

Elsmere Bureau of Police
2020
Annual Report



Chief Laura M. Giles

Elsmere Bureau of Police 2020

Highlighted Events

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Section 1



2020 Organizational Chart

Elsmere Bureau of Police

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Organization Chart

Chief of Police

Laura Giles

Lieutenant

Gregg Shelton

Sergeant "A" Squad

Stephen Smith

Admin.Assistant

Linda Sommermann

Sergeant "B" Squad

Philip Young

"A" Squad

Sr/Cpl. Kevin Kerrigan

PFC R. Elliott Singleton

PFC Roman Franzone

"B" Squad

Cpl. John P. Giles

PFC John Frey

Ptln. Zachary Linde

Recruit Joshua Rosa

"Detective Unit"

M/Cpl. Scot Sowden

Part-Time Officers

Ptln. Earl McCloskey

Clergy

Deacon David DeGhetto

Section 2

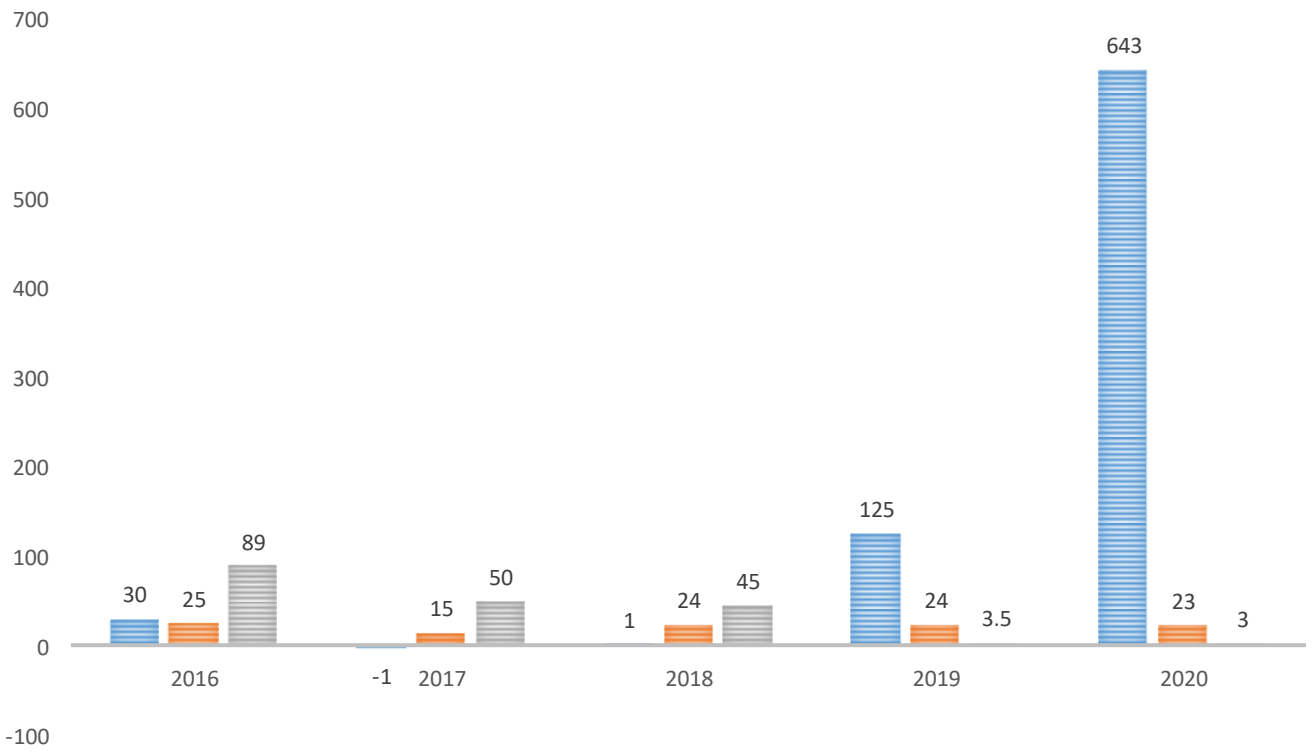


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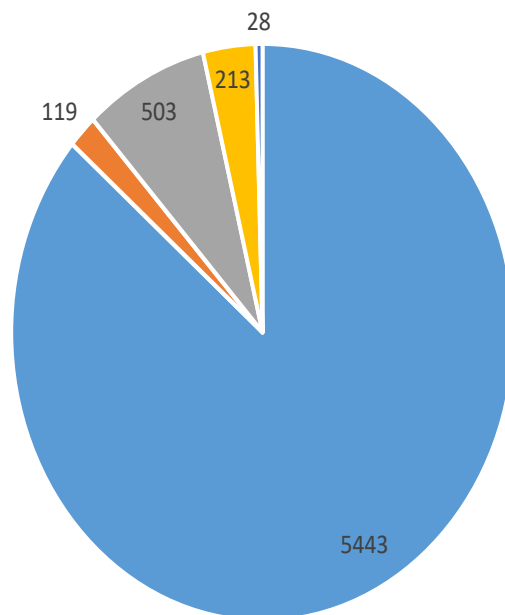
**Highlighted
Events**

SEIZED DRUGS

■ Various Varieties of Pills ■ Crack Cocaine (Grams) ■ Marijuana (Pounds)

