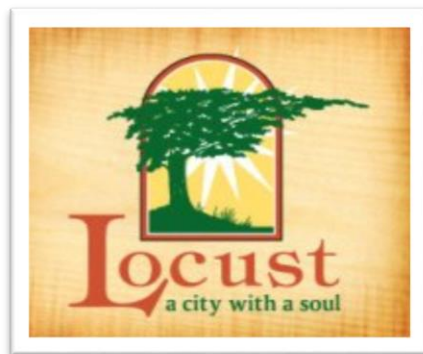




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Welcome to the June 2017 edition of the Locust Police Department Community Newsletter. This is the first newsletter I've been able to produce since last December aside from the 2016 annual statistics I was able to publish a few months ago. As much as I love my current position, I will always say one of the few drawbacks is not having the time to put out a newsletter each month.

In terms of reporting, I can thankfully say that things have remained very consistent from a crime perspective in the city. And by consistent, you should all be aware by now that means low. But, it's also obvious that the city is growing both residentially and commercially which means with more people and more commerce, there will likely be an eventual uptick in crime as well. We as a department remain committed to providing our residents the best service and protection we possibly can, and I'm sure when it is necessary we will grow as well to hopefully continue the service you've come to expect.

That being said, if you ever have any questions, comments, or concerns feel free to contact me at 704-888-4744 or through my email at jbslpd@gmail.com. Everyone take care and in case it's a few months before I can get another newsletter out, I hope everyone has a great summer.

RECENT DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES

2017 Crime Briefs To Date

(Some of the notable crime events and arrests by the Locust Police Department in 2017)

- On January 23rd, Locust Officer Dwayne Dietz responded to a felony crime in progress involving fraud at the Locust Wal-Mart. When he arrived he attempted to stop the vehicle of the suspect when the suspect fled at a high rate of speed. Officer Dietz along with Cabarrus County Sheriff's Office deputies pursued the suspect who engaged in numerous reckless and dangerous maneuvers while also fleeing at speeds in excess of 100 miles per hour. In the vicinity of the Allen Fire Department on Hwy 601 in Concord,

the driver lost control of his vehicle crashing into a utility pole and coming to rest in a gully area on the side of the road. Officer Dietz pursued the suspect on foot having to jump on top of the suspect's vehicle due to the terrain. When Officer Dietz jumped from the vehicle to continue his foot pursuit, he broke his lower left leg in three places. The suspect, Mr. Milo Daniel Tyler of Charlotte was arrested a short distance away by responding officers. Tyler is charged with multiple felony charges in both Stanly and Cabarrus County and is currently incarcerated in Cabarrus County Jail awaiting trial. Officer Dietz continues rehab on his leg and is expected to be able to return to duty in July or August.

http://www.independenttribune.com/news/theft-report-ends-in-high-speed-chase-crash/article_212c2c02-e1b5-11e6-9797-17bf374c7de5.html

- On March 13th, a vehicle driven by Ms. Stormy Troutman Douglas of Locust was stopped on West Main Street due to Douglas driving with a suspended driver's license. Upon investigation during the stop of items found, Douglas was arrested and charged with trafficking opium, and possession of marijuana.
- On March 17th, a motorcycle operated by Mr. Brandon Scott Smith of Mint Hill was clocked at 62 in a 45 mph zone on West Main Street near Commercial Blvd. A traffic stop was attempted by Locust officers but Smith attempted to evade by weaving in and out of the traffic flow in the eastbound lane traveling toward Albemarle. Smith continued to evade at speeds in excess of 100 mph. After more than 14 miles Smith was stopped without incident and arrested. Smith was charged with felony flee to elude among other charges.
- On April 14th in early morning hours, a Locust Dominos Pizza delivery driver reported their vehicle stolen from the business. After a month long investigation which involved the recovery of the vehicle, Locust Police were able to charge a 17 year old male from Midland and a 17 year old male from Charlotte with the offense. Although charged as adults, we have reserved the right to not print the 17 year old male's names.
- On April 28th a Midland citizen reported that their bank card information had been used to make fraudulent purchases multiple times after leaving their card at a Locust business. After investigation, a 17 year old male from Locust who was an employee at the business was charged with three felony

charges related to the offense. Although charged as an adult, we have reserved the right to not print the 17 year old male's name. We have also reserved the right not to print the Locust business name as it was an employee responsible and no one who owns or manages the business.

