

PRESS RELEASE

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**SUBJECT OF PRESS RELEASE**

**Newark Crime Rate Hits Nine Year Low**

January 8, 2016 – Crediting the Department’s dynamic patrolling techniques paired with the latest technology, the Newark Police Department announced crime within the City of Newark hit a nine-year low, with a 6% drop in Part 1 crime through 2015 and a 48% decreased since 2006.

“The dramatic and continued reduction in crime is a credit to the men and women of the Newark Police Department, and an acknowledgement of the support the officers receive from the community,” said Paul Tiernan, Chief of Police.

Comparing the time period of January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 to the same time period in 2014, robberies have decreased by 9%. During 2015, the Criminal Investigations Division was able to clear 62% of the robberies by arrest or other means. Also of highlight, aggravated assaults decreased by 18%, burglaries decreased by 27% and thefts decreased by 5%.

While the drop in crime can be attributed to a number of factors, Chief Tiernan highlighted specific efforts, including the dynamic patrol techniques of the Uniformed Patrol Division, Street Crimes Unit, and Traffic Unit. These techniques include the fall crime suppression plan which harnesses crime data and analysis to deploy officers in areas of high call volume and criminal activity. These efforts coincide with the continued success of the Special Operations Unit, which focuses on community policing and problem solving techniques in the community. Additionally, the Newark Police continue to utilize the latest technology, including a network of surveillance cameras throughout the city which are monitored in the NPD 911 center.

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