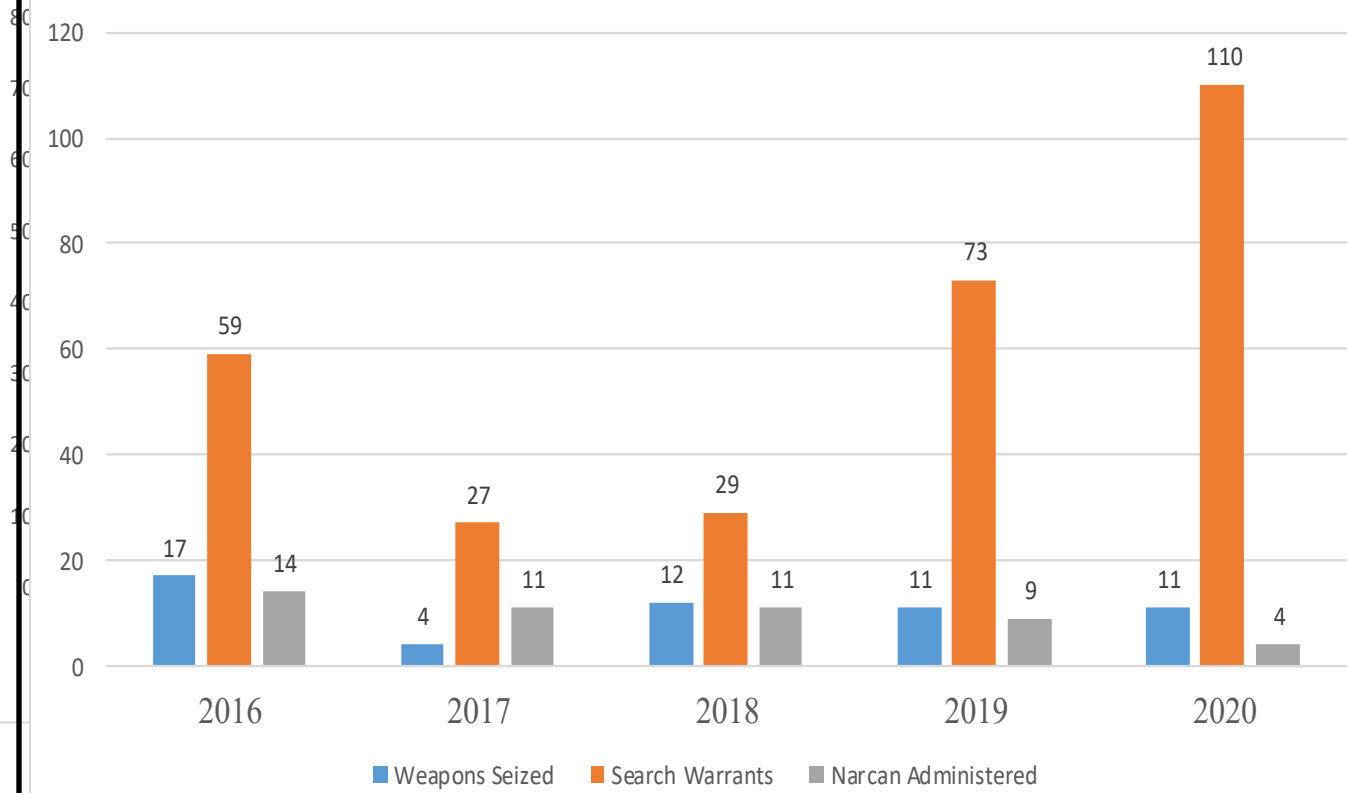


Heroin (Bags) Seized

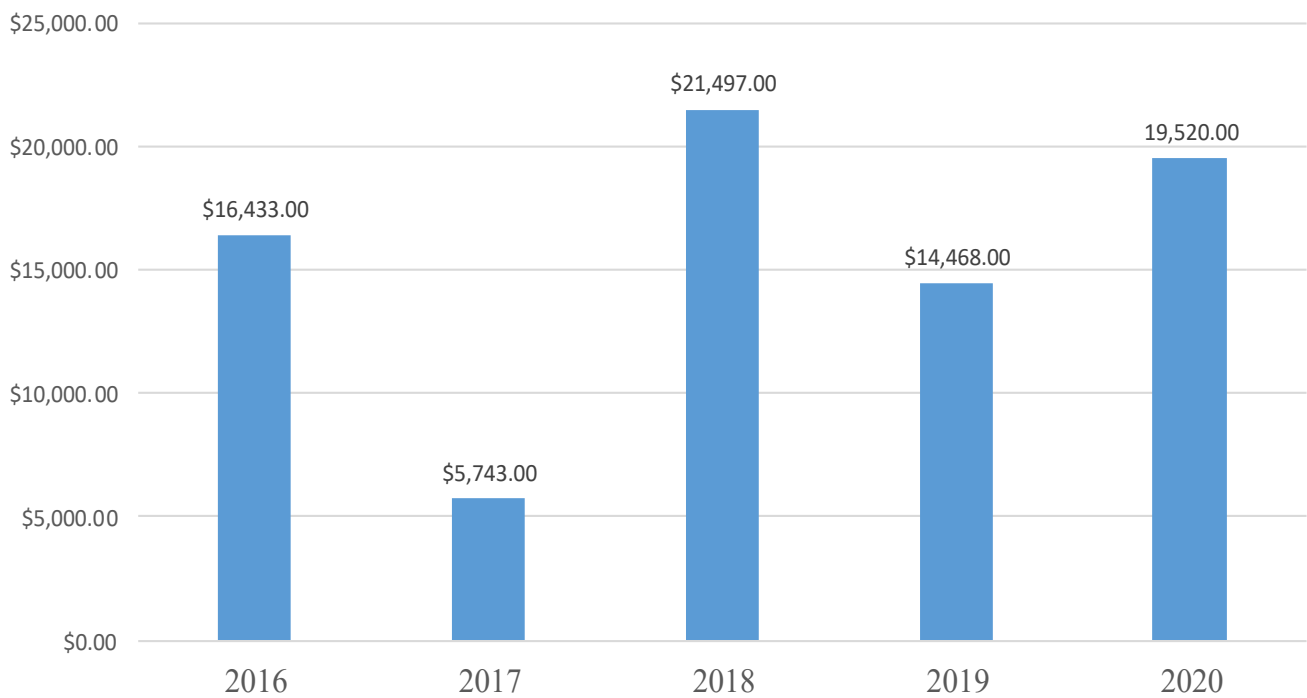


■ 2016 ■ 2017 ■ 2018 ■ 2019 ■ 2020

Weapons/Search Warrants/Narcan



Drug Money Seized



January 1, 2020:

Man Arrested After Discharging Weapon and Falsifying Report

On January 1, 2020 Officers responded to a local hospital to make contact with a gunshot victim. Officers made contact with Hector Torres, 48 of Elsmere. Hector stated that shortly after midnight he was outside of his residence when he observed a black male with dreadlocks raising a gun in the air as if he was going to discharge it in a New Year's celebration. Hector stated that he tried to sneak up on the male and take the gun from him, but the gun discharged and the male fled in an unknown direction.

Upon further investigating this matter, it was learned that it was Hector himself who discharged a firearm in front of his residence putting neighbors in danger of being struck with the projectile. Hector fabricated the story about the black male with dreadlocks.

Based on the investigation Hector was charged with 7 counts of Reckless Endangering 1st Degree, 1 Count of Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Felony, 1 Count of Felony Providing a False Statement to Police, 1 Count of Felony Hindering Prosecution, 1 Count of Felony Endangering the Welfare of a Child, and 1 Count of Discharging a Firearm. Hector was arraigned and released on \$70,500 Unsecured Bond.



February 15, 2020:

On Saturday, February 15, 2020 the Elsmere Police Department responded to the 200 block of Birch Avenue for the report of a robbery involving a firearm. Upon further investigation and speaking with the victim's it was learned that SAM VOTTA, 20 of Union Park Gardens threatened both victim's with a handgun before assaulting one of the victim's with the weapon and removing property.

