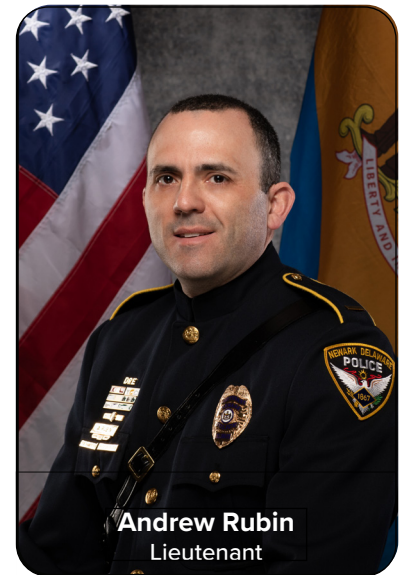
The goals of CALEA are to:

- Strengthen crime prevention and control capabilities
- Formalize essential management procedures
- Establish fair and non-discriminatory personnel practices
- Improve service delivery
- Solidify interagency cooperation and coordination
- Increase community and staff confidence in the agency.

The Newark Police Department has been accredited since 1997 and participates in the Advanced Law Enforcement Program. The Accreditation Manager is responsible for developing and maintaining the department's rules and procedure manual while ensuring that compliance with the standards is met and maintained.

The police department transitioned to CALEA's new yearly online file review system, which is followed by

an onsite assessment every four years, instead of every three. The first annual online review took place in 2019 and the Newark Police Department was found to be "100% in compliance with reviewed files". The Newark Police Department achieved Meritorious Accreditation at its re-accreditation review in March of 2022. This is the 9th time the Newark Police Department has been re-accredited.



TRAINING UNIT

The Training Unit oversees departmental employee training, ensuring both sworn and civilian members meet the standards set by the Delaware Council on Police Training (COPT), departmental policies, CALEA standards, and federal mandates. It also extends select training opportunities to external agencies. The unit manages new police officers from their hire date to the completion of the Field Training Program, including their time at accredited Police Academies such as the Delaware State Police Academy in Dover, DE, or the New Castle County Police Academy in Newark, DE.

New Officer Training

- 5 officers hired (2 certified, out-of-state; 3 attending New Castle County Police Academy)
- 2 officers completed Field Training Program

Training Hours Completed

- 460 civilian hours
- 7,712 sworn hours (5,665.75 COPT hours)

Training Programs Attended

- 18 out-of-state courses
- 2,069.5 instructional hours by NPD officers

Notable Training Programs in 2022

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| ● Active Bystandership in Law Enforcement (ABLE) with Georgetown University Law School | ● NASRO and PASRO School Resource Officer Conferences |
| ● Anti-Biased/Implicit Bias Training with the Anti-Defamation League | ● TACOPS South and East Conferences |
| ● NHTSA DUI Enforcement/SFST Refresher | ● Diversity in Recruiting |
| ● Secret Service Averting School Violence | ● Crisis & Homeless Intervention Strategies Training |
| ● Crisis Intervention Training | ● FBI LEEDA – Supervisory, Command, and Executive Leadership Seminars |
| ● Traumas in Law Enforcement with the Concerns of Police Survivors | ● Hosted Aurora, Colorado Police for Century Theater Shooting Debrief |
| ● West Point Command & Leadership Program | ● 1st Responder Response to Autism Awareness |
| ● Lexipol Culture of Accountability | ● Professional Standards and Ethical Decision Making |
| ● Mid-West Crisis Negotiations Team Conference | ● AXON Body Worn and Fleet Cameras |
| ● Advanced Latent Palm Print Analysis | ● Women's Leadership Institute |

CRIME ANALYSIS AND CRIME PREVENTION OFFICER

The Crime Analysis and Crime Prevention Officer serves two separate, yet related functions. The crime prevention function is responsible for working with members of the department and the community in implementing crime prevention strategies and measures throughout the city. This includes such endeavors as security and safety assessments of local businesses. The crime analysis function focuses on crime trends in and around the city. This includes working with our allied law enforcement partners in helping to address and investigate crime trends in our region.

In 2022 the Administration Sergeant handled the roles of the Training Unit and the Crime Analysis and Prevention Officer. During the year the Crime Prevention and Analysis Officer developed social media awareness and prevention tips for the prevention of thefts from motor vehicles and thefts of catalytic converters. The officer also conducted security and safety assessments at local houses of worship and businesses.

In 2022 the Administration Sergeant worked extensively with allied law enforcement partners, to include the University of Delaware Police Department, Delaware State Police, New Castle County Police Department, Wilmington Police Department, Cecil County, MD Sheriff's Office, Elkton, MD Police Department, Pennsylvania State Police, Philadelphia Police Department and the FBI in recognizing and obtaining information and intelligence about criminal trends affecting all of the jurisdictions and crossing jurisdictional boundaries. These trends included violent armed carjackings and large-scale vehicle thefts that occurred throughout the region.

EVIDENCE DETECTION

The Evidence Detection Officer is responsible for all procedures relating to the collection, preservation, and analysis of physical evidence for the department. He coordinates the processing of major crime scenes, processing agency wide evidence for fingerprints and DNA, and submitting evidence to outside laboratories for special processing. The evidence detection officer is on-call 365 days a year for callouts to major crime scenes. The position maintains a special crime scene response vehicle and numerous pieces of specialty evidence equipment.



Major Evidence Detection activities in 2022	Amount
● Crime Scenes Processed	17
● Lab/Article Requests	114
● AFIS Entry	119
● DNA Submissions	288
● Firearms Entries	20
● Off Duty Crime Scene Callouts	7

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

The property management function is comprised of one full-time civilian evidence custodian and one part-time civilian property coordinator. The department's evidence custodian is responsible for storing all evidence received from police officers as well as found or recovered property. This position is also responsible for the management of the police department's vehicle fleet. The property coordinator is responsible for purchasing, distribution and inventory of all departmental property and equipment.

