

NEWARK POLICE DIVISION

Community Engagement Report Second Quarter – 2020



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Introduction

The Newark Police Division (NPD) is committed to transparency in its procedures and performance and seeks opportunities to engage with the community. Additionally, it is the goal of the Newark Police Division to foster a true collaborative partnership through positive engagements and build public trust between the Division and the community. To achieve these goals, the Newark Police Division and its members shall approach all interactions with the public as opportunities to enhance the perception of law enforcement and build upon public trust. The following community engagement report has been prepared to reflect the period of **April 1, 2020** through **June 30, 2020**. Due to the COVID 19 PANDEMIC many programs, initiatives and activities pertaining to Community Engagement were suspended and many of our Community interactions were adversely affected.

Criteria

Paragraph 18 of the Consent Decree states:

“Within 120 days of the Operational Date, and thereafter on a quarterly basis, NPD will prepare a publicly available report of its community policing efforts overall and in each precinct, including specific problems addressed and steps taken by NPD and the community toward their resolution”.

Summary

Due to the COVID 19 PANDEMIC many in person community engagements were canceled. The CSO's attended seven (7) community meetings during this quarter. In addition to the community meetings, the Division personnel participated in and/or orchestrated a limited number events. Many of the events have been centered in support of the community during these unprecedented times.

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Table No. 1 - Community Engagements Summary

Precinct	Community Meetings	Community Walk	Youth Engagements	Outreach	Community Cleanup	Business Checks	Citizen Contacts
1 st	1	1	0	9	1	12	7
2 nd	1	0	1	12	0	31	3
3 rd	1	2	9	38	18	0	5
4 th	2	0	0	17	0	8	14
5 th	2	0	1	8	0	10	2
6 th	0	14	3	16	0	6	5
7 th	0	0	0	6	0	30	0
Totals	7	17	14	106	19	97	36

First Precinct Qualitative Community Engagements

Community Service Officers: Police Officer A. Davis and Police Officer Z. Pickett

- Community Clean-Up –Springfield Ave. / Broome St.
- Community Meeting – 1st Precinct – 10 17th Ave.
- Community Walk – 1st Precinct – 10 17th Ave.
- Protesting Awareness – 1st Precinct – 10 17th Ave.
- Street Naming Ceremony – 1st Precinct – Spruce St. and Ivine Turner Blvd.
- Mayor’s Pop Up COVID-Testing Site – 250 Georgia King Village
- Toiletry Distribution – S. 13th Street
- COVID-19 Materials Distribution – 10 Brenner St.

Second Precinct Qualitative Community Engagements

Community Service Officers: Police Officer I. Lorenzo and Police Officer T. Rich

- COVID-19 Materials Distribution - 728 Broadway
- Toiletry Distribution – 125 Lincoln Ave.
- Toiletry Distribution – 195 Lincoln Ave.
- Toiletry Distribution – 171 Lincoln Ave.
- COVID-19 Materials Distribution – Herbert Pl./Riverside Ave.
- N.J. Honor Legion Officer Appreciation Day – 1 Lincoln Ave

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- Census Pop Up Event – 2 Grafton Ave.
- COVID-19 Pop Up Event – 2 Grafton Ave.
- Graduation Parade – 365 3rd Avenue.

Third Precinct Qualitative Community Engagements

Community Service Officers: Police Officer R. Barbosa and Police Officer M. Silva

