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Newark Fire Division Rescues 18 Motorists from Flooded Areas

Newark Public Safety Director Brian A. O'Hara reports that members of the Newark Fire Division rescued 18 motorists from flooded areas.

On July 2, 2021, heavy rain in the evening hours caused flooding in areas of the City of Newark leaving motorists stranded in their vehicles. The Newark Fire Division was inundated with calls for service due to the flash flooding. Deputy Chief Alfonse Carlucci coordinated nine Newark Fire Division Units including three Battalion Chiefs to flooded areas where motorists needed assistance.

"Thank you to all first responders who assisted and to Deputy Chief Alfonse Carlucci for his initiative and leadership over the rescue operation. These actions exhibit the commitment and dedication the members of the Newark Fire Division have when responding to hazardous situations to keep members of our community safe", Public Safety Director O'Hara said.

Three Zodiac boats were deployed, similar to the boat pictured below, to flooded areas in order to reach motorists. Members of the Newark Fire Division were able to successfully rescue 18 people from vehicles that were immobilized due to the flooding.

