

## **Newark Police Department Budget Commentary**

The Newark Police Department is responsible for protecting the lives, homes and properties of Newark residents. The Newark Police Department is dedicated to serving all citizens by: responding to calls for police service, enforcing state and local laws, conducting preventative patrol activities, performing criminal investigations, promoting traffic safety, and apprehending criminal and traffic offenders. The Newark Police Department's core values are the preservation of human life, integrity, professionalism and service.

The Newark Police Departments force of 91 employees is dedicated to serving citizens through the bureaus, divisions and units described below.

### **Field Operations Bureau**

The Field Operations Bureau is broken down into two main components: The Patrol Division and the Traffic Division.

#### **Patrol Division**

The Patrol Division is the backbone of the Newark Police Department, as they are available twenty four hours a day, seven days a week, three hundred and sixty five days a year. The patrol division has the responsibility of being the first responders to all calls for police service. The Patrol Division is additionally broken down into five patrol platoons and the K9 Unit. In 2010, the police department logged 45,562 calls for service in the Computer Aided Dispatch System.

In 2010, the Newark Police Department experienced a 27.8% increase in calls for service over 2009. Part I crimes (felonies) decreased by 1.8% and Part II crimes (misdemeanors and violations) increased by 6.8%. There was a 1.7% decrease in the dollar amount of stolen property. Criminal charges brought against adults increased by 7.9% while criminal charges brought against juveniles decreased by 28.3%.

The continued reduction in the Part I crime rate can be attributed in part to the Crime Suppression Plan, which coincides with the University of Delaware semester schedule. During this time frame, violent crimes spike in and around the downtown areas of the city. The Crime Suppression Plan breaks the downtown area into small patrol sectors during the peak call volume times. Aggressive and proactive patrol techniques are deployed, which has continued the now three year drop in Part I crime. In addition, the patrol division has implemented Directed Patrols. Directed Patrols are when officers assigned to a certain area of the city, are directed to patrol specific areas based upon recent crime trends and citizen complaints.

In 2012, the Patrol Division will continue with the Crime Suppression Plan, Directed Patrols, as well as their preventative patrol activities and enforcement in a continued effort to control the crime rate.

#### **Traffic Division**

The Traffic Division is responsible for promoting traffic safety and enforcing traffic laws. The Traffic Division is also responsible for investigating serious injury and fatal motor vehicle collisions. This division oversees Parking Enforcement and the Animal Control function.

Parking Enforcement is responsible for enforcing the parking regulation throughout the city. The Animal Control officer is responsible for enforcing animal violations and public education regarding animal issues.

In 2010, traffic complaints increased by 8.5%. Parking meter summons increased by 31.9%, while other parking summons increased by 29.5%. DUI arrests decreased by 2.9% while other motor vehicle arrests increased by 4.7%. Warnings issued for traffic violations decreased by 48.8%. There was one fatal accident in 2010, while the total number of accidents decreased by 7.9%. The Traffic Division has moved their focus from being the primary vehicle collision investigators, to one of targeted traffic violation enforcement, based upon accident locations and citizen concerns. The Traffic Unit along with the Patrol Division has been focusing their efforts in specific areas of the city, which has led to the 7.9% decrease in accidents.

In 2012, the Traffic Division will continue its targeted traffic violation enforcement efforts in an attempt to further decrease the number of vehicle collisions on city roadways.

### **Administration and Investigations Bureau**

The Administration and Investigations Bureau is broken down into two main components: The Administration Division and the Criminal Investigations Division.

#### **Criminal Investigations Division**

The Criminal Investigations Division is broken down into several different units with specialized functions.

The General Investigations Unit is responsible for the follow-up investigation of major crimes or crime involving long term or specialized investigative efforts.

The Special Investigations Unit is responsible for drug, vice and organized crime investigations and for the collection, dissemination and security of criminal intelligence.

The Family Services Unit is responsible for conducting follow-up investigations of domestic violence cases, cases involving juvenile victims and offenders including follow-up on juvenile runaway or missing persons, cases involving child abuse or neglect, and acts as the department liaison with family service organizations throughout the state.

In 2010 these three units had a combined 354 cases assigned for investigation and cleared 246 of those cases for a 69% clearance rate.

The Evidence Detection Unit is responsible for coordinating the forensic processing of major crime scenes, for submitting evidence to laboratories, for coordinating the Field Evidence Technician program, and for maintaining all supplies required for processing evidence.

In 2010, The Evidence Detection Unit processed 54 major crime scenes, made 336 AFIS entries (fingerprint system), 8 IBIS entries (gun comparison system), and 46 DNA submissions.

The Street Crimes Unit is responsible for combating street crime using proactive tactics, conducting surveillance on known suspects, investigating nuisance crimes and providing support services to the divisions within the Criminal Investigations Division and the Patrol Division. As crime trends and community concerns rise, the Street Crimes Unit is deployed to the specific areas of the City to combat the increase.