Key Initiatives

- Procuring exterior ballistic vest carriers and Individual First Aid Kits (IFAKs) for all officers
- Securing off-site storage facilities for oversized items
- Acquisition, outfitting, and maintenance of 8 new police vehicles

Evidence Room Statistics

Amount

Evidence Room Articles Received	2181
Articles Released / Disposed	2910
Drug Box Intake	286 lbs.

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS

NPD is committed to working in cooperation with the students, parents, teachers, and staff of the Christina School District and the Newark Charter Schools to provide a safe and secure learning environment at all schools within the city. Beginning in 2022, the Department, in conjunction with Christina School District, assigned two School Resource Officers (SRO). The SROs are assigned to Newark High School and regularly interact and provide services and coverage for the other schools in Newark. In addition to Newark High School, the SROs serve Downes Elementary School, West Park Elementary School, Newark Charter Primary, Newark Charter Intermediary, Newark Charter Junior High School and Newark Charter Senior High School. The SROs administer a variety of youth related programs and provide classroom instruction on several topics. The SRO program is a bridge to close the divide between the students and law enforcement. The SROs help to provide the schools and their students with guidance and mentoring.

In 2022, the School Resource Officers participated in a program to assist the Driver's Education Programs at schools in the Christina School District and partnered



with the United States Attorney General's Office Community Outreach to help bridge the divide between students and the criminal justice system.

In 2022, the SROs joined with AETNA Hose, Hook and Ladder to form a joint Public Safety Explorers Program. This allows students to have a hands-on experience and up-close view of first responder careers.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

The Criminal Investigations Division is led by Lieutenant Fred Nelson and consists of the following units/ positions: Criminal Investigations Unit (General Investigations and Family Services), Victim Services, Special Investigations Unit and the Street Crimes Unit. In total, there are 8 officers and a full-time civilian in this division.

The Criminal Investigations Unit (CIU) is currently comprised of four Detectives that include two General Investigation Detectives, a Detective/Master Corporal who also serves as the Family Services Detective and a Detective/Sergeant. CIU handles Property Crime investigations (including Burglary and Theft), Major Crime investigations (including Robbery, Sex Offenses, Serious Assault), and all Suspicious Death/Drug Overdose Death/Homicide investigations.

In order to provide 24-hour investigative coverage, one Detective is assigned as the “On-Call Detective” at all times. Members of CIU work closely with the Street Crimes Unit to solve crimes and the Victim Services Coordinator to aid the victims of crime.

The Detective/Sergeant assigns cases that require follow-up to the Detectives based on their skill, knowledge, expertise, and existing case load. One of the primary responsibilities of the Family Services Detective is to ensure compliance with Megan’s Law regarding sex offender registration and community notification of sex offenders. One of the General Detectives is cer-

tified by Cellebrite to forensically extract and interpret data from electronic devices.

Detectives also support other areas of the Department as one is a member of the Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Team, and another is a certified Taser and firearms instructor.



Noteworthy items regarding Criminal Investigation Unit in 2022

- There were 11 robberies referred to CIU in 2022, 8 of which were cleared by arrest (72.7% clearance rate compared to national average of 28.8%).
- There were 9 assault related investigations assigned to CIU in 2022, 8 of which were cleared by arrest/exceptional means (88.9% clearance rate compared to national average of 46.4%).
- A total of 210 cases were assigned to CIU in 2022, 140 of which were cleared by arrest/exceptional means (66.7% clearance rate). An additional 12 cases have either active warrants for the suspects’ arrest or are pending indictment, so they will end up as cleared investigations.
- In 2022 the Detective/Sergeant completed the New Jersey State Association Chiefs of Police Command and Leadership Academy.

STREET CRIMES UNIT

The Street Crimes Unit (SCU) is part of the Criminal Investigations Division (CID). The Street Crimes Unit consists of a Sergeant, Master Corporal, and sworn officers. The employees assigned to SCU perform a variety of functions. In 2022, SCU consisted of a Sergeant, Master Corporal, and a sworn officer.

The objectives of the Street Crimes Unit include:

- Enforce drug laws, focusing on local dealers.
- Investigate drug-related deaths.
- Serve Newark Police Department street warrants.
- Establish presence in high-crime areas for deterrence and enforcement via pedestrian contacts and vehicle stops.
- Implement zero-tolerance enforcement of order maintenance and quality of life issues.
- Support Criminal Investigations Unit in investigations, surveillance, and warrant service.

Noteworthy SCU activities in 2022

- SCU Officers issued 187 criminal summonses and 116 civil alcohol summonses to offenders in 2022, not including 17 DUI arrests.
- SCU officers made 105 fugitive arrests in 2022.
- SCU officers seized over 1,100 grams of cocaine conducting drug investigations in 2022.
- Assist other Newark Police Department officers, including Patrol Division, as needed.
- Investigate and enforce human trafficking/prostitution laws.
- Monitor and enforce laws at local hotels.
- Perform administrative tasks, such as Police Applicant Background Investigations.

SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT

The Special Investigations Unit (SIU) is part of the Criminal Investigations Division and is responsible for investigating drug, and organized crime activity. All follow-up investigations involving these crimes is conducted by, or in conjunction with, the Special Investigations Unit. The officers in this unit are assigned to the DEA Task Force. In 2022 the officer assigned to SIU was re-assigned to SCU to aid in manpower. The officer maintained his assignment with the DEA Task Force on a part-time basis.

