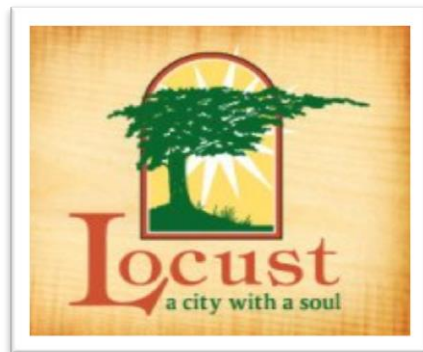




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Welcome to all of our readers to the February 2015 edition of the Locust Police Department Community Newsletter. After a two week stint of training at the NC Justice Academy in Salemburg/ aka if you blink you miss it-burg, I'm back to update you on all the law enforcement happenings in Locust from last month. Let's get started.

LOCUST POLICE DEPARTMENTAL "STATS" FOR JANUARY 2015

Department "stats" for the month of January 2015 can be found directly following the newsletter. Total incident types/offenses for January were 148, and completed incident reports were 126. Looking at the numbers from January 2014 (one year ago), this year's numbers were very similar pointing to the monthly trends for our city being around the same average. Nothing alarming stuck out from last month's numbers however we did have 18 reports of business larceny activity. Aside from this number being higher than what is usual on a monthly basis, this number also reiterates how much our Wal-Mart location affects our monthly business larceny report number. Of the 18 offenses reported related to business larceny activity, 17 of them were from the Locust Wal-Mart location. On the positive side for enforcement on these offenses, six arrest charges and six citation charges made last month by our department were for larceny offenses, likely related to Wal-Mart activity.

Other numbers included 1,937 businesses and neighborhood checks for the month, quite a bit higher than around the monthly average where we've settled as a department, and a great number for police presence in the city. There were 18 arrest charges for the month, and as previously mentioned, six were related to larceny activity. Traffic citation charges were 94, with 41 of those coming from speeding related offenses, and an additional 112 traffic stops were conducted with warnings issued. Finally, 16 traffic crashes were reported in January, with 4 being reported in the area of West Main Street around the entrance of Wal-Mart just before McDonalds. This area has become one of the major "hot spots" in Locust for traffic crashes, and it is typically related to the entrance/exit area there.

This month's edition of the newsletter will be a brief one. Aside from the usual monthly statistics, I've listed the crime briefs from last month that we haven't published in a while. My goal this year is to publish at least some of them every month. It requires me to skim our reports for notable arrests and charges that can

be time consuming and easy to get behind on so I'm sure it will be a challenge at times. We'll see how that goes....

“From The Files Of The Locust Police Department”

Recent cases or arrests made by or involving the Locust Police Department:

Locust Police Vehicle Pursuit Results In Capture Of Suspect, Wrecked Patrol Car

January 26th – A Locust Police morning vehicle pursuit through multiple communities resulted in the capture of the suspect and a wrecked patrol car, but no major injuries. Locust patrol officer Brandon Stancil clocked a motorcycle at 67 in a 45 mph zone on West Main Street near Stanly Community College. When Officer Stancil attempted to stop the motorcycle for the offense, the driver would not stop and a pursuit ensued.

The driver, Robert Frank Carrick III of Polkton attempted to elude Locust officers through multiple areas of Locust, Stanfield, and Oakboro multiple times traveling left of center and in the opposite lane of travel as well as reaching speeds up to 90 mph. In the area of Rock Hole Road near Highway 200, Officer Stancil lost traction on the roadway resulting in his patrol car hitting an embankment and flipping onto its top. Stancil suffered minor injuries and was helped from his wrecked vehicle by other officers while Locust officers continued the pursuit.

On Philadelphia Church Road, Carrick lost control of his motorcycle and ran into a ditch. Locust officers were able to apprehend Carrick as he attempted to get the motorcycle back onto the roadway. Carrick was transported to Stanly County Jail and charged with multiple offenses including felony flee to elude, speeding 90 in a 55 mph zone, driving while license revoked, and possession of marijuana. Carrick was issued a \$5,000 secured bond.