- Community Clean Up – 36 Warwick St.
- Homeless Outreach Initiative – Edison Pl. /Merchant Pl.
- Community Cleanup – Merchant St. /Merchant Pl.
- Community Clean Up – 84 Malvern St.
- Community Clean Up – Lafayette St./Adams St.
- Food Giveaway – 37 Goble St.
- Food Giveaway – 205 Thomas St.
- Community Meeting – 47 Lafayette St.
- Community Homeless Clean Up – Chestnut St./Van Buren St.
- Community Grocery Giveaway – St. Charles St./Ferry St.
- Community Food Giveaway for Seniors – 649 Market St.
- Community Homeless Clean Up – Edison Pl. McCarter Highway
- Community Public Safety Handout Initiative – Adams St. between Ferry & Market St.
- Community Public Safety Handout Initiative – Jackson St. between Ferry & Market St.
- Community Public Safety Handout Initiative – Van Buren St. between Ferry & Market St.
- Community Public Safety Handout Initiative – Polk St. between Ferry & Market St.
- Community Public Safety Handout Initiative – Somme St. between Ferry & Market St.
- Community Clean Up – Merchant St. /Ferry St.
- Community Clean Up – 150 Avenue L
- Lunch Giveaway – 1 New York Ave.
- Mask Giveaway – Ferry St./Filmore St.
- Homeless Outreach Initiative – 11 Providence St.
- Homeless Outreach Initiative & Grocery Giveaway – Edison Pl. /Alling St.
- Food Giveaway – 205 Thomas St.
- COVID-19 Awareness initiative – Wilson Ave. /Garrison St.
- Community Cleanup – Adams St./Ferry St.
- Community Clean Up – Merchant St. /Merchant Pl.
- No-Parking Signage initiative – Harper St. /Goble St.
- Portugese Day Parade – St. Charles St. /Ferry St.
- Need-2-Fed Organization –St. John’s Church - 22 Mulberry St.
- Mayor’s COVID-19 Awareness initiative – Nevada St. /Court St.
- Community Walk – Govenor St. and Vine St.

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Fourth Precinct Qualitative Community Engagements

Community Service Officers: Police Officer A. Porter and Police Officer B. Burrows

- Community Meeting – 322 S. 20th St.
- Community Meeting – 702 S. 12th St.
- Community Meeting – Grain St. and S. 20th St. (over telephone)
- Toiletry Giveaways – 481 So. 13th St.
- Toiletry Giveaways – 567 So. 11th St.
- Toiletry Giveaways – 58 Pierce St.
- Toiletry Giveaways – 687 So. 18th St.
- Toiletry Giveaways – 517 So. 11th St.
- Toiletry Giveaways – 277 So. 18th St.
- Fresh Flowers Giveaway – 247 16th Ave.
- Community Jobless Outreach – 250 So. 11th St.
- Mayor’s Virtual Community Meeting – 247 16th Ave.
- Welcoming of the Re-Opening of Barbershops – 508 So. Orange Ave.
- Welcoming of the Re-Opening of Barbershops – 289 16th Ave.
- Welcoming of the Re-Opening of Barbershops – 718 Springfield Ave.
- Father’s Day Giveaway – Neck Ties and Socks – 247 16th Ave.
- Community Pizza Pie Giveaway – 307 16th Ave.

Fifth Precinct Qualitative Community Engagements

Community Service Officers: Police Officer G. Hines, Police Officer M. Muhammed, and Police Officer L. Martin

- Community Meeting – 480 Clinton Ave.
- Community Outreach – Avon Ave. /Jelliff St.
- Community Meeting – 1056 Bergen St.
- COVID-19 Community Awareness Initiative – Bergen St./Scheerer/Osborne/Renner
- Community Outreach – Meal Giveaways – 516 Bergen St.
- Mayor’s COVID-19 Awareness initiative – 55 Ludlow St.

Sixth Precinct Qualitative Community Engagements

Community Service Officers: Police Officer S. Okerchiri and Police Officer C. Corbett

- Sanford Ave. Block Ass. Community Meeting – Sanford Ave.
- Community Leaders Honoring Mr. George Floyd – 480 Clinton Ave.
- Dinner Meal Giveaways – 55 Manor Dr.

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- COVID-19 Community Outreach – Lenox St. /Sanford Ave.
- COVID 19 Testing - Community Outreach - 107 Ivy St.
- Community Outreach – Sanford Ave. / Vernon Pl.
- Community Outreach – Smith St. / So. Orange Ave.
- Graduation Parade – 491 Irvington Ave.
- COVID-19 Community Outreach – Bradley Court
- Community Walk – Eastern Parkway and Mt. Vernon Pl.
- Community Walk – Sanford Ave. and Sanford Pl.
- Community Walk –South Orange Ave. and Dover St.
- Community Walk – Sanford Ave. and Finley Pl.
- Community Walk – South Orange Ave. and Norwood St.
- Community Walk – Manor Dr. and Mt. Vernon Pl.
- Community Walk – South Orange Ave. and Salem St.
- Community Walk – 18th Ave. and Melrose Ave.
- Community Walk – Mead St. and Silver St.
- Community Walk – Sanford Ave. and Fleetwood St.
- Community Walk – Mt. Vernon Pl. and Kerrigan Blvd.
- Community Walk – Sanford Ave. and Lenox St.