Summary of 2022 Drug and Asset Seizures

● Marijuana	6714.9 grams	● Methamphetamine	1162.71 grams
● Marijuana Wax	121.9 grams	● Heroin	3.173 grams
● Marijuana Edibles	176,861.24 grams	● MDMA	218 doses
● Marijuana Cartridges	3164 units	● USD Currency	\$31,107.55
● Cocaine	1191.51 grams	● Firearms	2 units

VICTIM SERVICES

The Victim Services Coordinator (VSC) provides crisis intervention and trauma-informed support to victims and witnesses of crime such as domestic violence, stalking, rape, assault, robbery, and sudden death.

Victim Services includes providing information and support during criminal investigations and court processes, as well as safety planning and appropriate referrals to services. Additionally, the VSC provides assistance with the Victim's Compensation Assistance Program application as well as assisting victims to apply for Protection from Abuse orders. The VSC continues to work with victims and witnesses to determine whether their needs are being met and the impact of the trauma on the victim or families. The Victim Services Coordinator provides in-house training to officers about Trauma Informed Care, the Role of Victim Services, and Mandatory Reporting and the MOU (Memorandum of Understanding).

The Victim Services Coordinator represents the department on a variety of committees, such as the Domestic Violence Task Force and the Victims' Rights Task Force, for which the VSC was Chair of until the end of term in 2022. The VSC is an appointed member of the Delaware Anti Trafficking Action Council (formerly the Human Trafficking Interagency Coordinating Council) and is a faculty member of the Delaware Victim Assistance Academy. She was honored with the Domestic Violence Coordinating Council's Annual Service Award for her work and advocacy on behalf of victims and survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. She also worked closely with local legislators to create and pass legislation establishing a civil Sexual Violence Protective Order in the State of Delaware.

Victimization Type	# of Victims Served
● Adult Sexual Assault	17
● Domestic Violence	89
● Assault	35
● Other*	71
*Other includes burglaries, harassment and terroristic threatening (not domestic related), fraud, theft, and sudden death (not homicide).	





FIELD OPERATIONS BUREAU

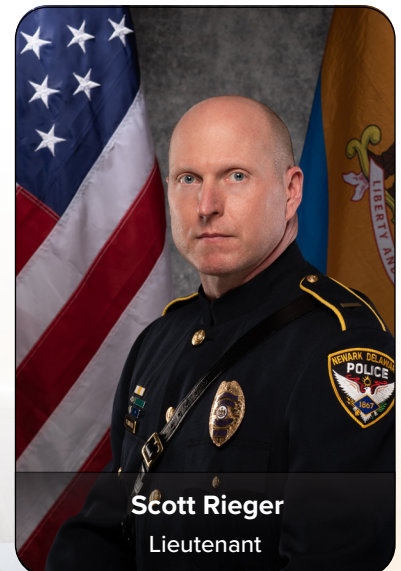
The Field Operations Bureau was under the command of then Deputy Chief Mark Farrall. This Bureau comprises the Patrol Division and the Special Enforcement Division.

PATROL DIVISION

Lieutenant Scott Rieger led the Patrol Division, which consists of five platoons, each with seven officers. These platoons bear primary responsibility for the patrol functions of the police department. Each platoon has a Sergeant in charge and a Master Corporal as an assistant shift supervisor. Patrol officers work a modified 10-hour shift, meaning they primarily work 10-hour shifts with occasional 8-hour shifts. They operate on a five-week schedule and rotate between day, evening, and night shifts.

In 2022, the Patrol Division witnessed many successes and accomplishments, including:

- Patrol Officers and Crisis Negotiations Team (CNT) members negotiated with a subject who wanted police to shoot him due to diagnosed PTSD. The subject was eventually transported for mental health assistance.
- Officers responded to a robbery outside a business along S. Main St. Patrol Officers quickly spotted the suspects and pursued them on foot. One suspect was arrested at the end of the foot pursuit, and the second suspect was later arrested at their residence.
- Patrol Officers identified and located a vehicle and suspects responsible for multiple local construction site burglaries.
- Patrol Officers and assisting units responded to a bank robbery, believed to be the work of a serial suspect. The suspect fled the scene. Shortly thereafter, Patrol Officers observed a suspect and suspect vehicle matching the description from the bank robbery. The suspect was arrested without incident and linked to multiple bank robberies in the tri-state area.
- Patrol Officers responded to a local government installation for a reported man with a gun. Patrol Officers observed the subject armed with a rifle and a handgun. Patrol officers established a perimeter, and nearly all other units and divisions responded to assist. The subject eventually surrendered the weapons and was taken into custody without incident. The subject was transported for mental health evaluation.



CRISIS NEGOTIATIONS TEAM

The Newark Police Department's Crisis Negotiations Team (CNT) comprises one Lieutenant, who is the team commander, a Sergeant, who is the team leader and negotiator, and 5 officers of varying ranks who are all trained negotiators. Members of CNT are specially trained officers in the areas of crisis and hostage/barricade communications.

In 2022, team members trained with allied law enforcement and mental health field partners to continue to grow and improve their skills. CNT members trained with newly obtained electronic communications equipment and the assigned Negotiations Operations Center (NOC).

In 2022, CNT assisted the department SWAT team with announcements during high-risk warrant service operations. CNT members also assisted patrol officers with negotiations and communication skills with members of the community who are in crisis. Team members expanded their skills by attending the Mid-West Crisis Negotiators Conference and FBI sponsored "From Conflict to Cooperation" symposium. Team members also conducted scenario-based negotiations and coaching training using the communications system and a role player who was acting as a person in crisis.