- On May 2nd, Locust officers observed two individuals acting suspicious in the area of Keys Gun Shop and the Alco service station. Upon running the registration plate of the vehicle the two were occupying, the vehicle came back as stolen out of Charlotte. Mr. Marlon Jermaine Porter Jr. of Concord and Mr. Allahcee Divine Jarrett of Chapel Hill were confronted and arrested without incident. During investigation of the vehicle, multiple items were found that had been reported in multiple breaking and enterings of vehicles in Charlotte. A handgun with a removed serial number was also found. Porter and Jarrett are charged with multiple felony and misdemeanor charges.
- On May 4th, Locust officers responded to a minor traffic crash on East Main Street in front of Locust School. After investigation of one of the involved drivers, Mr. Ronald Lee Barbee of Locust was arrested and charged with driving while impaired as well as felony charges of possession with intent to manufacture, sell, or deliver as well as trafficking in Schedule II controlled substances.
- On May 12th, a vehicle displaying a fictitious and revoked registration plate was stopped on Meadowcreek Church Road. After investigation the driver of the vehicle, Mr. David Ryan Okeefe was arrested and charged with felony possession with intent to manufacture, sell, or deliver a Schedule I controlled substance. Two handguns were also located and Okeefe was charged with carrying concealed weapons.

LOCUST OFFICERS HONORED AT ANNUAL EVENT

On May 11th, the Officer Jeff Shelton Foundation held its annual awards dinner and silent auction to honor Stanly County officers and raise money for the Officer Jeff Shelton Foundation. It has become an annual tradition in Stanly County to both honor those currently serving as well as honoring those who served that gave the ultimate sacrifice. As has also become an annual tradition, multiple Locust officers were nominated for awards with two of Locust's finest coming away award winners.

On the nominee side for the Locust Police Department, Officers Trent Middlebrook and Dwayne Dietz were nominated as Stanly County Officer of the Year. Officer Dustin Wells was a finalist for the officer nominated "Got Your Six" award, and Officer Middlebrook, Officer Kevin O'Connor, Officer Brittany Tucker, and Detective Jeff Shew were finalists for the community nominated "Everyday Hero" award.

Coming away as award winners for Locust, Officer Dustin Wells was awarded the "Got Your Six" award after being nominated by Officer Hannah Claiborne for his swift response and timely action in assisting her with two suspects in a vehicle discovered to be stolen out of Charlotte. Due to week-long Intox Operator Certification training that Officer Wells is currently enrolled in, he was unable to be at the event. Locust Captain Steven Smith accepted the award on Officer Wells' behalf.

Also, for the second straight year Officer Trent Middlebrook was named as Stanly County Officer of the Year. Officer Middlebrook again led the department in arrests, DWI arrests, and drug seizures as well as playing a vital role in the investigation and arrest of two Locust residents who were discovered to be selling drugs from their residences. Officer Middlebrook also achieved the status of instructor in Standardized Field Sobriety Testing, and is close to achieving the status as one of the few Drug Recognition Experts (DRE) in the region. Officer Middlebrook also completed his two-year Associate's Degree in Criminal Justice in addition to his job duties.

Stanfield Chief of Police Corie Faggart was awarded the "Everyday Hero" award after being nominated by a member of the community. Albemarle Officer Josh Laws and Oakboro Captain Craig Richards were each awarded the "Heart of a Hero" award, a new award added this year. Officer Laws rescued a man from a burning house in 2016, and Captain Richards resuscitated an Oakboro Post Office employee after they had stopped breathing while at work.