Seventh Precinct Qualitative Community Engagements

Community Service Officers: Police Officer A. Lamar and Police Officer J. Rivera

- Business Checks – Bloomfield Ave.
- Business Checks - Park Avenue
- Business Checks - Roseville Ave.
- Business Checks – 626 N. 7th St.
- Business Checks – 64 Davenport Ave.
- Business Checks – 690-810- N. 6th St.
- COVID-19 Community Outreach – 6th Ave & Roseville Ave
- COVID 19 Testing - Community Outreach - 175-195 First Street
- NPD Clergy Ride Along Ambassador Community Outreach – Franklin Ave. / Heller Parkway
- NPD Clergy Ride Along Ambassador Community Outreach – 175-195 First Street

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Table No. 2 - Problems Identified

Problem List – Steps for Resolution							
Precinct	New Follow up	Crime	Type	Description	Steps taken	Sector	Location
1 st	NEW PROBLEM	YES	VANDALISM	Hope Well Baptist Church was vandalized with graffiti.	Information and photos sent to the Criminal intelligence Unit.	113	Quitman St./ Muhammad Ali Ave.
1 st	NEW PROBLEM	NO	FIREWORKS	Complaint of fireworks being set off in the area	Area to be patrolled	113	Muhammad Ali Ave./Livingston St.
1 st	NEW PROBLEM	YES	DRUG ACTIVITY	Drugs Activity at the location	Area to be patrolled	115	159 Norfolk St.
1 st	NEW PROBLEM	YES	DRUG ACTIVITY	Drugs Activity at the location	Area to be patrolled	114	262-265 So. 11 th St.
1 st	NEW PROBLEM	NO	STREET LIGHTS	4 Way-Stop Sign Requested at the location	Traffic & Signals Notified	115	11TH Ave. /So. 7 th St.
1 st	FOLLOW-UP	YES	CRIMINAL ACTIVITY	Violation of COVID-19 Executive Order	Arrest effected at the location	111	Springfield Ave./Broome St.
2 nd	FOLLOW-UP	NO	DOG POOPING AND WASTE NOT BEING PICKED UP	A female citizen has been allowing her dogs to defecate in front of homeowner's house.	Female citizen was located and advised and given a warning not to do this again, no summons issued	214	501 Clifton Ave.
2 nd	NEW PROBLEM	NO	ABANDONED HOUSE	The Mt. Prospect Partnership reported an abandoned house with squatters at location.	Code Enforcement Notified. Squatters removed.	217	662 Mt. Prospect Ave.
4 th	FOLLOW-UP	NO	LOITERING	Drinking in public, loud music, blocking public passage	Area to be patrolled	411	715 S.10th St.
4 th	NEW PROBLEM	YES	GRAFFITTI	Graffiti on buildings	Dept. of Public Works notified	411	721 So. 10th St.
4 th	NEW PROBLEM	NO	ABANDONED HOUSE	Complaint about three abandoned homes on South 10th St. btwn, Rose Terr.& Avon Avenue	Dept. of Public Works notified	411	South 10th St. btwn./Rose Terr. & Avon Ave.
5 th	NEW PROBLEM	YES	DRUG ACTIVITY	Narcotic sales in the area of 768, 775 So.12th Street	Area to be patrolled	512	768 & 775 So.12th St.
5 th	NEW PROBLEM	NO	ILLEGAL FIREWORKS	Complaint of Fireworks	Area to be patrolled	511	Dewy St. /Shaw - Lyons Aves.