A short time later, officers were able to locate VOTTA walking in the area and took him in to custody without incident. VOTTA was in possession of the victim's property when stopped, along with 14.7 grams of marijuana and a digital scale. Search warrants were conducted at a residence in the 200 block of Birch Avenue and further evidence was collected.

February 15, 2020—continued:

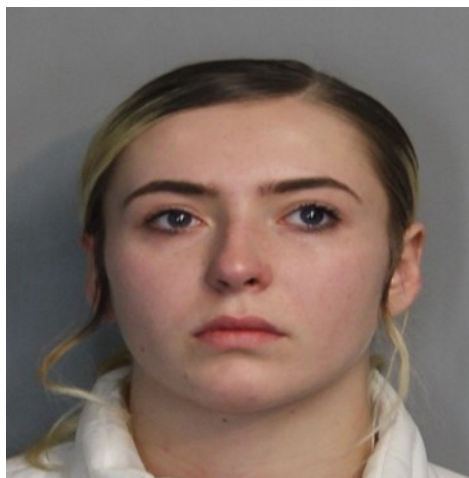
As a result of the investigation, a second subject LOGAN LEWIS, 20, of the 200 block of Birch Avenue was also arrested for violation of a court order and for having an active court capias. LEWIS was released on unsecured bail.

VOTTA was charged with the following: 2 counts of Robbery 1st Degree, Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Felony, Possession with Intent to Deliver a Controlled Substance, 2 counts of Aggravated Menacing, Possession of a Firearm by a Person Prohibited, Unlawful Imprisonment 1st Degree, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia not related to Personal Use. VOTTA received a bail of \$16,500 secured bond and was transported to Howard R. Young Prison.

If anyone has any additional information to add to this investigation, please contact Detective Sowden at 302-998-1173 ext. 208 or via e-mail at scot.sowden@cj.state.de.us



Sam Votta



Logan Lewis

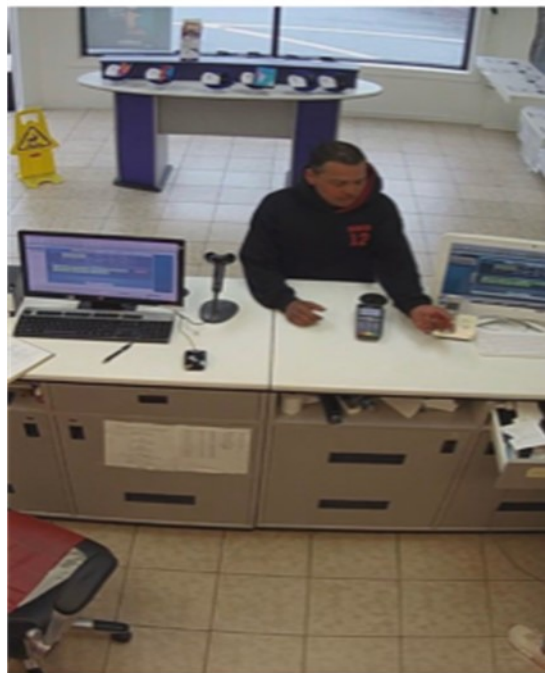
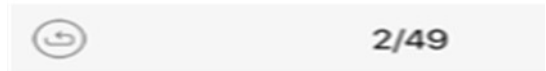
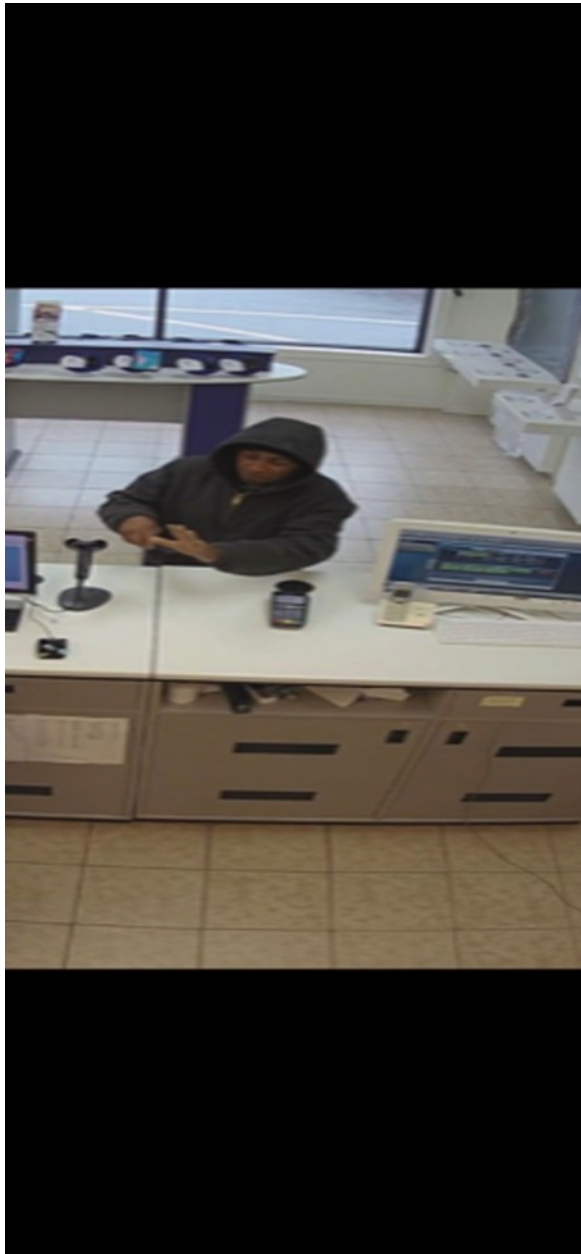
March 27, 2020:

On Friday, March 27, 2020, Cpl. Giles and Ptlm. Linde responded to Vilone Park for two vehicles doing burnouts in the parking lot. The first vehicle was contacted prior to leaving the park with the second vehicle remained idling at the Oak Hill walking path. After the first vehicle was released, officers began to approach the second vehicle on foot. At that time four subjects bailed on foot in to Oak Hill. Examination of the vehicle revealed that it was stolen out of NCCPD jurisdiction on Thursday, March 26th.

Through coordination with NCCPD, officers were able to assist in the apprehension of two of the four suspects on Faulkland Road at Willow Run Drive. Through a description provided EPD officers were able to identify the two of the outstanding suspects for NCCPD. NCCPD handled the recovery and arrests.

March 28, 2020:

On Saturday, March 28, 2020 at approximately 1250 hrs. Sgt. Young and Ptm. Frey were dispatched to Metro PCS (930 Kirkwood Hwy) for a robbery that had just occurred. The clerk advised two Hispanic males entered the store and demanded the money from the cash register. One suspect was armed with a pocket knife. They fled the scene on foot towards Kirkwood Highway. Below are photos of the suspects. If you recognize either of these suspects, please call Ptm. Frey @ (302) 998-1173 ext. 214 or Delaware Crimes Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333.