The Stanfield Police Department, Oakboro Police Department, and NC Highway Patrol assisted Locust in the pursuit. No damage to civilian property or injuries to civilians was reported. Officer Stancil's patrol car was a total loss and another Locust patrol car suffered minor damage.

http://www.thesnaponline.com/news/police-chase-reaches-mph/article_46523e3a-a61c-11e4-869d-2b19dcac0fae.html

CRIME BRIEFS JANUARY 2015

- Around midday on January 2nd, Ms. Kristine Bradley of Charlotte was confronted at Wal-Mart by Locust officers after it was alleged she had removed a \$70.00 bed comforter from the business and returned it the same day for a fraudulent refund. Ms. Bradley was arrested and transported to Stanly County Jail where she was issued a \$2500 secured bond.
- In the mid-afternoon hours of January 2nd, a vehicle driven by Mr. Caleb York of Oakboro was clocked traveling westbound on West Main Street at 61 in a 45 mph zone.

When Locust officers attempted to stop Mr. York's vehicle he accelerated to a speed in excess of 120 mph as well as ran a red signal light. In the area of Loving Road in Midland, Mr. York's vehicle malfunctioned and he was apprehended. Mr. York was charged with speeding 120 in a 55 mph zone, felony flee to elude arrest, careless and reckless driving, and failing to stop for a red light.

- In the late afternoon hours of January 2nd Mr. Thomas Broschart Jr. and Ms. Ashley Jo Holmes both of Albemarle, were stopped by Locust officers at Wal-Mart after they concealed over \$100 worth of merchandise and left the business without paying for the items. Both individuals were cited for misdemeanor larceny and Ms. Holmes was also cited for possession of drug paraphernalia.
- During an afternoon vehicle/driver's violation checkpoint on January 13th, a vehicle driven by Ms. Katherine Crittenden of Mount Pleasant was investigated. Ms. Crittenden was found to be in possession of marijuana and liquor under the age of 21. She was cited for both offenses.
- In the late evening hours of January 17th, a vehicle operated by Mr. Jon Rumph of Charlotte was stopped on Highway 24/27 west near the Locust city limits after it was approximated that he was traveling at 100 mph. Investigation of Mr. Rumph indicated that he was driving while impaired and he was placed under arrest. Mr. Rumph was transported to Cabarrus County Jail where he declined to provide a breath sample.
- In the evening hours of January 18th, Locust Police responded to Wal-Mart about a report of an individual harassing other customers in the parking lot. Investigation revealed that Mr. Kevin Tracy of Midland was in possession of \$120 worth of stolen merchandise from the business. It was also determined that Mr. Tracy was driving with a suspended driver's license. He was cited for both offenses.
- In the late afternoon hours of January 19th, a vehicle was discovered by Locust officers in the parking lot displaying a fictitious registration plate and not having insurance. Shortly after leaving the business, the vehicle was stopped by Locust officers on Commercial Blvd. Ms. Leeann Parker of Albemarle was discovered to be driving with a suspended license and also had an active felony warrant for her arrest out of Anson County. Ms. Parker was transported to Stanly County Jail on the active warrant and issued citations for the other offenses. Further investigation revealed that while Ms. Parker was in Wal-Mart, she returned a stolen item from the business to the customer service desk for a fraudulent refund. A warrant for Ms. Parker on the charge of felony obtaining property by false pretense was issued for the offense.
- On January 28th, a warrant was issued for Mr. John Chad Kluttz of Locust on the charge of domestic assault on a female. Mr. Kluttz turned himself in to Locust officers the following day and transported to Stanly County Jail.

LOCUST POLICE DEPARTMENT HONORS STAN "THE MAN"

By: Officer Jeff Shew, Locust Police Department

Recent events that have occurred in the country have put the field of law enforcement in the spotlight with many expressing a very negative message about our role in society. In Locust, we have been blessed to serve a community that shows us great support for the most part however we, like all other officers nationwide, feel the sting of the criticism by the many that seems to overpower the vocal support of what sometimes seems like the few. We are very grateful to all those we serve in this great city that have shown their support to our department, but we especially wanted to honor one Locust resident whose constant support meant just a little bit more than usual this past year.