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5 th	NEW PROBLEM	NO	ABANDONED HOUSE	Unsecured abandon house with debris, garbage and dumping	Code Enforcement Notified	512	56 Cypress St.
5 th	NEW PROBLEM	YES	ILLEGAL FIREWORKS	Complaint of Fireworks	Area to be patrolled	514	Mapes Ave./ Bergen St.
5 th	FOLLOW-UP	NO	ABANDONED HOUSE	Unsecured abandon house with debris, garbage and dumping	Code Enforcement Notified	512	56 Cypress St.
5 th	NEW PROBLEM	NO	DRUG ACTIVITY	Narcotic sales at location	Area to be patrolled	511	371 Leslie St.
5 th	FOLLOW-UP	NO	ABANDONED HOUSE	Vacant Dwelling	Code Enforcement Notified	511	56 Cypress St.
5 th	NEW PROBLEM	NO	ABANDONED HOUSE	Abandon House/ w trash	Code Enforcement Notified	512	146 Seymour Ave.
5 th	FOLLOW-UP	NO	ABANDONED HOUSE	Abandon House/w trash	DPW cleaned the location	512	146 Seymour Ave.
5 th	NEW PROBLEM	NO	LOITERING	Several people hanging at the location	Area to be patrolled	512	So.11th St./ Clinton Ave.
5 th	FOLLOW-UP	NO	ABANDONED HOUSE	Vacant Dwelling	Code Enforcement notified/ Location cleaned by DPW	512	193 Seymour Ave.
5 th	NEW PROBLEM	NO	DISORDERLY PERSONS	Concerns of harassment, threats and trespassing on property	Area to be patrolled	515	301 Irvine Turner Blvd.
5 th	FOLLOW-UP	NO	ABANDONED HOUSE	Vacant Dwelling	Code Enforcement Notified	512	56 Seymour Ave.
5 th	FOLLOW-UP	NO	ABANDONED HOUSE	Vacant Dwelling	Code Enforcement Notified	512	193 Seymour Ave.
5 th	FOLLOW-UP	NO	ABANDONED VEHICLE	Abandon Trailers /Parking Violations	Summonses issued and trailer towed	517	Empire St. & Victoria St.
5 th	NEW PROBLEM	NO	ABANDONED VEHICLE	Abandon vehicle parking on vacant lot not zoned for area	Code Enforcement Notified	512	348-350 Hawthorne Ave.
5 th	FOLLOW-UP	NO	ABANDONED VEHICLE	Abandon vehicle parking on vacant lot not zoned for area	Community Members and Businesses advised to remove any vehicles parked illegally in vacant lot.	512	348- 350 Hawthorne Ave.
5 th	NEW PROBLEM	NO	ABANDONED HOUSE	Trash and overgrown weeds at the location	Code Enforcement Notified	512	18 Ingraham Pl.
5 th	NEW PROBLEM	NO	ABANDONED HOUSE	Trash and overgrown weeds at the location	Code Enforcement Notified	512	19 Ingraham Pl.

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5 th	FOLLOW-UP	NO	ABANDONED VEHICLE	Abandon Vehicle on vacant lot	Issued warning flyers to vehicles / Vehicles will be summoned and towed	512	348-350 Hawthorne Ave.
5 th	FOLLOW-UP	NO	PARKING VIOLATION	Over weight Tractor-Trailer parked on bridge	Summonses Issued	511	Fabyan Pl. & Schley St.
5 th	NEW PROBLEM	NO	PARKING VIOLATION	Vehicles Parked on street or sidewalk where there are No Parking signs Posted ; Obstructing Fire Trucks ability to pass through for Emergency	Met with and emailed Fire Chief Jackson for aide in having a portion of the street No Parking / Fire Zone.	512	Homestead Pk.
5 th	NEW PROBLEM	NO	ABANDONED VEHICLE	Complaints of Abandon Vehicle	Summons issued and Towed vehicle	516	30 Stanton St / Sherman Ave.
5 th	NEW PROBLEM	NO	ABANDONED VEHICLE	Complaints of abandon vehicle	Summonses issued and towed vehicle	516	28 Stanton St.
5 th	FOLLOW-UP	NO	PARKING VIOLATION	Illegal Parking of Tractor Trailers: Over 4 tons on bridge	Summonses issued	511	Fabyan Pl./ Schley St.
5 th	FOLLOW-UP	NO	ABANDONED VEHICLE	Abandon vehicle on deplorable lot	Towed vehicle	512	348 - 350 Hawthorne Ave.
5 th	FOLLOW-UP	NO	ABANDONED VEHICLE	Abandon vehicle on deplorable lot	Towed Vehicle	512	350 Hawthorne Ave.
5 th	NEW PROBLEM	NO	Persons working on vehicles	Illegal Auto Shop at the location	Code Enforcement Notified	511	302 Clinton Pl.
5 th	NEW PROBLEM	NO	Business without proper paperwork	Business without proper paperwork (Mercy U Whole Sales)	Code Enforcement Notified	511	312-314 Clinton Pl.
5 th	NEW PROBLEM	NO	Motor Vehicle Violations (Speeding)	Motor vehicle violation concerning speeding causing accidents.	A radar car scheduled to address motor vehicle violation	512	Clinton Pl. btwn. Clinton & Hawthorne
5 th	FOLLOW-UP	NO	PARKING VIOLATION	Parking Violations/ No Parking Anytime	Several Summonses Issued	512	46 - 64 Homestead Pk.
6 th	NEW PROBLEM	NO	LOITERING	Complaint of people loitering at the location	Area to be patrolled	614	Sanford Ave and Finlay
6 th	NEW PROBLEM	NO	TRASH	Illegal Dumping at location	DPW notified	612	So. Orange Ave./Alexander St. St. - Near the bus stop
6 th	NEW PROBLEM	NO	NOISE	Noise Complaint	Area to be patrolled	612	284 Smith St.

