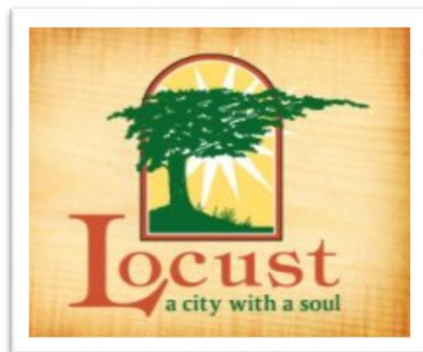




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Welcome to the November 2016 “turkey” edition of the Locust Police Department Community Newsletter. This edition will catch you up on some happenings the last few months in the city criminal activity-wise as well as some department happenings. Some of these items you may have seen and some you may have not. I would like to specifically bring your attention to the 2016 “Shop With A Cop” community service event organized by Locust Officers Brittany Tucker and Kevin O’Connor. If you would like to know how you can contribute to the event or if you have or know a child that may benefit from the event the article contains information and links to assist you.

Also, in the interest of getting this edition out before the end of the month, the monthly crime stats I’m still working to catch up with only include this past July. Next month I may bypass the newsletter update in order to get fully caught up on the criminal statistics as we head toward the end of the calendar year. As I said last month with the first six month break-down, nothing has occurred that leads me to believe statistics will show any significant difference since I began tracking them in 2012. For a city that already has a low overall crime rate yet still continues to grow, that is definitely a positive thing that I hope we can see continue for many years to come. Until next time as always, feel free to contact me at 704-888-4744 or through my email at jbslpd@gmail.com. Everyone take care and Happy Thanksgiving.

RECENT DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES

2016 "Shop With A Cop" Community Outreach Event Information



Participating Officers & Children At 2015 Event

The Locust Police Department (specifically event organizers Officers Brittany Tucker and Kevin O'Connor) with assistance from the Oakboro and Stanfield Police Departments will be holding the 2016 Shop With A Cop community outreach event on Saturday December 10th, 2016. For more information on how you can apply for your child to be part of the event or for how you can donate, please visit the event's Facebook page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/shopwithacoplocust/>

The program brings in deserving children to help make their Christmas dreams a reality. After a breakfast that will be served to the participants and their families, each child in the program will receive a certain amount of money depending on donations raised. They will then be paired up with an officer who will assist them in picking out Christmas presents, clothing, and other desired items for them as well as their families.

You can also receive more information by telephone at 704-888-4744 (ask for Officer Tucker or O'Connor) or through email at bhtlpd@gmail.com or kro11lpd@gmail.com.

Locust Officer Honored With Second Officer Of The Year Award



Locust Officer Trent Middlebrook (4th from left) named as Officer of the Year by the Rotary Club of Albemarle and West Stanly. (Credit: Stanly News & Press)

After previously being named as Stanly County Officer of the Year for 2015 by the Officer Jeff Shelton Foundation, Locust Officer Trent Middlebrook was also named 2015 Officer of the Year by the Rotary Club of Albemarle and West Stanly in a June 30th ceremony.

(From the Stanly News & Press)

The Rotary Club of Albemarle and the Rotary Club of West Stanly have jointly recognized a law enforcement officer of the year and a firefighter of the year for Stanly County.

The law enforcement officer is Trent Middlebrook of Locust Police Department and the firefighter is Battalion Chief Tony Russell of Albemarle Fire Department. In a ceremony on June 30 these individuals were recognized and presented with plaques by Albemarle Rotary Club President Elsa Mata and West Stanly Rotary Club President-Elect Fran Albritton.

Middlebrook led Locust Police in 2015 in traffic stops, traffic citations issued, DWI arrests, drug arrests and drug seizures. He has served as the coordinator for Locust for the Governor's Highway Safety Program and helped revitalize the Stanly Chapter of the Fraternal Order of Police where he serves as secretary and state trustee.

He spearheaded Locust's participation in the NC Harm Reduction organization which supplies law enforcement agencies with naloxone to combat heroin overdoses.

He also participated in the annual Stanly County Public Safety/Teachers Charity Softball Tournament to benefit West Stanly Christian Ministries' food pantry and the Day of Giving Christmas campaign.

All law enforcement agencies and fire departments in Stanly County were invited to nominate individuals for this recognition.

In making these recognitions the Rotary clubs of Albemarle and West Stanly recognize the contributions that all law enforcement officers and firefighters make in the community.

Rotary is a worldwide fellowship of business and professional persons for the purpose of the ideal of service above self.