Locust resident Stan Preast most folks in the city know better by his nickname, Stan "The Man". I think most would agree Stan is one of the citizen ambassadors for Locust, and one of the reasons they call Locust "a city with a soul". I don't think I've been in a restaurant in the city yet that the first dollar spent wasn't by Stan "The Man", and any City Council meeting I've ever attended Stan was right there, not to complain or cause trouble, but just so he knew what was going on in the city he calls home.

Stan "The Man" has also been a dedicated supporter of the Locust Police Department for the six years I've been here, but I'm sure that support started long before my tenure. From his enthusiastic waves every time one of us pass him in our patrol cars on the road (of course we know it's Stan "The Man", because he's the only guy we know that's cool enough to drive around in a white mini-van with a Playboy bunny license plate on the front), to presenting a plaque of appreciation from the citizens of Locust to Captain Charles Connell at his retirement ceremony, there's been no doubt that Stan "The Man" is in our corner.

Every Christmas, Stan plays his own version of Santa Claus with the help of others, and leaves Christmas goodie bags in every officer's box at the office. He doesn't do it to gain any type of favor, and he doesn't do it for the credit either as similar to Santa, he always manages to leave them when we're not around. His reason for doing it is simply to say, "We appreciate what you do". A lot of things have happened in recent months to make law enforcement seem so negative, the honorable purpose of our job lost in an atmosphere of allegations, criticism, and ill will. So, this year when we walked in to find those bags from Stan "The Man" and others, they meant just a little bit more to us than usual. It reminded us of the fine people that we are serving and protecting, how wonderful the citizens of Locust are, and it reminded us why exactly that we do what we do.

We want all the citizens of Locust who support us to know how much we appreciate you, and this year we especially wanted to make sure Stan knew how much his support year after year means to us. Recently, all the officers at the Locust Police Department signed a thank you card, and this time Stan was presented his own plaque of appreciation from our department to him. If you see Stan, make sure to shake his hand and give him a pat on the back, or if you see the white mini-van with the Playboy bunny license plate give him a hearty wave. He's one of the good guys, and deserves the appreciation. Thanks for all the years of support Stan; you truly are "The Man".



Locust Officer Dwayne Dietz presents Locust resident Stan "The Man" Preast with a plaque of appreciation from the Locust Police Department.

All of us at the Locust Police Department wish you continued success and safety.
God bless all of you; take care of yourselves and each other.
(January 2015 Stats Follow Next Page)

LOCUST POLICE DEPARTMENT CRIME STATISTICS

JANUARY 2015

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) – 29
Assist EMS/Fire Department – 18
Larceny From Business (Misdemeanor, Felony, Concealment) – 18
Vehicle Traffic Violations (Resulting In Other Charges, Arrests, Vehicle Towed, Etc.) – 17
Alarm Calls (Business, Residential) – 8
Counterfeiting/Fraud (Forgery, Obtain By False Pretense, Identity Theft, Etc.) – 6
Arrest Warrants/Processes Served (Failure To Appear, Subpoenas Etc.) – 5
Drug Offenses (Citations, Arrests) – 5
Assaults (Simple, Affray, Domestic, Etc.) - 4
Assist Motorist (Stranded, Keys Locked In Vehicle, Tire, Etc.) – 4
Disturbances (General, Domestic) – 4
Investigation Calls (General, 911 Hang-Ups, Suicide Threats, Open Doors, Etc.) – 4
Property Calls (Lost, Found) – 4
Suspicious Activity (Activities, Vehicles, Persons) – 4
Calls For Service (Various Community Service Reasons, Animal Complaints, Etc.) – 3
Mutual Aid Given (Help Given To Other Agencies) – 3
Alcohol Charges (All Other) – 2
Driving While Impaired (Alcohol, Illegal Substances, Provisional, Drive After Consuming, Etc.) – 2
Illegal Activity (Resist, Delay, Obstruct, Vehicle Pursuits, All Other) – 2
B& E/Larceny Residence Or From Person (Attempt, Misdemeanor, Felony, Larceny After B&E) – 1
Damage To Property Calls (Residential, Business, Vehicle, Minor Vehicle Crashes) – 1
Death Investigation (Non-Criminal, Unattended Death, Suicide, Etc.) – 1
Harassment (Phone Calls, Communicating Threats, Etc.) – 1
Larceny From/Of Vehicle (Misdemeanor, Felony, B&E, Motor Vehicle Theft, Etc.) – 1
Sex Offenses (Attempted Or Completed Rape, Indecent Liberties, Crimes Against Nature, Etc.) – 1