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Community Affairs/Clergy Unit

The Community / Clergy Affairs unit works hand in hand with the Community Service Officers in supplementing, organizing, and augmenting their community engagement efforts. Below is a list of various community engagement efforts that have been undertaken during the second quarter of 2020. Please note that in March of 2020 all programs and initiatives overseen by this unit and activities were suspended due to the COVID 19 PANDEMIC therefore many of our Community interactions were adversely impacted. All Personnel of the Community / Clergy Affairs Unit were transferred to Precincts to help maintain basic police services during the crisis. The lack of engagement within the unit and by individual Community Service Officers can be directly attributed to the agencies overabundance of caution during this unprecedented time.

The decreased in activities reported is directly attributed to the NPD's overabundance of caution for everyone's health and wellbeing during this unprecedented time.

The Newark Police Division and the community are partners in addressing problems within the neighborhoods we serve. Tapping into the expertise and resources that exist within the community will help relieve police of some of the burdens that challenge us all today.

As part of our ongoing community engagement initiatives, the Newark Police Division continues to strive to develop innovative means to collaborate with the community. We seek to identify ways to harness and empower the strength, leadership, and diverse skills of our community partners as a means to continue to enhance safety and cohesion in our neighborhoods.

Community Ambassador Collaborative 90-Day Pilot Program

On Monday, June 15, 2020, the Newark Police Division established a **Community Ambassador Collaborative** 90-Day Pilot Program. Detectives from the Community Affairs/Clergy Unit and Community Service Officers (CSOs) were assigned to work with civilian volunteers who are trained and established community leaders. This was an opportunity to expand upon and strengthen established relationships. Eligible community members who wished to participate in this program had to fall into one of three categories:

- Previous graduate of the Newark Citizen Clergy Public Safety Academy; or
- Previously trained as a Newark Department of Public Safety Citizen Emergency Response Team (CERT) member; or

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- City of Newark employee.

NPD used this program to harness the strength, leadership, and diverse skills of our community partners as a means to continue to enhance safety and cohesion in our neighborhoods. Community Ambassador patrols were utilized to respond to the following types of assignments / conditions:

- Police assignments where Ambassadors could help officers de-escalate, calm and quell situations that would otherwise deteriorate;
- Block parties, cookouts where noise complaints are being received;
- COVID-19 related assignments where decedent's families may need additional support;
- COVID-19 Executive Order violations where Ambassadors will distribute COVID-19 educational materials;
- Community events or special events;
- Non emergency police assignments;
- Street closures; and
- Calls where ambassadors would be helpful in rendering assistance through proper referrals.

The following is a list of community ambassador engagement efforts that were undertaken during the second quarter of 2020:

- Community Ambassador Ride Along – 247 Renner Ave.
- Community Ambassador Ride Along – 244 Chadwick Ave.
- Community Ambassador Ride Along – Pennsylvania Ave./Thomas St.
- Community Ambassador Ride Along – Tremont Ave./N. Munn Ave.
- Community Ambassador Ride Along – Brookdale Ave./Valley St.
- Community Ambassador Ride Along – 70 Vermont Ave.
- Community Ambassador Ride Along – 84 No. Munn Ave.
- Community Ambassador Ride Along – P.O.P Protest - 970 Broad St.
- Community Ambassador Ride Along – 168 Smith St.
- Community Ambassador Ride Along – 39 Broad St.
- Community Ambassador Ride Along – 396-398 Sanford Ave.
- Community Ambassador Ride Along – 168 Smith St.
- Community Ambassador Ride Along - Salem St./So. Orange Ave.
- Community Ambassador Ride Along – 175-195 First St.
- Community Ambassador Ride Along - 318 6th Ave.
- Community Ambassador Ride Along – 4th Ave./No. 13th St.
- Community Ambassador Ride Along- - Nate Turner Park
- Community Ambassador Ride Along – 1060 Broad St.
- Community Ambassador Ride Along – 250 Littleton Ave.