Honoring those who have served that we have lost on what is the 10th anniversary of Officer Jeff Shelton being killed in the line of duty, Stanly County Sheriff's Detective Jamie Shue was honored posthumously with the Outstanding Career Service award. Detective Shue passed away in March after battling non-alcoholic cirrhosis of the liver. His family was in attendance to accept the award in his honor.

Oakboro Officer Damon Smith who was shot and killed in the line of duty in 1996 was also honored. Officer Smith's family was in attendance to receive a commemorative "locker box" containing equipment and items Officer Smith used in the line of duty. Some of the items in the box including Officer Smith's service weapon were carried on his uniform on the day that he lost his life in the line of duty. Officer Smith's family was also informed by Oakboro Chief of Police TJ Smith that Oakboro's Police Department building was being named the "Officer Damon Smith Building".

The Officer Jeff Shelton Foundation was started by Officer Shelton's widow Jennifer to honor Officer Shelton's memory and create a scholarship in his name for criminal justice students. Officer Jeff Shelton was a Locust resident and Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department Officer who along with his partner Officer Sean Clarke was ambushed, shot and killed in the line of duty in 2007 during a domestic disturbance call.



Locust Officers nominated for 2017 awards
(L-R): Officer Trent Middlebrook, Captain Steven Smith (accepted award on Officer Dustin Wells' behalf), Officer Dwayne Dietz, Officer Brittany Tucker, Detective Jeff Shew
(Unable to attend – Officer Dustin Wells, Officer Kevin O'Connor)



Locust Officer Trent Middlebrook
with his 2017 Stanly County Officer of the Year award





2017 Award Winners (L-R):

Locust Officer Trent Middlebrook (Officer of the Year), Oakboro Captain Craig Richards (Heart of a Hero), Stanly County Sheriff's Office Detective Jamie Shue's twin brother Jason Shue and Detective Shue's daughters (Accepting Detective Shue's posthumous Outstanding Career Service Award), Mike Hinson and Jennifer Shelton (Chief Officers of the Officer Jeff Shelton Foundation), Albemarle Officer Josh Laws (Heart of a Hero), Stanfield Chief Corie Faggart (Everyday Hero) (Unable to attend) Locust Officer Dustin Wells (Got Your Six Award)

SCAM ATTEMPTS REMINDERS

On an extremely regular basis, we are approached by Locust citizens who have received questionable mail or email offers, or advisories of money owed. On every single one of these occasions it has been a scam attempt. Whether it's a sweepstakes, Ebay, Craig's List, IRS, Federal Law Enforcement, utility or insurance company, or a multitude of others not named, there's a million ways "to skin a cat" when it comes to attempting a scam. These types of crimes are easy to commit as all it takes is a computer, a phone, or publisher software. They can also be attempted from the comfort of another state or country using fraudulent identifications and fraudulent or temporary phone numbers. No law enforcement agency has the resources to attempt to locate these types of criminals so the best recourse for us is always education.

The two most simple rules to follow when you receive a questionable offer or demand by phone, email, or mail is that 1) If it sounds too good to be true, it most

definitely is and 2) If a company or an individual is claiming you owe money, your account has been compromised, or whatever else they may try to convince you of, give the source that is contacting you NO information. You should then find contact information for that company or source independent of the method that was used to contact you (example – If a company sends you an email claiming you owe money, do not utilize the contact info in the email. Use a phone book or internet search engine (Google, Yahoo, etc.) to find contact information for that company and use that information to contact), then contact the official company to find out if what you received was legitimate or not. Almost every time, you will find that it was a scam, and even if it is not you should always treat it as it is until you discover otherwise.

Feel free to email me at jbslpd@gmail.com if you have any questions about different scam attempts and you can also consult some of our resources on the Locust PD website.

<https://locustnc.com/police-department-resources/>

**(January And February 2017 Monthly Crime Statistics
To Follow)**

LOCUST POLICE DEPARTMENT CRIME STATISTICS

JANUARY 2017

INCIDENTS/OFFENSES

Note – Total incident reports generated number will be lower than number of offenses/incidents listed. This is due to there being multiple offenses within one report on some occasions. Incident reports are generally documented when any interaction with the public or an enforcement action is made on a dispatched call.