(End Of SNAP Article)

http://www.thesnaponline.com/news/local_news/albemarle-west-stanly-rotary-clubs-honor-firefighter-officer-of-the/article_dc44dd3a-5804-11e6-b76b-6bdb4987e868.html

Officer Middlebrook's award brings the tally of awards for Locust officers to four covering the 2015 year. In addition to Officer Middlebrook's two officer of the year honors, Locust Officers Brittany Tucker and Kevin O'Connor were both honored by the Officer Jeff Shelton Foundation with the "Everyday Hero" award for their community service work with the "Shop With A Cop" program they initiated. Locust Officer Dwayne Dietz was also nominated for the Officer Jeff Shelton Foundation "Got Your Six" award. For the last two calendar years (2014 and 2015) Locust officers have received 12 awards either related to education or job performance.

Congratulations Trent on this well-deserved honor!

Former Locust Officer Named Oakboro Chief Of Police



Former Locust Officer And New Oakboro Chief Of Police
T.J. Smith
(Credit: Stanly News & Press)

After serving as interim Chief for several months, the Oakboro Town Council named former Locust Patrol Officer Thomas Edwin (T.J.) Smith III as the Chief of Police for Oakboro at their October meeting.

Chief Smith has served since 2008 where he worked as a deputy for the Stanly County Sheriff's Office for one year. He then worked as a patrol officer for the Locust Police Department from 2009 until he was named interim Chief of Oakboro in the summer of 2016. While at Locust in 2014 Smith earned an associate's degree in criminal justice from Stanly Community College and was named by the college that year as the recipient of the Annie Ruth Kelley Leadership Award for his work organizing an annual charity softball tournament to benefit area charities. Also in 2014, Smith was awarded the "Everyday Hero" community service honor by the Officer Jeff Shelton Foundation for the same reason.

During his time in Locust, Chief Smith was also awarded the Intermediate Law Enforcement Certificate by the North Carolina Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission and achieved the rank of PO 2. Both achievements are based on officer training and experience in the field. Chief Smith

was elected to the Oakboro City Council in November 2015 and was offered the job of interim Police Chief when long-time Chief of Police Joe Lowder announced his pending retirement. Smith did resign from his seat on the Council in August.

Chief Smith brings an approach to law enforcement that is heavily community and service based, a quality that the city of Oakboro found to be imperative in the direction they wanted to see the department head.

On a personal note, TJ was my patrol partner for three years in Locust. Of anyone I've worked directly with, he is the one I always felt the most comfortable with while working, responding to calls, or conducting traffic stops. TJ is great talking with both victims and suspects when responding to calls, and although thankfully it was never needed he is also an outstanding shooter averaging a shooting percentage in the high 90's. I can also say hands down that TJ is the best community service officer in the entire county and there is never a time he is not willing to help anyone in need.

TJ himself will admit from an overall experience level both in the field and from an administrative standpoint he would not necessarily be qualified for the position. However, if you do the job ethically and aren't afraid to ask questions instead of just assume things, the wealth of experience is not necessarily the most needed quality in a small city such as Oakboro. TJ does bring with him a plethora of experience and knowledge in serving his community which will likely prove to be that much more valuable for a city he cares a great deal about. For that reason alone, I have no doubts he will do an outstanding job bringing his community together and promoting an outstanding working relationship between the police department and the citizens of Oakboro. Congratulations Chief Smith (TJ)!

http://www.thesnponline.com/news/oakboro-picks-smith-as-chief/article_d9f0762c-a5f5-11e6-b533-ab2362c5d261.html

RECENT CRIME ACTIVITIES

DRUG ARRESTS AFTER LOCUST POLICE DEPARTMENT/STANLY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE JOINT OPERATION



Devin Hunter Jenkins



Dennis Ray Collins

The Locust Police Department recently partnered with the Stanly County Sheriff's Office and Stanly County Drug Task Force in the arrest of two Locust residents on multiple drug distribution and possession charges after lengthy investigations of both subjects. Details as follows:

(From Stanly County Sheriff's Office Facebook Page)

After a months long investigation, Investigators from the Stanly County Sheriff's Office, Locust Police Department, Stanly County Drug Task Force and North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation executed a search warrant at 120 Jenkins Street in Locust on October 5th. Search warrant was acquired after lengthy investigation of Devin Hunter Jenkins, 23, of the residence. During search of the residence, investigators found what appeared to be a "lab" used to manufacture and produce methamphetamine ("Crystal Meth"). SBI Special Agents specifically trained in safe removal of hazardous "meth labs" were called in and were able to safely remove the drug making materials. Arrest warrants were obtained for Jenkins on the following 13 charges:

Felony:

2 Counts Maintain A Vehicle/Dwelling/Place For The Manufacture Or Distribution Of Controlled Substances

2 Counts Possess With The Intent To Manufacture, Sell, Or Deliver Schedule IV Controlled Substances
2 Counts Deliver Schedule IV Controlled Substances
2 Counts Sell Schedule IV Controlled Substances
1 Count Trafficking In Methamphetamine
1 Count Possession Of Methamphetamine Pre-Cursors

Misdemeanor:

2 Counts Simple Possession Of Schedule IV Controlled Substances
1 Count Possession Of Drug Paraphernalia

Jenkins was arrest on October 7th and placed under a \$260,000 bond.