May 15, 2020:

HOME INVASION SUSPECTS

On Friday, May 15, 2020 the Elsmere Police Department responded to the unit block of Tamarack Avenue regarding a home invasion. The suspects entered the residence while brandishing handguns and removed property from the victims before fleeing the scene in a dark color tinted out sedan. If you have any information regarding this investigation please contact Detective Sowden at 302-998-1173 ext. 208 or via e-mail at scot.sowden@cj.state.de.us or Delaware Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333.

Update: A suspect has been arrested for Home Invasion and is currently incarcerated in Pennsylvania and awaiting extradition to Delaware .



June 20, 2020:

New Castle County Police Academy

On Monday, June 20, 2020 the New Castle County Police Academy began their 47th Police Academy. Recruit Josh Rosa will be attending the academy for the Elsmere Police Department.

July 2020:

Public Service Announcement: Lock it or Lose it!



We are encouraging residents to take steps to protect their property and prevent crime by not presenting crimes of opportunity. This is to serve as a reminder to lock your vehicle doors and remove any valuables, even when parking in your driveway. Please remember, often an unlocked vehicle can provide a burglar access to your home using your garage door opener or spare key. Take the time to set preventative measures to protect your property and valuables.

The Elsmere Police Department strives to promote active participation amongst residents to report suspicious activity when it is observed. The public is a valuable partner in the prevention and solving of crime. We ask the residents of the Town of Elsmere to be aware of any suspicious activity and to report it to Police immediately. If you observe something that seems suspicious, we ask that you call **911** or the **Non-Emergency Number @ 302-573-2800** so an officer can be dispatched to investigate.

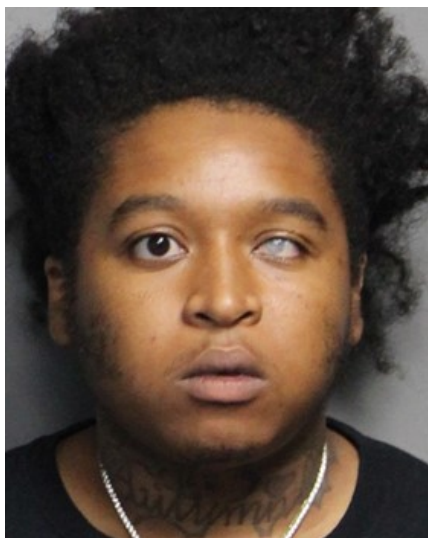
August 8, 2020:

Traffic Stop Leads to Stolen Gun

On Saturday, August 8, 2020, S/Cpl. Kerrigan was working an Office of Highway Safety grant and conducted a traffic stop for speeding in the area of Route 100 @ Viaduct. S/Cpl. Kerrigan smelled a strong odor of burnt marijuana emanating from the vehicle. It was determined that the vehicle was displaying a fictitious temporary Pennsylvania tag.

A search of the vehicle was conducted which yielded a total of 8.9 grams of marijuana and a stolen Smith & Wesson Walther P22 firearm. The passenger, Nyeem Parks was charged with Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Felony, Possession of a Firearm by a Person Prohibited, Possession of Ammunition by a Person Prohibited, Carrying a Concealed Deadly Weapon, Receiving a Stolen Firearm and Possession of Marijuana. Mr. Parks was arraigned by JP Court #2 and bail was set at \$70,100 cash. Mr. Parks was committed to Howard Young Correctional.

The driver was charged with traffic violations.

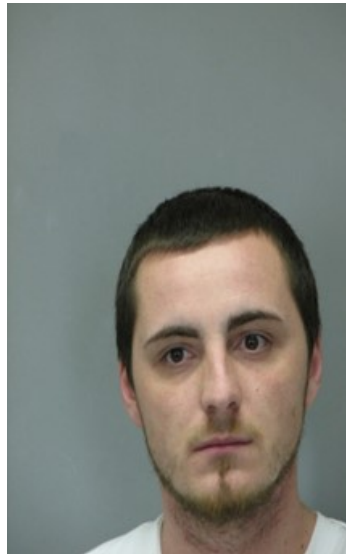


Nyeem Parks

August 23, 2020:

Suspicious Death Ruled A Homicide

On August 23, 2020 the Elsmere Police Department was alerted to a possible homicide with the deceased subject being hidden somewhere in the Town. Through a coordinated effort with New Castle County Police Detectives, the investigation led to a residence in the 1300 block of Cypress Avenue. A search warrant was executed at this residence and the body of the Victim was located. The Delaware Division of Forensic Science has ruled the death a homicide. Through various investigative steps, Ryan Geary, 36 of Newport was identified as a prime suspect. On September 24, 2020 after an extensive investigation, warrants were signed charging Geary with Murder in the 1st Degree, Robbery in the 1st Degree, Strangulation, and Selling Stolen Property. Geary is currently incarcerated out of State on unrelated charges. This is still an active investigation, and anyone with information is encouraged to contact Detective Sowden at 302-998-1173 ext. 208 or via e-mail at scot.sowden@cj.state.de.us, or Delaware Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333. You can ask to remain anonymous.



Ryan Geary

September 17, 2020:

Domestic Dispute Leads to Stabbing

On Thursday, September 17, 2020, Det. Sowden responded to St. Francis Hospital regarding a stabbing that may have taken place at Maple Walk Apartments. The investigation revealed that the 22 year-old male victim was stabbed by his estranged girlfriend in the 1400 block of Maple Avenue.

September 17, 2020 –Continued:

Det. Sowden executed a search warrant at the residence and located the scene and the weapon. Lavoejah Nelson (23) of the 1400 block of Maple Avenue was charged with Assault 1st and Possession of a Deadly Weapon During the Commission of a Felony. Ms. Nelson was released on \$40,000 unsecured bond.

September 20, 2020:

Two Subjects Shot

On Sunday, September 20, 2020 at approximately 8:45 hours Elsmere Police and New Castle County Police responded to the unit block of Tamarack Avenue for a shooting. Upon arrival officers located one male subject that was suffering from a gunshot wound. The victim was transported to Christiana ER where he was later released.

Approximately two hours later another male victim responded to the Christiana ER by private vehicle suffering from two gunshots to his lower extremities. This victim was also later released. Both male victims are in their early 20's.

We are asking anyone with any information to please contact Det. Scot Sowden at scot.sowden@cj.state.de.us or (302) 998-1173 ext. 208 or contact the Delaware Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333.