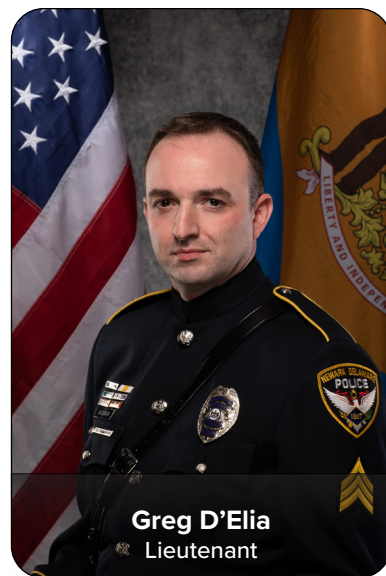
SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT DIVISION

The Special Enforcement Division was under the command of Lieutenant Jones (retired) and Lieutenant D'Elia. This Division consists of the Traffic Unit, Special Operations Unit (including the K9 officers), and the Animal Control Officer. The Lieutenant also oversees the administration of extra-duty assignments.

TRAFFIC UNIT

The Traffic Unit is responsible for the investigation of serious and fatal collisions, developing and implementing enforcement plans in response to complaints, and planning and executing large-scale traffic control for events. Additionally, the Traffic Unit maintains technologies used by various elements of the department for traffic enforcement. The Traffic Unit employs the use of police motorcycles for traffic enforcement efforts as well as escort operations. The Traffic Unit comprises a Sergeant, a Master Corporal, and two officers.

Officers in the Traffic Unit receive several weeks of advanced collision reconstruction training once assigned to the unit. This intensive training involves the use of algebra, calculus, and physics, among other tools, to determine the events leading up to a serious collision. When a motor vehicle collision results in a fatality, the resulting investigation to determine the circumstances leading up to the collision and the mechanics of the collision itself is extremely intensive in terms of manpower and resources used during the investigation.



SPECIAL OPERATIONS UNIT

The Special Operations Unit (SOU) consists of a Sergeant, a Master Corporal, and two officers. In 2022, the primary focus of SOU was community engagement with the Police Athletic League (PAL). SOU is also responsible for enforcing local ordinances related to alcoholic beverages and often assists the Delaware Division of Alcohol and Tobacco Enforcement (DATE). SOU is tasked with problem-oriented policing and can be called upon to assist other divisions in these areas.



HUB PROGRAM

SOU, along with the Victim's Services Coordinator (VSC), hosted the monthly HUB meeting. SOU worked on HUB projects with partner agencies to combat issues and assist high-risk individuals who were a danger to themselves or others. Unique strategies were used on a case-by-case basis to address the underlying issues, with partner agencies assisting on each project. This strategy reduces calls for service and the frequency of repeat calls for NPD, while connecting people with services they may not be aware of or receive.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH/YOUTH PROGRAMS

SOU formed several partnerships in the community, making many events throughout the year possible. Partnerships included the Newark Free Library, John R. Downes Elementary School and West Park Elementary School staff, Alder Creek Management, STEP Up Delaware, Kendal Corporation, Lowe's, and The Newark Partnership. SOU also worked with Reverend Blaine Hackett, St. John's Church, and the Newark Chapter of the NAACP, to provide meals to needy families on Saturdays.

COPS IN SCHOOLS

In 2022, SOU initiated the Cops in Schools Program at Downes and West Park Elementary Schools, enabling kids to engage with officers and understand the department better. The program, intended to build trust between police and community from an early age, involved officers reading to classes, answering questions, and mentoring high-risk children identified by staff. Officers attended school events like Bike to School Day, field day, Fun in the Sun, Family Fun Night, and Fitness Night, as requested by staff. Additionally, SOU members gave free haircuts to several students throughout the year at staff and social workers' request.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH/YOUTH PROGRAMS CONTINUED

GIRLS ON THE RUN

The SOU Master Corporal participated in Girls on the Run as an assistant coach. She met with students who participated and spoke to them about self-confidence, positivity, innerstrength, and building meaningful connections.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS

SOU officers attended and assisted with the Special Olympics summer games. Additionally, several officers participated in the Law Enforcement Torch Run for the opening of the games, while other officers escorted the runners and the torch to the opening ceremonies.

NEWARK PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Members of SOU and the department assisted the City of Newark Parks and Recreation Department with events such as Fishing with First Responders. Members of SOU conducted two Bike Rodeos during the summer for summer camps hosted by the Parks and Recreation Department.

SUMMER CAMPS

Members of SOU interacted with participants at multiple camps during the summer. These camps included Newark Day Nursery, Newark Christian Child Care, KinderCare Learning Center, the Down Syndrome Association of Delaware, Delaware School for the Deaf, The Newark Parks and Recreation Camp GWC (George Wilson Center), and Rittenhouse Camp.

NEWARK POLICE IN THE COMMUNITY

SOU is also responsible for the Police Athletic League (PAL). SOU conducted several mobile PAL events throughout the year, with many occurring in Alder Creek, White Chapel, and College Park. Once a week throughout the summer, officers met with teenagers at the Newark Free Library where they held a Teen Hangout/Safe Place program.

In partnership with Alder Creek management, SOU set up an Easter Egg hunt for their residents and held a Mobile PAL event immediately following.

BACK TO SCHOOL

With the help of Downes Elementary School staff, Newark Free Library, and the Kendal Corp, the first annual Back-to-School Barbecue at Alder Creek event was held. In 2022, Party in the Park returned to College Park and was hosted by SOU and members of the community.

NEWARK FREE LIBRARY

SOU participated in multiple joint endeavors at the Newark Free Library such as the Safe Place Program and “Spookebration”. SOU also participated in the department’s Cocoa with a Cop event at the library.



K-9 UNIT

The Canine Unit (K-9) is typically assigned to the Special Enforcement Division. However, in 2022, two officers and their K-9 partners, K-9 Varg and K-9 Luto, were reassigned to the patrol division. Both K-9s have been trained in patrol operations, focusing on tasks such as tracking wanted or missing subjects, conducting building searches, and providing support to the Patrol Division. Moreover, K-9 Varg is trained in narcotics detection, while K-9 Luto specializes in explosives detection. Both K-9s have undergone specialized socialization training, enabling them to interact with the public in a friendly and approachable manner during demonstrations.