In 2010, The Street Crimes Unit made 938 criminal arrests, 118 drug arrests, 84 traffic arrests, 45 fugitive arrests, 452 Order-Maintenance Arrests, 93 Graffiti arrests, and 146 other criminal arrests.

The Victim Services Unit provides social work services to victims and witnesses of violent crimes including but not limited to: crisis intervention, information and support for the court process and assistance in applying for Violent Crimes Compensation.

In 2010, the Victim Services Unit reviewed 252 cases and made contact with 779 victims and witnesses.

In 2012, the Criminal Investigations Division will continue to vigorously investigate major crimes throughout the city. The division will continue to enhance its ties with allied investigative agencies through task forces with the FBI, DEA, University of Delaware Police Department and many others.

### **Administration Division**

The Administration Division broken down into several different police units, and also oversees the civilian staff.

The Crime Prevention and Crime Analysis Unit is responsible for providing security surveys, organizing Neighborhood Watch programs, responding to the media, implementing crime prevention programs, managing the volunteer program and public relations functions. The Crime Analysis function of this unit is responsible for analyzing crime trends and reporting them to both the Field Operations Bureau and the Criminal Investigations Division.

The Accreditation Manager is responsible for ensuring that periodic reports, reviews, and other activities mandated by applicable CALEA accreditation standards are accomplished. The Accreditation Manager is also responsible for developing and maintaining the Rules and Procedures Manual, preparing personnel allocation studies and management staff studies concerning various functions of the Department.

The School Resource Officer is responsible for investigating crimes involving juveniles as victims or offenders, managing youth-related problems, running the explorer program, and maintaining liaison with local schools. The School Resource Officer is assigned and works full time at Newark High School and maintains a presence at the elementary schools.

The Property Officer is responsible for storing and accounting for all evidence and found property, for issuing and maintaining an inventory of all non-perishable police equipment, and for coordinating all building maintenance.

The Communications Section is the City of Newark's 911 center. They are responsible for receiving complaints and emergency calls from citizens, retrieving information for patrol officers, and dispatching patrol officers to calls for service.

The Records Section maintains a centralized records pool, sends the required reports to other agencies, and acts as a central repository for all records of official activity of the Department. The head of Records Section is the departments Information Systems Technician, who is responsible for implementation and maintenance of all Information Technology resources.

The Training Coordinator is responsible for all department training, manages the Field Training Officer program, maintains training files for all personnel, and manages the Department's training budget.

The Volunteer Program is staffed by civilians who supplement the employees of the Newark Police Department by, voluntarily, performing community service, crime prevention or administrative tasks. The five civilian volunteers combined for a total of over 300 hours of volunteer work at the police department.

In 2010, the Administration Division applied for and received a COPS Hiring Grant in the amount of \$447,844. This enabled the police department to hire two additional police officers. This grant increased the strength of the department from 66 sworn officers to 68. In 2010, the Administration Division also applied for and was awarded a federal Byrne grant to enhance police technology, with the acquisition of a fixed automated license plate readers and hardware upgrades to the computer servers.

In 2012 the Administration Division will continue all of its efforts, including Crime Prevention and Accreditation. The on-site assessment of the police department by CALEA is scheduled for December 2011. Federal and state grants will be sought out and applied in order to continue with technology upgrades.

**CITY OF NEWARK, DELAWARE**  
**Activities Measurements --- Police Department**

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
<b>Performance Indicators:</b>			
Service / Arrest Statistics			
Calls Received	32,274	35,646	45,562
Adult Criminal Charges	3,245	2,972	3,229
Juvenile Criminal Charges	406	322	251
Value of Stolen Property (thousands)	\$3,464.65	\$1,541.81	\$1,516.21
Part I Crime Statistics			
Homicide (attempts)	1 (0)	1(0)	2(1)
Forcible Rape	9	9	9
Robbery	47	42	37
Aggravated Assault	39	28	54
Burglary	188	143	178
Theft	1,043	902	795
Theft / Auto	106	61	54
Arson	8	7	7
Part I Crime Statistics Total	1,441	1,193	1,137
Part II Crime Statistics Total	3,739	3,067	3,291
Miscellaneous Services			
Total	12,280	17,120	25,625
Public Order Incidents (included in above Part II crimes)			
Alcohol	341	310	405
Noise	715	605	756
Disorderly	888	674	473
Misdemeanor Assaults	428	350	373
Traffic Statistics			
Traffic Complaints	9,991	11,409	12,379
Parking Summons	7,571	6,183	8,005
Meter Summons	18,206	19,736	26,024
Motor Vehicle Arrests	12,813	10,066	10,538
Warnings Issued	1,078	1,353	909
DUI Arrests	236	312	202
Accidents	1,311	1,377	1,086
Fatalities	0	0	1
Injury Accidents	272	226	230