October 5, 2020:

Barricaded Subject

On Monday, October 5, 2020, at approximately 1620 hours, officers responded to the 200 Block of Olga Road for the report of a suicidal person. Upon arrival the individual refused to exit the residence. New Castle County PD assisted with negotiations with the resident and after approximately 45 minutes he exited the residence. The individual was transported to the hospital for evaluation.

October 11, 2020:

Metro PCS Burglarized

On Sunday, October 11, 2020, the below suspect burglarized the Metro PCS store in the 900 block of Kirkwood Highway. The suspect fled the store empty handed prior to police arriving.

If you recognize the individual, please contact Det. Scot Sowden at scot.sowden@cj.state.de.us or you can remain anonymous and contact Delaware Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-333 or crimestoppers@delaware.gov.



October 22, 2020:

Father and Son Arrested for Sexual Assaults

During the month of April, 2020, Elsmere Police began investigating allegations of sexual assault that had taken place in the 200 block of Linden Avenue in Elsmere. As the result of a lengthy investigation, Elsmere Police arrested Joseph Duggan, 44 and his father William Duggan, 80 both of Elsmere. Joseph Duggan was charged with 1 Count of Unlawful Contact 2nd Degree, 4 Counts of Unlawful Sexual Contact 1st Degree, 2 Counts of Sexual Abuse by a Person in Position of Trust 2nd Degree, and Continuous Sexual Abuse of a Child. Joseph Duggan received a bail of \$93,000 cash only bond and was committed to Howard R. Young Correctional Institution.

William Duggan was charged with Unlawful Sexual Contact 1st Degree, Rape 2nd Degree, Unlawful Sexual Contact 2nd Degree, Endangering the Welfare of a Child, Sexual Abuse by a Person in a Position of Trust, and Sexual Extortion. William Duggan received a bail of \$150,000 cash only bond and was committed to Howard R. Young Correction Institution. Both Joseph and William Duggan were ordered to have no contact with anyone under 18 years of age.

The Elsmere Police Department believes that there may be additional victims who have not yet come forward. If you are anyone that you know is a victim of William or Joseph Duggan, please contact Detective Sowden at 302-998-1173 ext. 208 or via e-mail at scot.sowden@cj.state.de.us or Delaware Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333 or crimestoppers@delaware.gov. You may remain anonymous.



William Duggan



Joseph Duggan

November 04, 2020

Drug and money seizure

On November 04, 2020, Joseph Piazza was contacted during a traffic stop and illegal drugs were located. During the investigation, a search of the suspect's home revealed bulk currency and additional drugs. Delaware State Police Troop 2 GTF was contacted and aided in the investigation. This investigation resulted in the seizure of several pounds of THC products, 76 grams of mushrooms, \$14,000 and a seized vehicle.



November 05, 2020:

Shots Fired Incident

On November 05, 2020 officers were dispatched to the 1200 block of Maple Avenue for the report of shots fired. Upon arriving, officers were able to locate several spent casings in the rear alleyway and determine that one of the bullets entered a residence. No one was injured, and the investigation is still ongoing.

November 13, 2020

Search Warrant Conducted

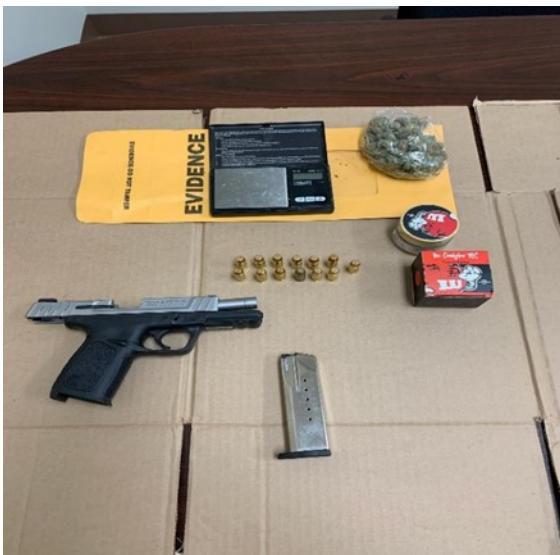
On November 13, 2020 Elsmere Police officers assisted by the Wilmington Police SWAT team executed a search warrant in the 1200 block of Maple Avenue due to ongoing drug activity. Because of the investigation, officers arrested several individuals and seized 273.5 grams of marijuana, 3.5 grams of cocaine and \$351.00 dollars in drug proceeds.

December 04, 2020

ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION RESULTS IN FIREARM ARREST

On Friday, December 4th 2020, Elsmere Officers responded to the intersection of N. Dupont Rd. and New Rd. for a motor vehicle collision with injuries. The crash investigation revealed that Kevin Potts (a 22 year old male from the 1600 block of Bonwood Rd.) was operating a white Chevrolet Cruze South on Dupont Rd. at a high rate of speed. As he approached the intersection of New Rd. Potts failed to stop for a solid red signal. At that same time a blue Chevrolet Equinox was traveling East on New Rd. and entering the intersection with a solid green signal. Potts' vehicle struck the Equinox causing injuries to the occupants. Potts was not injured. Also during the investigation Ofc. Linde found that Potts was in possession of a .40 caliber Smith & Wesson pistol while also concealing 21.3 grams of marijuana and a digital scale in his sock. Delaware law prohibits the possession of a firearm while also possessing a controlled substance.

Kevin Potts was charged with Possession of Firearm by a Person Prohibited, Possession of Marijuana, Failing to Drive at Speeds Appropriate for Conditions, Failure to Stop at a Red Light, and Failing to Wear a Seatbelt. Potts was released on \$5,100 unsecured bond. The occupants of the Equinox were transported to a local hospital with minor injuries.



Kevin Potts

December 05, 2020:

Stolen Vehicle From Domino's Parking Lot

On Saturday, December 05, 2020 officers were dispatched to the 500 block of Kirkwood Highway for a stolen vehicle from the Domino's parking lot. Det. Sowden was able to identify one of the juveniles from the video footage. A search warrant of the juvenile's residence recovered the victim's keys. The juvenile was arrested for Motor Vehicle, Conspiracy 2nd, Theft Under \$1,500 and Theft of Prescription Medication. The juvenile received \$5,000 unsecured bail and released to his parent.

December 19, 2020

TRAFFIC STOP LEADS TO FIREARM ARREST

On Saturday, December 19, 2020, Officer Linde observed a vehicle displaying fictitious tags traveling West on Kirkwood Hwy. while entering the Town of Elsmere. As Officer Linde was preparing to conduct a traffic stop, the driver/defendant, 22-year-old Tavian Hunter from the unit block of Monterey Drive, Newark DE, attempted to abandon his vehicle in the intersection of Kirkwood Hwy. and DuPont Road.