<https://www.facebook.com/stanlysheriff.us/photos/a.1582918108586979.1073741828.1582887511923372/1759188517626603/?type=3&theater>

On Monday October 31st after almost a year long investigation, Investigators from the Stanly County Sheriff's Office and Locust Police Department arrested Dennis Ray Collins,21, at his residence located at 317 Old Hickory Road in Locust. Collins was arrested on the following 13 charges:

Felony:

3 Counts Maintain A Vehicle/Dwelling/Place For The Manufacture Or Distribution Of Controlled Substances
2 Counts Deliver Schedule II Controlled Substances
2 Counts Sell Schedule II Controlled Substances
1 Count Possess With The Intent To Manufacture, Sell, Or Deliver Methamphetamine
1 Count Possess With The Intent To Manufacture, Sell, Or Deliver Schedule II Controlled Substances
1 Count Possess With The Intent To Manufacture, Sell, Or Deliver Schedule IV Controlled Substances
1 Count Deliver Schedule IV Controlled Substances
1 Count Sell Schedule IV Controlled Substances

Misdemeanor:

1 Count Possession Of Drug Paraphernalia

Collins was confined at the Stanly County Jail under a \$50,000 bond.

The Locust Police Department would like to remind all of our citizens that although we enjoy a very safe city with a very low incidence of serious crime, the potential for criminal activity is always present. We encourage all of our citizens to report any suspicious activity to our office as both of these investigations were partially initiated due to citizen complaints. We would also like to remind you that if you do believe criminal and particularly drug activity is occurring in your area, if you do not report it there is a good possibility that we will not be aware of it if no other "warning flags" appear. Finally, if you do report this type of activity, please be patient. Due to constitutional safeguards that we value, respect, and honor, investigations of drug activity take a long period of time to assure they are conducted ethically, legally, and in respect to the privacy guaranteed through the United States Constitution. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask. Everyone take care and be safe.

FOUR ARRESTED IN LOCUST HOME INVASION

In the early morning hours of July 14th, the Locust Police Department responded to the report of a burglary and armed robbery "home invasion" at a residence located on Family Lane off of North Central Avenue. The resident of the address and a visitor were held at gunpoint after entry was made through the front door by two male suspects. The victim suffered a minor injury after being struck in the face by one of the suspects and reported prescription medication, currency, a firearm, and other items of value being stolen.

After initial investigation involving search warrants for phone records, the visitor at the residence at the time of the robbery was determined to be involved. On July 25th, Ms. Donna Christine Hammill of Concord was arrested on charges related to the burglary and robbery as well as felony conspiracy charges.

Additional investigation revealed three other individuals to be involved. They were identified as Mr. David Watt Kelly of Concord, Mr. James Bryant Drye of Kannapolis, and Ms. Leah Margaret Miller of Kannapolis. Kelly was arrested on August 1st with Drye and Miller turning themselves in on August 2nd. All four individuals are currently in custody at the Stanly County Jail where they are charged with 1st degree burglary, robbery with a dangerous weapon, and felony conspiracy charges.

(Recent Monthly Crime Statistics To Follow)

LOCUST POLICE DEPARTMENT CRIME STATISTICS

JULY 2016

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.

Escorts Provided (General, Business Closing, Child Custody Exchange, Funeral) – 24
Alarm Calls (Business, Residential) – 23
Assist EMS/Fire Department – 17
Disturbances (General, Domestic) – 13
Arrest Warrants/Processes Served (Failure To Appear, Subpoenas Etc.) – 10
Investigation Calls (General, 911 Hang-Ups, Suicide Threats, Open Doors, Etc.) – 10
Drug Offenses (Citations, Arrests) – 9
Larceny From Business (Misdemeanor, Felony, Concealment) – 9
Calls For Service (Various Community Service Reasons, Animal Complaints, Etc.) – 6
Suspicious Activity (Activities, Vehicles, Persons) – 6
Counterfeiting/Fraud (Forgery, Obtain By False Pretense, Identity Theft, Etc.) – 5
Damage To Property Calls (Residential, Business, Vehicle, Minor Vehicle Crashes) – 5
Illegal Activity (Resist, Delay, Obstruct, Vehicle Pursuits, All Other) – 5
Vehicle Traffic Violations (Resulting In Other Charges, Arrests, Vehicle Towed, Etc.) – 5
Assaults (Simple, Affray, Domestic, Etc.) – 4
Breaking & Entering/Larceny Residence (Attempted, Misdemeanor, Felony, Larceny After B&E) – 4
Driving While Impaired (Alcohol, Illegal Substances, Provisional, Drive After Consuming, Etc.) – 3
Juvenile Violations (Juvenile Offenses, Contributing To Delinquency, Child Neglect, Etc.) – 3
Larceny From/Of Vehicle (Misdemeanor, Felony, B&E, Motor Vehicle Theft, Etc.) – 3
Mutual Aid Given (Help Given To Other Agencies) – 2
Alcohol Charges (All Other) – 1
Assist Motorist (Stranded, Keys Locked In Vehicle, Tire, Etc.) – 1
Harassment (Phone Calls, Communicating Threats, Etc.) – 1
Property Calls (Lost, Found) – 1
Trespassing (1st, 2nd Degree, Domestic Etc.) – 1
Vandalism (Defacement, Arson, Etc.) – 1