In 2022, the handlers and their K-9 partners attended specialized training and participated in a variety of public events. They assisted with demonstrations at National Night Out, Bring Your Child to Work Day, and visits to local schools.

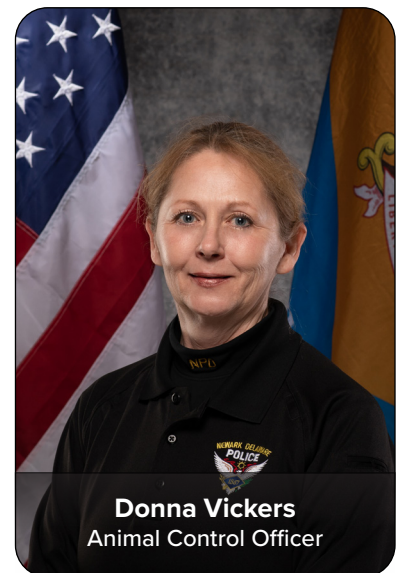
ANIMAL CONTROL

Donna Vickers, the Animal Control Officer, is responsible for enforcing ordinances related to the welfare and control of domestic, exotic, and wild animals. She is trained and state-certified to handle all animal-related issues. Her ongoing education, provided by experts in law enforcement, animal welfare, animal cruelty, and veterinary medicine, keeps her updated on the latest methodologies and regulations. Her primary goal is to protect and preserve the well-being of both domestic and wild animals.

Officer Vickers responds to a range of animal-related complaints, including but not limited to, animal bites, fighting, abuse, neglect, illness, injury, lost or found animals, aggressive animal behavior, wildlife encounters, trapping, and noise complaints.

In addition to her regular duties, Officer Vickers is state-certified to trap wildlife and often deals with wild animals reported as sick or injured. She provides humane wildlife trapping and removal of nuisance animals on a case-by-case basis. She also participates in a state-run Trap-Neuter-Vaccinate-Return (TNVR) program aimed at improving the lives of feral cats by reducing aggression, spraying, fighting, roaming, and breeding.

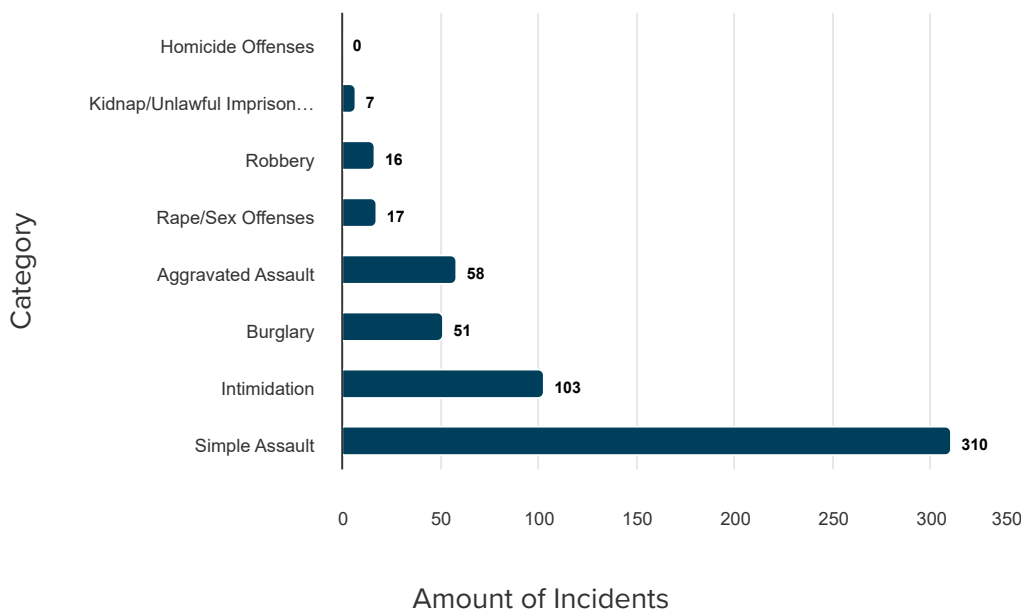
Regular foot patrols in City parks and trails are conducted by Officer Vickers, during which she educates the public on animal-related issues and enforces animal ordinances. In 2022, Officer Vickers gained recognition through various social media outlets for her efforts in freeing trapped animals from a culvert beneath a local bridge.