Officer Linde had defendant HUNTER return to his vehicle where he was observed reaching under the driver's seat. A search of the vehicle resulted in locating a loaded 9mm custom pistol concealed under the driver's seat and 22 grams of marijuana.

Hunter was arrested and charged with: Fictitious Registration Plate, Resisting Arrest, Possession of a Concealed Deadly Weapon, Possession of a Firearm by a Person Prohibited, Tampering with Evidence and other traffic violations. He was committed to Howard Young Correctional Center in lieu of \$15,504 Cash Bail.



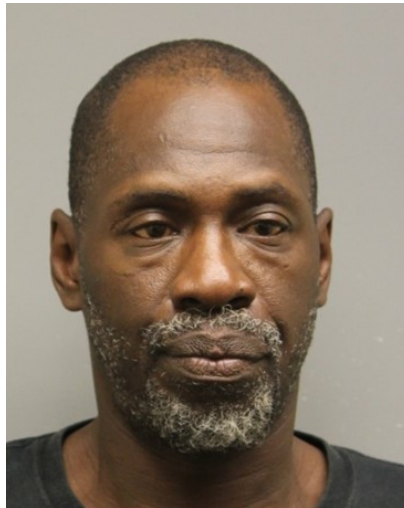
Tavian Hunter



December 28, 2020

STOP LEADS TO ARREST OF WANTED SEX OFFENDER

On Thursday, December 28, 2020, Ptlm. Linde was conducting stationary traffic enforcement in the area of Kirkwood Highway and Spruce Avenue when he observed a white Lexus sedan traveling at a high rate of speed. The Ptlm. Linde conducted a traffic stop and contacted the occupants of the vehicle. While conversing with the occupants Ptlm. Linde was able to determine that the one passenger had provided false information. Through his investigation Ptlm. Linde was able to identify the front passenger as James Dupree, a 49-year-old male from the City of Wilmington. Further investigation revealed that Dupree was wanted by the Wilmington Police Department for being Registered Sex Offender Failing to Register his Address. Additionally, Dupree had an outstanding warrant for Unlawful Sexual Contact with a Victim Less than 13 Years of Age. Dupree was turned over to the Wilmington Police Department for the active warrants.



James Dupree

Section 3



Calls for Service by Classification

Row Labels	Count of Incident Number
911D Hangup Call	10
911D Land Line	18
911D Open Line	9
Abandoned Vehicle	28
Abuse/Neglect	4
Abuse/Neglect - In Progress	2
Accident Departmental	3
Accident PD	86
Accident PD H/R	81
Accident PI	30
Accident PI H/R	1
Accident Unknown	13
Accident Unknown H/R	3
Accidental Emergency Activation	1
Added Information	53
Alarm Burglary	220
Alarm Holdup/Panic	21
Alarm Vehicle	3
Animal	15
Animal w/Danger	5
Assault	8
Assault - In Progress	8
Assault - Just Occurred	8
Assault w/Weapon	1
Assault w/Weapon - In Progress	3
Assault w/Weapon - Just Occ'd	4
Assist Fire/EMS	108
Assist Other Agency	73
Barking Dog	9
BOLO Local	1
Booking	52
Breech of Release	2
Burglary	14
Burglary - In Progress	33
Burglary - Just Occ'd	5
Carjacking - In Progress	2
Carjacking - Just Occ'd	1
Check on the Welfare	201
Civil Matter	17

Community Policing	1
CPR in Progress	36
Criminal mischief	34
Criminal Mischief - In Progress	10
Criminal Mischief - Just Occ'd	15
Custody dispute	11
Cutting/Stabbing - Just Occ'd	1
Death Investigation	20
Death Notification	2
Disabled vehicle	27
Disorderly group	15
Disorderly person	132
Dog Bite	2
Domestic	18
Domestic - In Progress	318
Domestic - Just Occ'd	41
Domestic w/Weapons - In Progress	25
Domestic w/Weapons - Just Occ'd	1
Drug Violation	36
Drunk/Intoxication	18
DUI	1
Fight - In Progress	33
Fight w/Weapons - In Progress	3
Fire - Alarm	1
Fireworks	20
Follow Up	194
Found person	8
Fraud	42
Fugitive	11
Gun Violation	17
Harassment	35
Harassment - In Progress	9
Harassment - Just Occ'd	3
Indecent Exposure	4
Kidnapping - In Progress	2
Known Location of Missing Person	3
Locked in Vehicle	1
Loitering	1

Lost/stolen tag	1
Loud Music/Party	42
Megans Law	5
Menacing	1
Mental patient	15
Mental Patient Transport	3
Mental Patient Violent	9
Miscellaneous Invest	131
Missing Person	11
Missing Person Special	13
Noise Complaint	59
Offensive Touching	1
Open door or window	5
Overdose	5
Overdose - In Progress	44
Parking Violation	69
Pay Job/Special Duty	7
Pedstrian Stop	49
Person Screaming	4
Person with Gun	7
PFA Service	10
Prevent Breech of Peace	65
Processing	1
Property check	77
Property found	24
Public Relations/Assist	52
Pursuit	1
Rape	5
Rape - Just Occ'd	1
Relay/Transport	18
Rescue	1
Resisting Arrest	10
Return of Missing Person	3
Robbery - Just Occ'd	6
Robbery w/Weapons	1
Robbery w/Weapons - In Progress	3
Robbery w/Weapons - Just Occ'd	4
Sexual Offenses	3

Shooting	4
Shooting - In Progress	5
Shoplifting	8
Shots fired	6
Strange Phone Call	2
Suicidal Person	3
Suicidal Person - In Progress	46
Suicidal Person w/Weapon-In Prog	10
Suicidal Person w/Weapons	1
Surveillance	12
Suspicious noise	5
Suspicious package	2
Suspicious person	129
Suspicious vehicle	84
TAC	4
Terror. Threatening-In Progress	12
Terror. Threatening-Just Occ'd	4
Terroristic Threatening	16
Terroristic Threatening by Phone	5
Terroristic Threatening Weapons	5
Theft	43
Theft - In Progress	22
Theft - Just Occ'd	16
Theft from Vehicle	45
Traffic service	18
Traffic Violation	28
Trespass	6
Trespass - In Progress	46
Trespass - Just Occ'd	2
Turfing - Just Occ'd	1
Unauthorized Use	8
Unknown	62
Vehicle Fire	5
Vehicle Recovered	13
Vehicle Stolen	32
Vehicle Stop	1968
Vehicle Tow	1
Violation of No Contact Order	18
Violation of PFA	2
Warrant Attempt	20
Weapon Relinquishment	1
Grand Total	5793