Offenses/Incident Reports

CATEGORY: GENERAL SERVICE

Call Type	Total #
Escorts Provided	27
Assist EMS/Fire	17
Mutual Aid	5
Calls For Service	4
Assist Motorist	3
CATEGORY MONTHLY TOTAL	56

CATEGORY: GENERAL INVESTIGATION

Call Type	Total #
Disturbances	14
Alarm Calls	13
Investigations	5
Suspicious Act.	5
Property Calls	2
Missing Persons	0
CATEGORY MONTHLY TOTAL	39

CATEGORY: GENERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT/CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

Call Type	Total #
Warrants	5
Other Illegal Act.	4
Traffic Violations	4
Damage Property	2
Harassment	2
Ordinance Viol.	2
Trespassing	2
Weapons Viol.	2
Juvenile Viol.	0
Vandalism	0
CATEGORY MONTHLY TOTAL	23

CATEGORY: PROPERTY/FINANCIAL CRIME

Call Type	Total #
Bus. Larceny	13
Fraud	6
Vehicle Larceny	3
Resd. Larceny	1
CATEGORY MONTHLY TOTAL	23

CATEGORY: ALCOHOL/DRUGS

Call Type	Total #
Drug Offenses	3
DWI	3
Alcohol Charges	1
CATEGORY MONTHLY TOTAL	7

CATEGORY: PHYSICAL CRIME

Call Type	Total #
Assaults	0

CATEGORY: SERIOUS/VIOLENT CRIME

Call Type	Total #
Sex Offense	0
Personal Larceny/Robbery	0
Murder	0

CATEGORY: OTHER INVESTIGATION

Call Type	Total #
Death Investigation	0

MONTH TOTAL OFFENSES	148	MONTH INCIDENT REPORTS	135	DAILY REPORT AVERAGE	4.4
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Area Patrols/Checks

Patrol Type	Total #
Neighborhoods	730
Businesses	632
Requested House	10
Suspicious Vehicles	3
Special Investigation	2
Suspicious Persons	1
MONTHLY TOTAL PATROLS/ DAILY PATROL AVG.	1,378/ 44.5

Arrests/Offense Charges/Counts

Charge	Monthly Total #
Driving While Impaired	4

Failure To Appear	3
Obtaining Property By False Pretense	3
Misdemeanor/Felony Probation Violation	2
Unauthorized Use Of Motor Vehicle	2
Assault By Pointing A Gun	1
Communicating Threats	1
Driving While License Revoked	1
Fail To Comply With Court Order	1
MONTHLY TOTAL ARREST CHARGES/ DAILY AVG.	18/ 0.6

Citation Charges

Charge	Monthly Total #
Speeding	36
Expired Registration Plate	12
Driving While License Revoked	8
No Operator's License	7
Misdemeanor Larceny	5
Operate/Permit Vehicle With No Insurance	4
Driving While Impaired	3
Revoked Registration	2
Fictitious/Altered Registration	2
RDO/False Information Report	2
Possess Schedule VI	2
Fail To Yield	1
License Violations	1
Minor/Other Charges	1
Open Container Alcohol Violations	1
Possess Drug Paraphernalia	1
Reckless Driving	1
Shoplifting	1
Speeding In School Zone	1
Unlawful Passing	1
Unsafe Movement/Lane Violations	1
Vehicle Equipment Violations	1
MONTHLY TOTAL CITATION CHARGES/ DAILY AVG.	94/ 3.03

Traffic Crashes

Category	Monthly Total #
Streets/Highways	11
Public Vehicular Areas (Parking Lot)	2
MONTHLY TOTAL/DAILY AVG.	13/0.42
Total Approximated Property Damage	\$36,251
Injuries Reported	0
Fatalities	0

TOTAL MONTHLY DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES (INCIDENTS/INVESTIGATIONS, CHARGES, CITATIONS, AREA CHECKS, TRAFFIC CRASHES)