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- Community Ambassador Ride Along – Dickerson St./No. 5th St.
- Community Ambassador Ride Along – 6th Ave./No. 9th St.
- Community Ambassador Ride Along – So. Orange Ave./Salem St.
- Community Ambassador Ride Along – 17 Elwood Pl.
- Community Ambassador Ride Along – So. Orange Ave./Fairmount Ave.
- Community Ambassador Ride Along – So. Orange Ave./Littleton Ave.
- Community Ambassador Ride Along – 16th Ave. /So. 17th St.
- Community Ambassador Ride Along – Military Park – (Juneteenth Celebration)
- Community Ambassador Ride Along – Clinton Ave./Peshine Ave. - (Juneteenth Celebration)
- Community Ambassador Ride Along – Community Clean-Up West Ward – 1010 18th Ave.
- Community Ambassador Ride Along – Grafton Ave.
- Community Ambassador Ride Along – Fabyan Pl. /Cypress St.
- Community Ambassador Ride Along - 885 So. 18th St.
- Community Ambassador Ride Along - 26 W. Kinney St.
- Community Ambassador Ride Along – Area of Pennington Ct.
- Community Ambassador Ride Along – Area of Hyatt Ct.
- Community Ambassador Ride Along – Area of Riverview Ct.
- Community Ambassador Ride Along – P.O.P. Protest - 970 Broad St.
- Community Ambassador Ride Along – Area of Bradley Ct.
- Community Ambassador Ride Along – Vicinity of Frelinghuysen Ave./Van Vechten St.
- Community Ambassador Ride Along – Grafton Ave. Townhouses
- Community Ambassador Ride Along – 181-185 Garside St.
- Community Ambassador Ride Along – Parkhurst St./Pennsylvania Ave.
- Community Ambassador Ride Along - 181 Garside St.
- Community Ambassador Ride Along – Broad & Market St.
- Community Ambassador Ride Along – 18th Ave./Sunset St.
- Community Ambassador Ride Along – W. Market St. /Norfolk St.
- Community Ambassador Ride Along - 14th Ave. / So. 12th St.
- Community Ambassador Ride Along – So. 6th St./Springfield Ave.
- Community Ambassador Ride Along – 317 7th Ave.
- Community Ambassador Ride Along – Union Protest – 37 Corneila St.
- Community Ambassador Ride Along – Ferry St./Jackson St.
- Community Ambassador Ride Along – Hawkins St./Horatio Ct.
- Community Ambassador Ride Along – 407 So.6th St.
- Community Ambassador Ride Along – 247 Lehigh Ave.
- Community Ambassador Ride Along – Street Mural Painting – Halsey St.
- Community Ambassador Ride Along – Street Mural Painting – Dr. M.L.K. Blvd.
- Community Ambassador Ride Along – Demonstration Rally – Newark City Hall
- Community Ambassador Ride Along – Demonstration Rally – 5th Precinct
- Community Ambassador Ride Along – Bradley Ct.

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- Community Ambassador Ride Along – Hyatt Ct.
- Community Ambassador Ride Along – Academy Spires
- Community Ambassador Ride Along – Bradley Ct.
- Community Ambassador Ride Along – So. Orange Ave./Littleton Ave.
- Community Ambassador Ride Along – Academy Spires
- Community Ambassador Ride Along – Rose/Tracey
- Community Ambassador Ride Along – 83 Murray St.
- Community Ambassador Ride Along – 515 Elizabeth Ave.
- Community Ambassador Ride Along – P.O.P. Protest – 970 Broad St.
- Community Ambassador Ride Along – Hinsdale Pl.
- Community Ambassador Ride Along – Oraton St.
- Community Ambassador Ride Along – Davenport St.
- Community Ambassador Ride Along – No. 10th St.
- Community Ambassador Ride Along – Franklin Ave. /Heller Pkwy.
- Community Ambassador Ride Along – P.O.P. Protest – 970 Broad St.
- Community Ambassador Ride Along – 46 Columbia Ave.
- Community Ambassador Ride Along – Bradley Ct.
- Community Ambassador Ride Along – Oscar Miles Complex
- Community Ambassador Ride Along – So. Orange Ave./So. 9th St.
- Community Ambassador Ride Along – So. 17th St./16th Ave.
- Community Ambassador Ride Along – 128 Boyd St.
- Community Ambassador Ride Along – 175 First St.
- Community Ambassador Ride Along – Food Distribution – 65 Riverside Ct.
- Community Ambassador Ride Along – Nat Turner Park