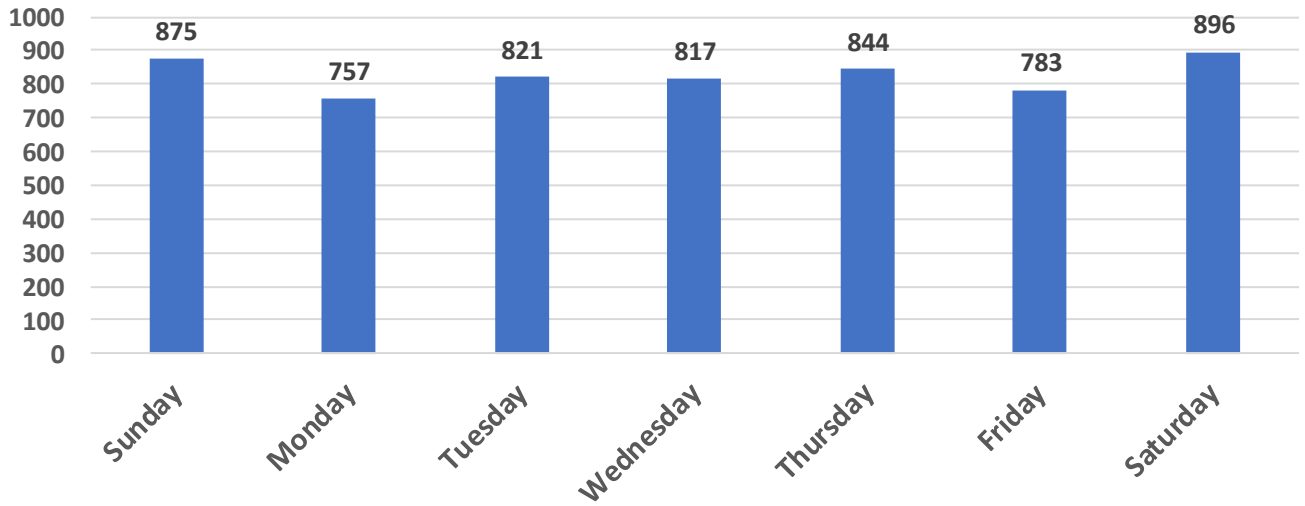
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Call Volume Analysis by Date & Time

Count of Incident Number

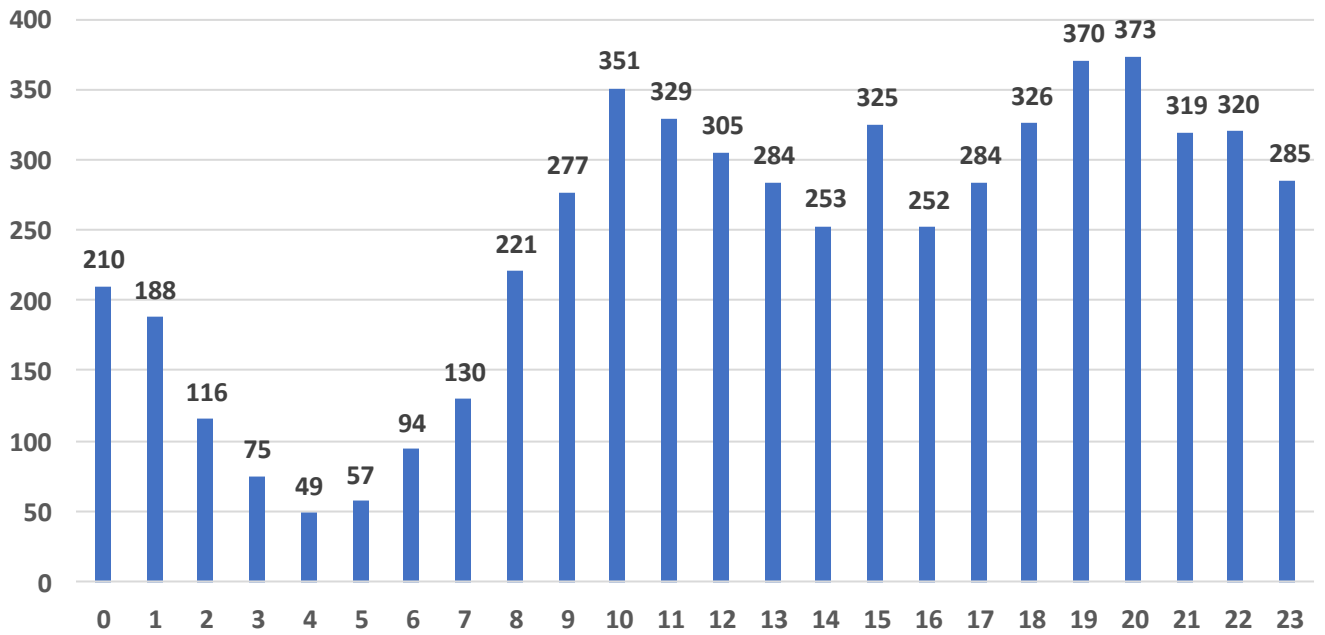
Incident Count by Day of Week



Weekday ▾

Count of Incident Number

Incident Count by Hour of Day



Hour of Day ▾

Section 5



2020

Fleet

2020 Police Fleet



2013 Ford Taurus 2014 Chevy Tahoe 2020 Chevy Tahoe 2013 Ford Taurus



2020 Ford Explorer 2017 Ford Explorer 2017 Ford Explorer 2017 Ford Explorer



2011 Harley Davidson

Section 6



Training

2020 Training

- ◆ Accreditation Manager & Assessor Training
- ◆ Aging in Place & Emergency Preparedness: Tools & Resources to Address
- ◆ Background Investigations
- ◆ Basic Drug Investigation Training
- ◆ Basic Motor Officer School (Dover PD)
- ◆ Basic Motor Officer School (NCCPD)
- ◆ Changing Perceptions: A Fair and Impartial Policing Approach
- ◆ De Escalation Training
- ◆ DE FOIA During COVID-19 (University of Delaware)
- ◆ Drug Investigations
- ◆ Evaluations & Handouts for Managing Board of Adjustments During COVID-19
- ◆ Mass Attacks in Public Spaces
- ◆ Need of your Community's—Older Adults
- ◆ Policing During Civil Unrest: Perspective From the Field
- ◆ Re-Cert for CPR & AED
- ◆ The Use of Force Continuum
- ◆ Uncovering Staged Suicide
- ◆ US Secret Service “Mass Attacks in Public Spaces”
- ◆ Sexual Assault & Mandatory Reporting
- ◆ TASER Re-Certifications
- ◆ Webinars—Lexipol
- ◆ Wilmington University—”True Crimes”

