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Monday while most people Celebrated Martin Luther King Day, the Newark Police Department quietly turned 145 years old.

In the Centennial year of 1876, Rufus Smith was appointed as the first Chief of Police for the Newark Police Department. This came about by combining the East Newark Watch Patrol (Miller's Basin area) with the Newark Watch Patrol (Downtown Business District).

Over the last 145 year's Officers have patrolled our streets 24/7, 365 days a year. It has been over this time that we have seen many changes in policing and the evolvement of our Village.

No longer are the days of foot patrol where officers had to look for the "Blue Light" being lit on top of city hall and then had to locate a payphone to call back to the police station to see if there was a call in their beat. There were no portable radios in those days, and the officers had to keep a supply of dimes in their pockets to make the calls.

Gone are the days when terms like "Yegg" was used to describe a burglar or a driver who was "Tipsy" or "Smash up" to describe a car accident.

We have gone from Patrols using Indian Motorcycles in the 1950's to a Policewomen; Mrs. Johanna Perry who drove a scooter to check parking meters downtown in the 1960's.

During the 1960's we saw the creation of a Lieutenant position and a 16 person Police Auxiliary unit used to supplement the regular police force.

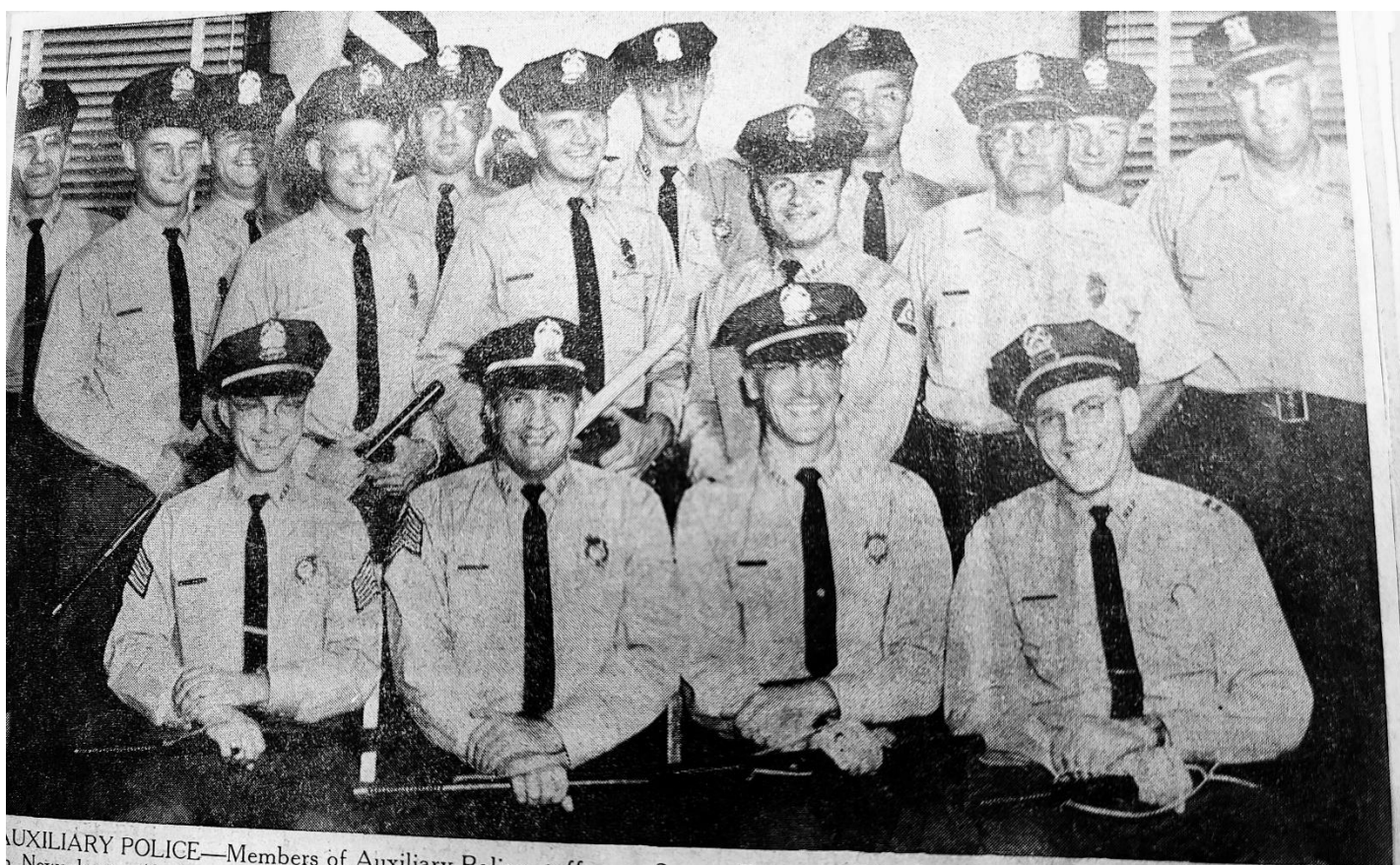
In the early 90's we switched from dispatching our own patrols to a new radio dispatch center called "911", which changed how we receive & are dispatched to calls for service.

Technology has played a major role in policing, we have traded in the push pin accident maps for computer accident maps that retain the information, handwritten traffic tickets to computerized printed tickets. Patrol cars have gone from just being a regular street car with a single revolving light to modern offices on wheels where reports can now be printed in the patrol car on scene.

We have seen multiple Police Chiefs over the years and many more Police Officers come and go. There have been changes to the departments patches, uniforms and police cars during this time. The one constant thing that hasn't changed is that the members of the Newark Police Department still are "Proudly Serving the Community".



INSPECTS DAMAGE — Arthur Legg, owner of Stott's Dry Cleaners in Newark, inspects damage done to large office safe by yeggs who were thwarted in opening the safe. Burglars also entered the nearby Newark Elks Lodge. Nothing was reported missing at either place. However, burglars entered two other places, the Newark Library and the Church of Christ, Scientist, and reportedly obtained about \$100 at the library.



AUXILIARY POLICE—Members of Auxiliary Police staff in Newark are (front row from left) Richard Renckert, Russell Douglas, Fred Ludwig, Ross Bennett; (middle row from left) Adrian VanDerLinde, Paul Johnson, Robert

Sears, Francis Gifford, Police Chief Edwin Lawton and Lt. Donald Brown; (back from left) Sam Prinzi, Harry Norbitt, Robert Urban, Richard VanDamme, Frans Monje and Ralph Withey.

Large Safe Yields To Yeggs Who Get Rugged Workout

Safecrackers battered open a large safe at Newark Grain Co. on N. Main St. and all they got out of it was a good workout.

Police Chief Edwin Lawton said he received a call from the firm Monday morning that the office had been entered and the safe opened.

The big double door safe was ripped open but the yeggs got nothing.

Entry was made through a front door which was jimmied open. Intruders left by a south side door.