City Ordinance Violation Calls/Investigations – 0
Death Investigation (Non-Criminal, Unattended Death, Suicide, Etc.) – 0
Larceny From Person (Common Law, Snatching, Armed Robbery, Etc.) – 0
Missing Persons (Reported, Found) – 0
Sex Offenses (Attempted Or Completed Rape, Indecent Liberties, Crimes Against Nature, Etc.) – 0
Weapons Offenses (Unlawful Carry Concealed, Possession Firearm By Felon, Etc.) – 0

TOTAL OFFENSES – 172

INCIDENT REPORTS GENERATED – 148

AVERAGE DAILY INCIDENT REPORTS DOCUMENTED – 4.8

AREA PATROLS/CHECKS

Neighborhood Checks – 769
Business Checks – 613
House Checks – 7
Suspicious Vehicles – 4
Special Investigation – 1

TOTAL AREA/SECURITY CHECKS – 1394

DAILY AREA/SECURITY CHECKS AVERAGE – 44.9

ARRESTS/OFFENSE CHARGES/COUNTS

Failure To Appear/Comply – 11
Driving While Impaired – 6
Misdemeanor Larceny – 5
Minor Charges – 4
Possession Schedule I – 3
Breaking And Entering – 2
Larceny Defeat Anti-Theft Device – 2
Communicate Threats – 1
Possession Heroin – 1

TOTAL ARREST CHARGES –35

DAILY JAIL COMMIT ARREST CHARGES AVERAGE - 1.1

CITATIONS

Speeding – 64
Driving While License Revoked – 19
Expired Registration – 14
No Operator's License – 11
No/Improper Registration – 5
Fictitious/Altered Registration – 4
Inspection Violations – 4
Careless & Reckless Driving – 3
Driving While Impaired – 3
Open Container Alcohol Violations – 3
Other Charges – 3
Passing Violations – 2
Possess Schedule VI – 2
Seatbelt Violations – 2
Child Restraint Violations – 1
Fail To Reduce Speed – 1
Flee To Elude Arrest – 1
Operate/Allow Vehicle With No Insurance – 1
Possess Drug Paraphernalia – 1
Stop Light/Stop Sign Violations – 1
Unsafe Movement Violations – 1
Vehicle Equipment Violations – 1

TOTAL – 149

DAILY CITATION CHARGES ISSUED AVERAGE – 4.8

DOCUMENTED TRAFFIC STOPS WITH WARNINGS ISSUED – 113

TRAFFIC CRASHES

Crashes Reported – 23

Injuries Reported – 0

Approximated Total Damage - \$54,653

Street Or Highway -17

- East Main Street At Coley Store Road – 2
- West Main Street – 2
- Meadowcreek Church Road – 2
- North Central Avenue At Bethel Church Road
- Merrifield Drive At Lagoda Drive
- Main Street / Central Avenue Intersection
- West Main Street At Ray Kennedy Drive
- Town Centre Drive At Ray Kennedy Drive
- West Main Street At 512 West Main Street
- West Main Street At Church Street
- West Main Street At Simpson Road
- West Main Street At Renee Ford Road
- West Main Street At 1004 West Main Street
- West Main Street At Red Bridge Boulevard

Parking Lot (Public Vehicular Area) - 6

- 1876 West Main Street (Wal-Mart) - 3
- 1015 West Main Street (Family Dollar)
- 101 Stanly Parkway (SCC-Crutchfield)
- 1804 West Main Street

TOTALS

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

1886*

EXCLUDED – DISPATCHED CALLS THAT DO NOT RESULT IN A REPORT GENERATED

MONTHLY DAILY ACTIVITIES AVERAGE

EXCLUDING ABOVE

60.8