TOTAL ACTIVITIES	DAILY AVERAGE
1638	52.8

LOCUST POLICE DEPARTMENT CRIME STATISTICS

FEBRUARY 2017

INCIDENTS/OFFENSES

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Offenses/Incident Reports

CATEGORY: GENERAL SERVICE

Call Type	Total #
Escorts Provided	23
Assist EMS/Fire	12
Calls For Service	6
Assist Motorist	4
Mutual Aid	3

CATEGORY MONTHLY TOTAL	48
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CATEGORY: GENERAL INVESTIGATION

Call Type	Total #
Disturbances	16
Alarm Calls	6
Investigations	5
Suspicious Act.	3
Property Calls	0
Missing Persons	0
CATEGORY MONTHLY TOTAL	30

CATEGORY: GENERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT/CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

Call Type	Total #
Traffic Violations	6
Damage Property	4
Warrants	4
Other Illegal Act.	1
Harassment	1
Ordinance Viol.	0
Trespassing	0
Weapons Viol.	0
Juvenile Viol.	0
Vandalism	0
CATEGORY MONTHLY TOTAL	16

CATEGORY: PROPERTY/FINANCIAL CRIME

Call Type	Total #
Bus. Larceny	7
Fraud	6

Resd. Larceny	2
Vehicle Larceny	0
CATEGORY MONTHLY TOTAL	15

CATEGORY: ALCOHOL/DRUGS

Call Type	Total #
DWI	6
Drug Charges	0
Alcohol Charges	0
CATEGORY MONTHLY TOTAL	6

CATEGORY: PHYSICAL CRIME

Call Type	Total #
Assaults	1

CATEGORY: SERIOUS/VIOLENT CRIME

Call Type	Total #
Sex Offense	0
Personal Larceny/Robbery	0
Murder	0

CATEGORY: OTHER INVESTIGATION

Call Type	Total #
Death Investigation	0

MONTH TOTAL OFFENSES	116	MONTH INCIDENT REPORTS	111	DAILY REPORT AVERAGE	4.0
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Area Patrols/Checks

Patrol Type	Total #
Neighborhoods	633
Businesses	529
Requested House	2
Special Investigation	1
Suspicious Vehicles	0
Suspicious Persons	0
MONTHLY TOTAL PATROLS/ DAILY PATROL AVG.	1,165/ 41.6

Arrests/Offense Charges/Counts

Charge	Monthly Total #
Driving While Impaired	13
Misdemeanor Larceny	6
Assault With Deadly Weapon	2
Obtain CS By Fraud	2
Resist, Delay, Obstruct	2
Failure To Appear/Comply	1
Possess Schedule VI	1
Other Charges	1
MONTHLY TOTAL ARREST CHARGES/ DAILY AVG.	28/ 1

Citation Charges

Charge	Monthly Total #
Speeding	35
Expired Registration Plate	13
Operate/Permit Vehicle With No Insurance	7
Driving While License Revoked	6
Driving While Impaired	6
No Operator's License	5
Inspection Violations	4
Unsafe Movement/Passing Violations	4
Vehicle Equipment Violations	4

Seat Belt Passenger Violations	3
Stop Light/Sign Violations	3
Lane Violations	2
Fictitious/Altered Registration	1
Hit & Run/Fail To Stop For Accident	1
License Violations	1
Reckless Driving	1
Revoked Registration	1
Speeding In School Zone	1
MONTHLY TOTAL CITATION CHARGES/ DAILY AVG.	98/ 3.5

Traffic Crashes

Category	Monthly Total #
Streets/Highways	13
Public Vehicular Areas (Parking Lot)	2
MONTHLY TOTAL/DAILY AVG.	15/0.54
Total Approximated Property Damage	\$21,450
Injuries Reported	0
Fatalities	0

TOTAL MONTHLY DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES (INCIDENTS/INVESTIGATIONS, CHARGES, CITATIONS, AREA CHECKS, TRAFFIC CRASHES)

TOTAL ACTIVITIES	DAILY AVERAGE
1417	50.6