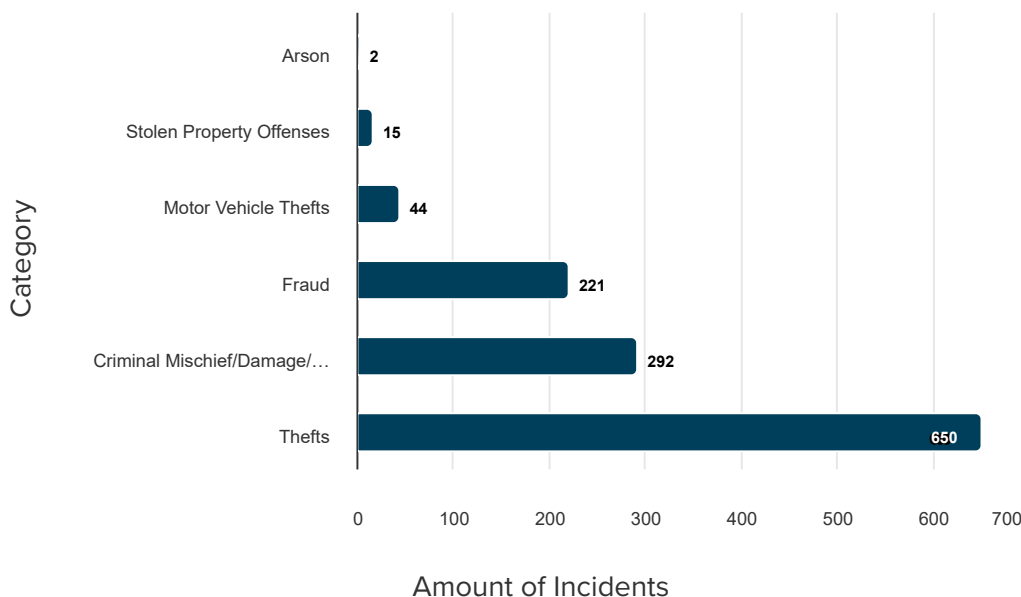
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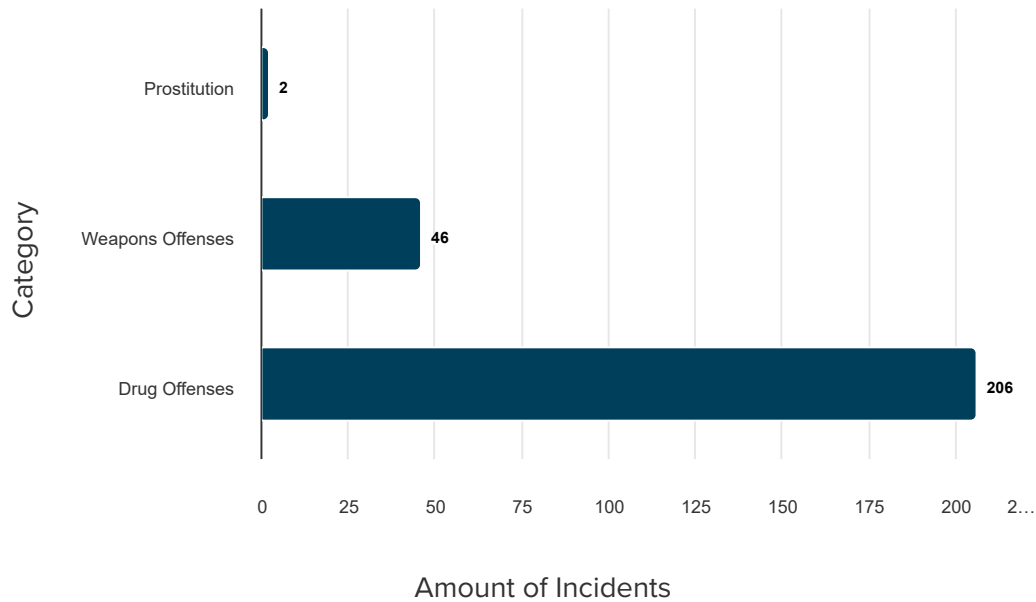
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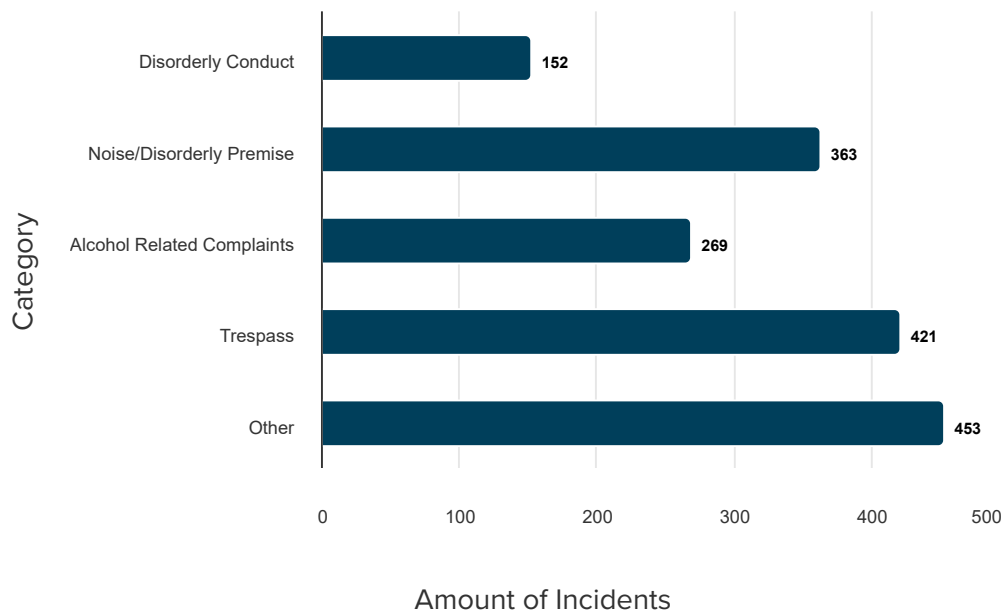
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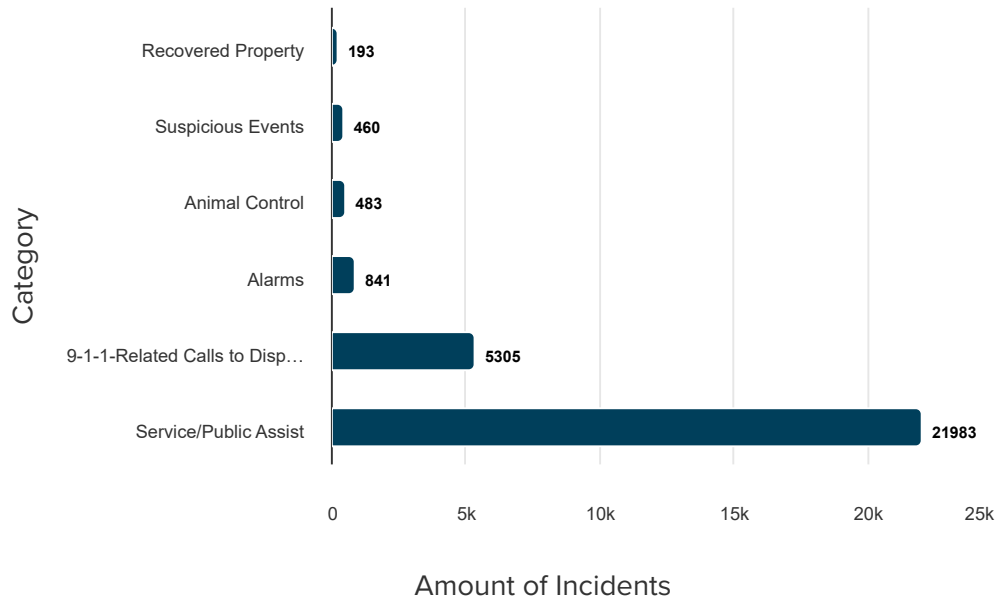