City Ordinance Violation Calls/Investigations – 0
Direct/Serious Larceny From Business/Person (Common Law, Armed Robbery, Etc.) – 0
Juvenile Violations (Juvenile Offenses, Contributing To Delinquency, Etc.) – 0
Missing Persons (Reported, Found) – 0
Trespassing (1st, 2nd Degree, Domestic Etc.) – 0
Vandalism (Defacement, Arson, Etc.) – 0
Weapons Offenses (Unlawful Carry Concealed, Possession Firearm By Felon, Etc.) – 0

TOTAL OFFENSES – 148

INCIDENT REPORTS GENERATED – 126

AVERAGE DAILY INCIDENT REPORTS DOCUMENTED – 4.1

AREA PATROLS/CHECKS

Business Checks – 1,017
Neighborhood Checks – 914
Suspicious Vehicles – 5
Special Investigation – 1

TOTAL AREA/SECURITY CHECKS – 1937

DAILY AREA/SECURITY CHECKS AVERAGE – 62.5

ARRESTS/OFFENSE CHARGES/COUNTS

Driving While Impaired – 3
Flee To Elude Arrest – 3
Assault On A Female – 2
Felony Larceny – 2
Larceny By Removal Of Anti-Theft Device – 2
Misdemeanor Larceny – 2
Probation Violation – 2
Failure To Appear – 1
Minor Charges – 1

TOTAL ARREST CHARGES – 18

DAILY JAIL COMMIT ARREST CHARGES AVERAGE - 0.6

CITATIONS

Speeding – 38
Expired Registration – 11
Driving While License Revoked – 10
Misdemeanor Larceny – 6
No Operator's License – 6
Simple Possession Schedule VI (Marijuana) – 3
Speeding In School Zone – 3
Cancelled/Revoked Registration – 2
Careless/Reckless Driving – 2
Driver Seat Belt Violations – 2
Driving While Impaired – 2
Operate/Allow Vehicle With No Insurance – 2
Possess Drug Paraphernalia – 2
Fail To Stop For Red Light/Stop Sign – 1
Flee To Elude Arrest – 1
Inspection Violations – 1
Lane Violations – 1
Possess Open Container Alcohol In Motor Vehicle – 1

TOTAL – 94

DAILY CITATION CHARGES ISSUED AVERAGE – 3.0

DOCUMENTED TRAFFIC STOPS WITH WARNINGS ISSUED – 112

TRAFFIC CRASHES

Crashes Reported – 16

Street Or Highway - 9

- West Main Street In Front Of 1876 West Main Street – 4
- Main Street/Central Avenue Intersection
- Ardsley Drive/Town Centre Drive Area
- West Main Street In Front Of Jenkins Street
- West Main Street In Front Of 1718 West Main Street
- NC 24-27 Near Reed Mine Road (Deer)

Parking Lot (Public Vehicular Area) - 7

- 1876 West Main Street (Wal-Mart) – 2
- 103 East Main Street (Wendys)
- 259 Town Centre Drive (Village Apartments)
- 1788 West Main Street (Tailgators)
- 1814 West Main Street (Anzis)
- 1878 West Main Street (McDonalds)

TOTALS

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

2325*

EXCLUDED – DISPATCHED CALLS THAT DO NOT RESULT IN A REPORT GENERATED
MONTHLY DAILY ACTIVITIES AVERAGE

EXCLUDING ABOVE

75