Community/Clergy Affairs Unit Outreach Programs

Year Round: Basketball Team (SUSPENDED MARCH 9, 2020)

The Public Safety Academy - (SPRING SEMESTER CANCELLED DUE TO COVID 19) is an eight-week course where participants learn the basic functions and operations of the Police/Fire and OEM Division. Participants must complete six of the eight scheduled classes. We have instituted an alumni association of our participants. Approximately 60 alumni have chosen to continue to participate with us when called upon. They have been useful in disseminating all manner of Police community relations info and serve as volunteers at community events.

Clergy Alliance (SUSPENDED MARCH 9, 2020) - We currently have 51 clergy members that we actively collaborate with. We have a ride-along program in which clergy members respond out into the community (hospitals/senior homes) to offer prayer and other services to members

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of the community. We also host monthly meetings of our participants and provide them with services and opportunities to volunteer in other worthwhile projects.

Block Watch Program (NEW TRAININGS SUSPENDED MARCH 9, 2020) - can be organized through the precinct community service officers as well as the community affairs/clergy unit. Our Block Watch program requires 7-10 people to start the program. It teaches members of the community crime safety tips, crime prevention and the proper reporting procedure for reporting a crime or incident. There are 76 registered block watch programs within the city with a block watch creation drive underway.

Coffee with a Cop (SUSPENDED MARCH 9, 2020) - is a program started in California that we have adopted in our city and have augmented it to include Pizza with a Cop, Hero (sandwich) with a hero and Ice Cream with a Cop. These programs bring police officers and the community members they serve together-over coffee- to discuss issues and learn more about each other.

Community Service Officers and members of the Community/Clergy Affairs Unit visit Senior Citizen Housing and Nursing Homes to conduct the "**Paint and Sip**" program whereby Officers sit with the seniors and paint small art projects while sipping coffee and tea. (Paint and sips are ongoing and we are looking to collaborate with Newark Housing for future events.)

Hope One Cares Project: (SUSPENDED MARCH 9, 2020) This program has been modeled after a similar program in Morris County. It is a mobile outreach vehicle bringing services to the addicted and afflicted and their families. Narcan training, rehab and recovery facilities, light refreshments served, CPR training and all manner of referrals provided.

Citywide all officers and Detectives of the Newark Police Division continue to break new ground with their imaginative approach and dedicated commitment to community policing.

Youth Engagement

Police Explorer Program (SUSPENDED MARCH 9, 2020) is hosted by our unit twice a week where explores are given insight and instruction into what it is like to enter a career in the Police Division. These members also participate in competitions based on police training against other Police explorer posts. During this quarter, the explorers participated in the "Blue Line Buddies" event, "Soup-With-A-Cop" event and the "Toys-for-Tots" giveaway.

School Resource Officers There is currently one School Resource Officer assigned to each command. During a "normal schedule" school year the School Resource officers are available to

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address any concerns within the schools. They also conduct safety presentations throughout the school year. With over 140 schools, district and charter, the school resource officers primarily handle majority of school related incidents. Serious incidents such as robberies, sexual assault and weapon possession are included. These matters are documented and referred accordingly throughout the appropriate investigative section. However, school resource officers are usually the first contact.

Due to the fact that Newark Public Schools have been conducting instruction remotely during this period, School Resource Officers have spent part of their time assisting in the citywide student meal distribution plan to ensure all children participating in the program receive their meals.

G.R.E.A.T. Program (SUSPENDED MARCH 9, 2020) is an anti-bullying program taught to grades 3-8 throughout the Newark School District. The program also teaches gang awareness and drug prevention. Currently GREAT is taught 5 days a week in schools throughout the city by a detective from our unit. Upon graduation, the department treats all children to popcorn, soda and a movie at the Cityplex where they also receive a t-shirt.