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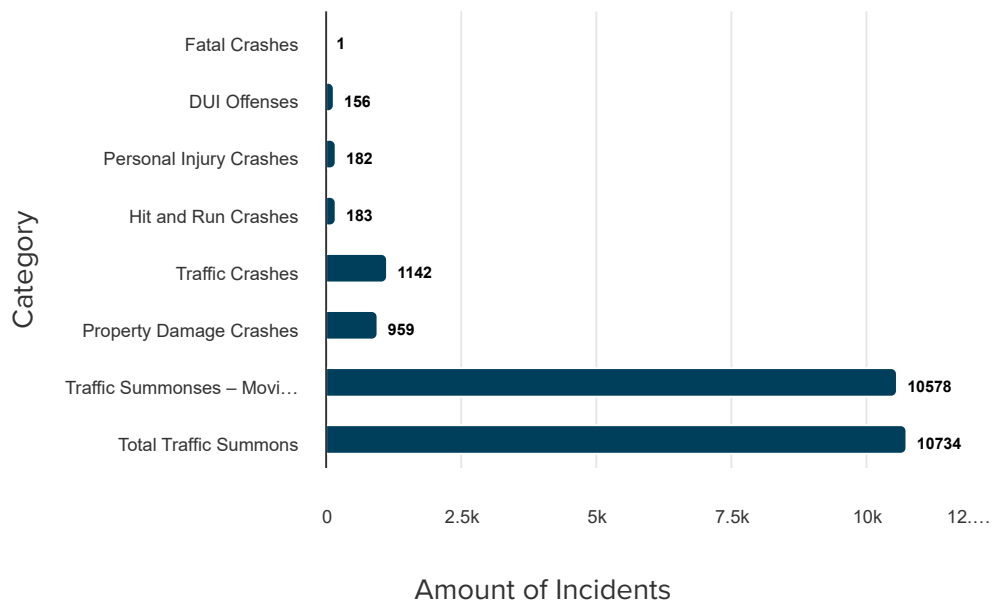
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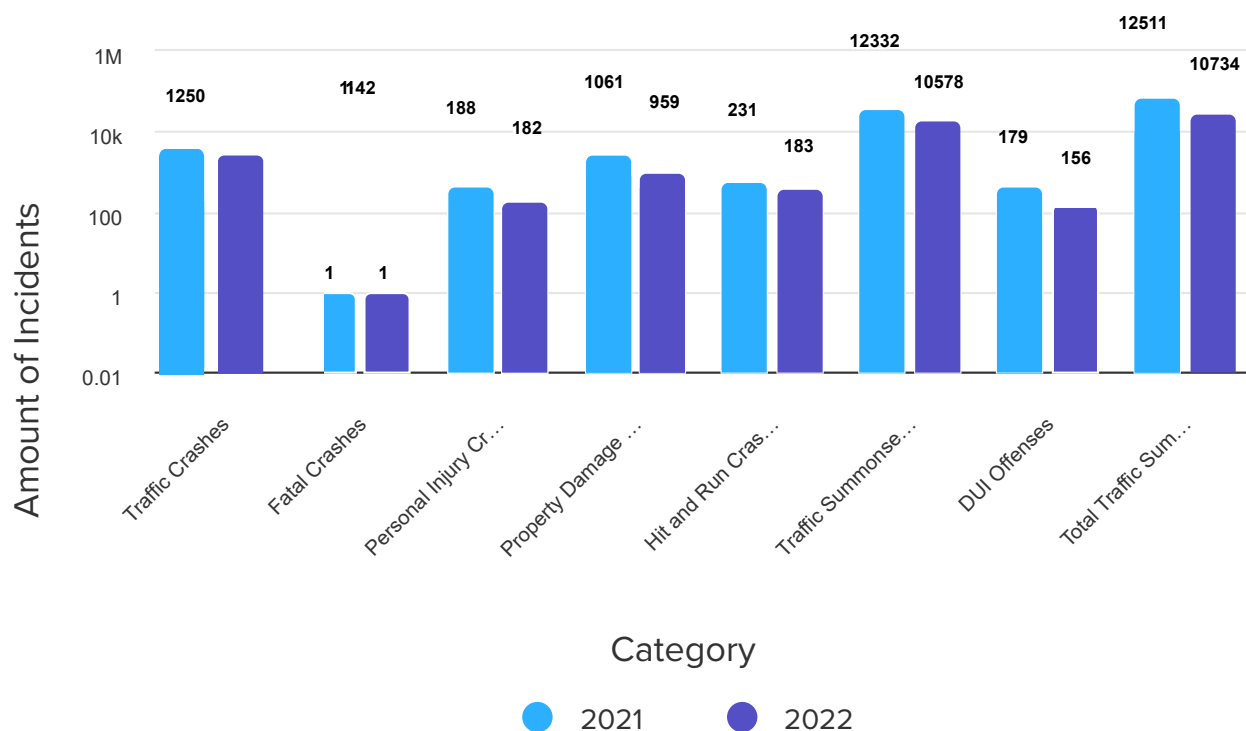
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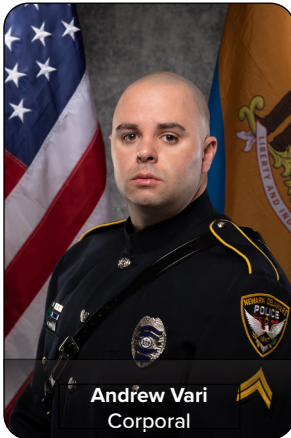