2020 Training Hours

SWORN OFFICERS

♦ Chief Laura Giles	29 Hrs
♦ Lt. Gregg Shelton	33 Hrs
♦ Sgt. Stephen Smith	26.5Hrs
♦ Sgt. Philip Young	17 Hrs
♦ Det. Scot Sowden	35 Hrs
♦ M/Cpl. Kevin Kerrigan	77 Hrs
♦ Cpl. John Giles	29 Hrs
♦ PFC Elliott Singleton	22 Hrs
♦ PFC Roman Franzone	21 Hrs
♦ PFC John Frey	40 Hrs
♦ Ptlm. Zachary Linde	33 Hrs
♦ Ptlm. Joshua Rosa (Graduated Academy 1/14/21)	
♦ Ptlm. Earl McCloskey*	33 Hrs
♦ Part-Time Officer	

Administration Staff

♦ Linda Sommermann	4 Hrs
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Section 7



Grants

2020 Yearly Grant Report
Total Grant Funding Received
\$90,277.11

Byrne Grant—\$6,300.00

Exterior Surveillance Camera Upgrades & Duty Room Upgrades

Byrne Grant—\$21,000.00

COVID-19 Expenses

Combat Violent Crimes—\$31,422.60

Additional Officer Patrol Coverage Overtime

EDIE—\$4,121.33

Drug Overtime and Enforcement/Prevention

Office of Highway Safety—\$16,380.00

Pedestrian & Operator Safety Enforcement

SALLE—\$5,171.18

Technology Upgrade—Administration

SLEAF—\$5,882.00

Start-up Costs for Motorcycle Patrol Officers

Section 8



Departmental Improvements & Challenges

Departmental Improvements/Challenges (2020)

Improvements

- Received State Accreditation
- Purchasing a Police Motorcycle
- 2 Officers Certified Police Motorcycle Operators
- Adopting DE Traffic Code into Town Ordinances
- Hiring of 12th Officer—Recruit Joshua Rosa

Challenges

- COVID-19 Pandemic
- Updating Patrol Vehicles
- Competitive Salary & Benefits
- Recruitment
- Retention

Section 9

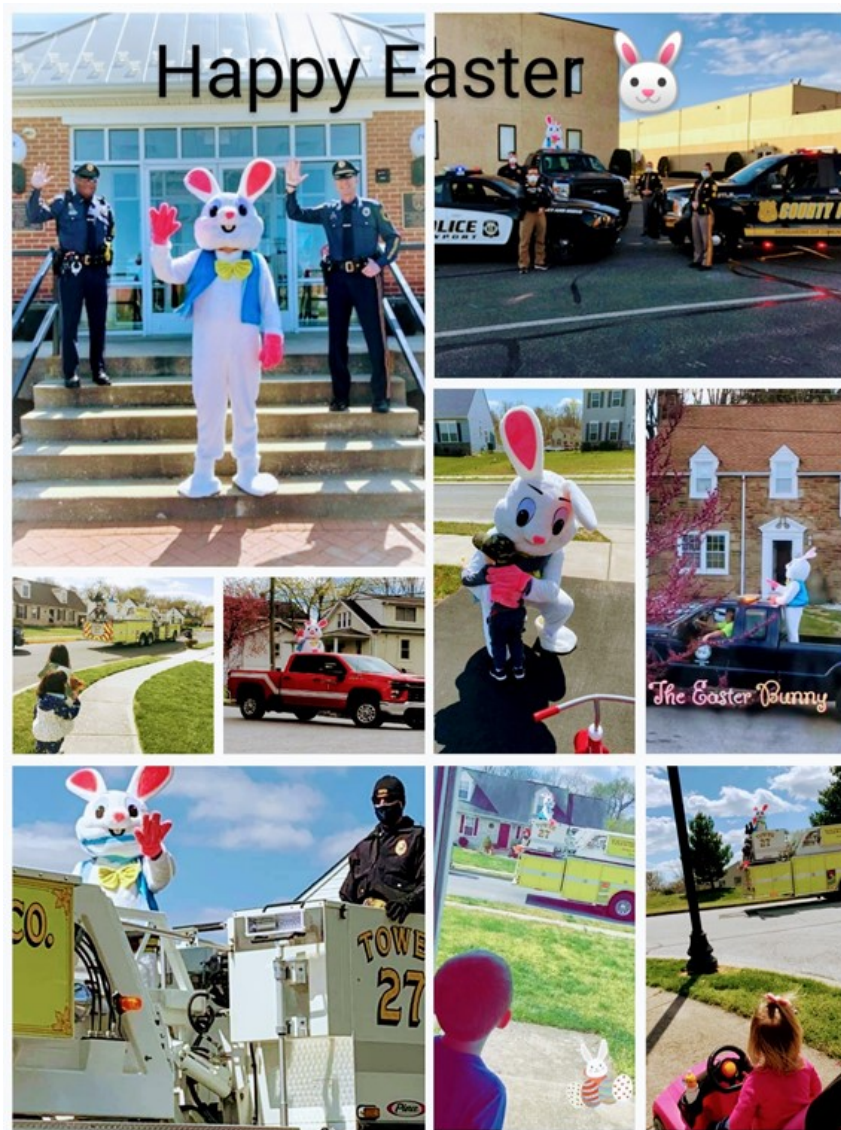


Community Affairs

Community Affairs Were Impacted Due To COVID-19 But, Not Community Support!!!

April 2020:

Thank you to Eric Williams – Delaware State Police Federal Credit Union Marketing/Community Outreach for providing the Easter Bunny and bringing smiles to the young and the young at heart during these difficult times!!!



July 1, 2020:

Thank You – Wawa!

On Wednesday, July 1, 2020 the Elsmere Wawa dropped off Wawa hoagies as a “Thank you” to the officers for their service to the community!



July 10, 2020:

Thank You – Jane McDaniels!

On Friday, July 10, 2020, Jane McDaniels from ReMax Associates and a town resident stopped by to express her appreciation for all the officers do for the town and the community. She left cookies from Serpes Bakery and also purchased \$10 Wawa Gift cards for the officers and administrative staff in the police department.



September 12, 2020:

Awesome Gift Bags!

On Saturday, September 12, 2020, Faith and her father delivered awesome gift bags for every officers! It was a kind and welcome gesture and we truly appreciate your thoughtfulness!!

Faith is pursuing attending the Delaware Military Academy and is seriously considering a future career in law enforcement. Thank you so much for spending your time and energy supporting your community.

You will be successful in anything you do!!!



October 31, 2020:

Halloween in Elsmere

On Saturday, October 31, 2020, S/Cpl. Kerrigan and PFC Singleton handed out candy to some of the Elsmere “Trick or Treaters.” Everyone had a fun and safe evening!