Station House Adjustments: A stationhouse adjustment is an alternative method that NPD uses to handle first-time juvenile offenders who have committed minor juvenile delinquency offenses. The intent of the stationhouse adjustment program is to provide for immediate consequences, such as community service or restitution and a prompt and convenient resolution for the victim, while at the same time benefitting the juvenile by avoiding the stigma of a formal juvenile delinquency record. In many instances, this early intervention will deter the youth from continuing their negative behavior and divert the youth from progressing further into the juvenile justice system.

Newark Youth Court: (SUSPENDED MARCH 2020) The Newark Youth Court works with Newark Schools, Truancy Court and Police officers. NPD uses the Youth Court predominantly during Station House Adjustments. Young people are referred based on disorderly conduct and low-level behavior while the court refers truancy cases. Youth Court staff members speak to each young person and their parents to explain the program for a youth court hearing.

C.O.P.Y. (Call-Out Program for Youth) – Partnership with Rutgers University The NPD - Juvenile Services Section collaborates with Rutgers University to link first time offending youth to developmentally salient family, social, educational, and vocational services. Initially the program catered to first time offenders. Since that, time weapons possessions and chronic receiving stolen property offenders are considered. Doctor Paul Boxer of Rutgers University is the director, founder and coordinator of this program. C.O.P.Y. was started in 2015. Since that time, various first time offenders involved in a serious crime have been referred to the C.O.P.Y.

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program. A C.O.P.Y. referral was made when a guardian /parent agreed to complete a waiver that would allow Rutgers to contact them and provide further information on their program. The C.O.P.Y program and the multiple services provided by Rutgers have showed us over time that there certainly are cohorts of youth under court supervision who need to be connected to services; and there are service providers in need of appropriate referral streams. C.O.P.Y. encourages an open discussion of how we can best facilitate these "matches," as well as any other issues relevant to reducing and preventing youth violence and delinquency.

Newark Cares Program: The Newark Police Division has collaborated with the DEA and the Newark Board Education to implement the Newark Cares program. The Newark Cares program is a tool for school personnel to assist with mitigating negative affects experienced by children exposed to trauma. School Resource Officers coordinate with the Newark Board of Education security to ensure the Newark Cares notice is forwarded to the proper authority at the respective school.

Operation Conversation Cops and Kids All Stars Project: Operation Conversation Cops and Kids is the All Stars project award –winning police community relations program designed to foster positive interactions between the police and young people from poor communities through a series of workshops and theatrical productions that use performance, improvisation and conversation. Over 200 Newark Police officers have participated thus far.

Staffing Assessment Newark Police Division

The Newark Police Division (NPD) commissioned the Urban League of Essex County to conduct a staffing study of the department in compliance with the Consent Decree. The Consent Decree requires the NPD to “assess and revise its staffing allocation and personnel deployment to support community policing and problem-solving initiatives, and modify any deployment strategy that is incompatible with effective community-oriented policing.”

Staffing Assessment Summary: The Newark Police Division needs additional personnel to support its community policing and problem-solving initiatives. If the Division wants Precinct Patrol officers to have adequate time to engage the community and work on problem solving projects, it needs 247 additional officers assigned to the precincts. In addition, it needs six additional detectives assigned to investigate Part 1 Crimes.

Staffing Allocation and Strategies aimed at supporting Community Policing

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The following measures have been instituted by the NPD to revise its staffing allocation and personnel deployment to support community policing and problem-solving initiatives. The Sixth Precinct, in the Upper Vailsburg neighborhood and the Seventh Precinct, in the Roseville neighborhood have been opened, in effect doubling the amount of officers dedicated to patrol those specific areas. Opening new precincts in neighborhoods that have been disenfranchised for so long and putting officers in precincts is at the very heart of the staffing assessment and the Consent Decree.

In March of 2020, in response to the evolving COVID-19 Pandemic, NPD personnel were transferred and reassigned to operational positions within the agency. Included were twenty-five Division members that were detailed to outside agencies, seventy-five recently graduated officers and twenty-seven officers assigned to administrative positions. Some agency training for the recently graduated officers was postponed due to social distancing requirements for in classroom training.



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