YEAR-OVER-YEAR TRAFFIC INCIDENT COMPARISON (2021 VS 2022)



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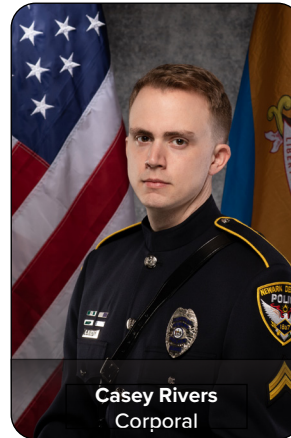
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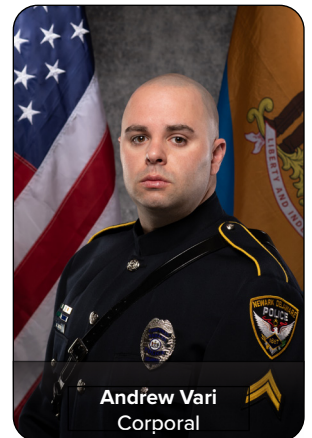
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Newark Rotary Club Officer of the Year



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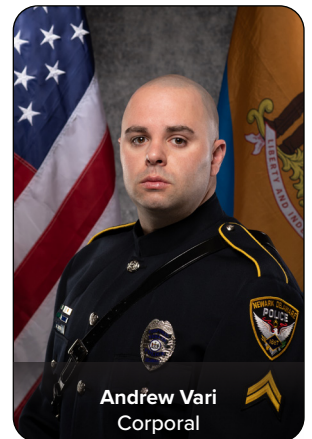
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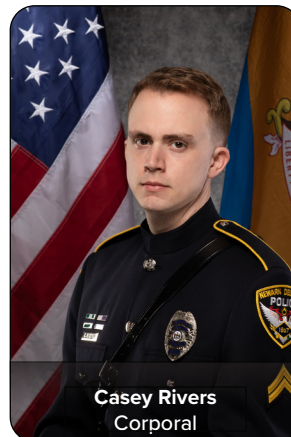
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Purple Heart



Purple Heart



2022 AWARDS SUMMARY

OFFICER OF THE YEAR AWARDS

- **Lions Club:** Corporal Andrew Vari
- **Veterans of Foreign Wars:** Master Corporal Alex Whitt
- **Newark Rotary Club:** Corporal Casey Rivers

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS OFFICER OF THE QUARTER

- **1st Quarter:** Corporal Andrew Vari
- **2nd Quarter:** Police Officer John Saitis
- **3rd Quarter:** Corporal Daniel Burgess
- **4th Quarter:** Master Corporal Carter McKennon and Corporal Andrew Vari

OTHER INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

- **Purple Heart:** Master Corporal Nicholas Sansone and Corporal Casey Rivers
- **Life Saving Award:** Corporal Paige Klein, Police Officer Ryan Parker, and Civilian Jessica Czerwinski
- **Citation of Merit:** Sergeant Thomas Maiura, Victim's Service Coordinator Melissa Pennachi, and Civilian Antoinette Suliga
- **DUI Enforcement Ribbon:** Master Corporal Carter McKennon, Police Officer John Saitis, and Police Officer Ryan Parker
- **Letter of Commendation:** Master Corporal Blake Potocki, Master Corporal Carter McKennon, Corporal Andrew Maiura, Police Officer Robert Young, and New Castel County Police Sergeant Eric Selhorst

UNIT CITATION RECIPIENTS

- **Captain** Michael Van Campen
- **Lieutenants:** Greg D'Elia, Fred Nelson, Scott Rieger, Andrew Rubin
- **Sergeants:** Truman Bolden, Jay Conover, Greg Micolucci, Thomas Maiura, Darryl Saunders, James Skinner, Michael Watson
- **Master Corporals:** Wayne Aston, Dan Bystricky, Paul Keld (2 awards), Joe Kendrick (2 awards), James Marconi, Morgan Menden, Will Smith (2 awards), Alex Whitt
- **Corporals:** Jean Almonte (2 awards), Pete Barnes, Dan Burgess, Taras Gerasimov, Andrew Golden, Nate Graber, Mike Gruszecki (2 awards), Paige Klein, Dan Marsilii, Adam Mease, Ken Odom, Andrew Pagnotti, Casey Rivers (2 awards), Adam Stevens, Domingo Velasquez, Rob Vernon, Ron Zappaterrini
- **Police Officer** Ryan Parker
- **Communications Officers:** Lowell Silverman, Mike Downey, Tracy Henderson, Angela Johnson

2022 PERSONNEL CHANGES

NEW OFFICERS

- Christopher Galle and Myles Tornetta joined our ranks and are currently on patrol duties.
- Ethan Ritchie, Joshua Marrero, and Taquill Reed were also hired and are now attending the New Castle County Police Academy for their training

RETIREMENTS

- Sergeant Michael Szep, with over 23 years of dedicated service.
- Master Corporal Nicholas Sansone, Corporal Craig Maurer, and Communications Officer Michael Downey, each providing 20 years of commendable service.

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