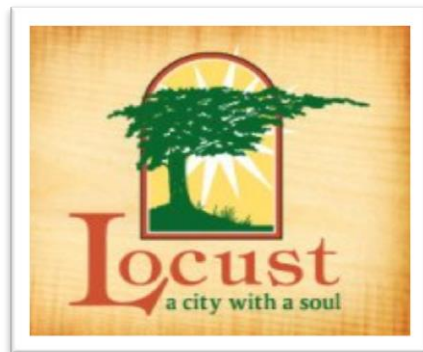




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Welcome all to the April 2015 edition of the Locust Police Department Community Newsletter. Spring is here, with a few last gasps of winter temps. I hope everyone is enjoying the outside on the nice days and have some wonderful plans for the summer. Its business as usual around beautiful Locust and the city is gearing up for the usual outdoor events they host. The city does an outstanding job planning events for the whole family each summer. I encourage you all to check out the city's website to see what's scheduled this year.

<https://locustnc.com/>

I know I said I had some news to bring you this month about departmental happenings but in the interest of time, that will have to wait again. Part of that reason is one of the reasons I have news from the department but is also the reason it will have to wait until next month (sounds like the start of an Abbott & Costello routine). Yours truly has been moved to the investigative division of the department which brings not only the transition of a new position and learning new protocols, but also more responsibility in general. So far the second half of April has been a whirlwind, and many things other than the direct duties of the job have become difficult to complete. Unfortunately this monthly newsletter I truly do enjoy doing is one of the major things I've had difficulty finding time for. I'm hoping as things settle that I will again find time to provide not only more informative but also timelier editions. If I find that not happening, I will still continue to publish our stats each month but the attempts at newsletter production may have to be put on hiatus for a bit. I'm also hoping to explore more options in the area of social media and our department, so we will see if that pans out. Let's get to your stat wrap-up from last month....

**LOCUST POLICE DEPARTMENTAL "STATS" FOR MARCH 2015**

Department "stats" for the month of March 2015 can be found directly following the newsletter. Last month, we got a little more back to "normal" for the month. Total incident types/offenses for March were 167, quite a bit up from the 125 in February, and completed incident reports were also up from 118 to 148. Call types were of the normal variety however the six reports related to larcenies from vehicles is a trend that is continuing into the current month.

Business and neighborhood checks came back to a more usual average for the department. There were 1776 of these patrols logged for the month for a daily average of just over 57.

33 arrest charges for last month is a number quite a bit higher than what we typically see. Of those 33 charges, 8 were for persons who failed to appear for court, 7 were for misdemeanor larceny, and 5 were for obtaining property by false pretense.

Citation charges were still lower than our usual average with 72 charges issued for March. 85 additional traffic stops resulted in warnings issued.

Finally, 7 traffic crashes were reported in March, with just 2 being reported on Locust streets and highways.

“From The Files Of The Locust Police Department”

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

**LOCUST POLICE ARREST DRIVER FOR POSSESSION OF METHAMPHETAMINE**

A March 21<sup>st</sup> lunch-time traffic stop thought to be for a routine traffic violation resulted in the arrest of the driver on the charge of possession with intent to manufacture, sell, and deliver methamphetamine among other charges. A vehicle driven by Mr. Charles Eric Snuggs of Oakboro was stopped in the area of the Locust Screen & Frame shop after Locust officers observed the vehicle’s registration plate to be expired.

Investigation during the stop resulted in a search of the vehicle and the discovery of methamphetamine. Mr. Snuggs was placed under arrest and the vehicle was impounded on suspicion that it was being used as a mobile methamphetamine “lab”. A passenger in the vehicle, Mr. Marc Greene Jr. of Albemarle was also arrested on an outstanding arrest warrant and simple possession of a Schedule II drug.

Mr. Snuggs and Mr. Greene were both transported to Stanly County Jail. Mr. Snuggs was formerly charged with two counts of felony possession of Schedule II, felony possession with intent to manufacture, sell, and deliver methamphetamine, felony maintaining a vehicle for keeping and selling a controlled substance, felony possession of methamphetamine precursors, felony possession of methamphetamine, and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia. He was issued a \$25,000 secured bond. Mr. Snuggs was also issued a citation for an expired registration plate and expired vehicle inspection.

Mr. Greene was served with the active warrants and formerly charged with Schedule II possession. He was issued a \$2500 bond.

**VEHICLE BREAK-INS CRIME PREVENTION REMINDER FROM THE LOCUST  
POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Unlocked vehicle break-ins are still a sporadic problem in Stanly County, with an increase being noticed the last few months. There is no concrete evidence that these break-ins are all being perpetrated by the same individual(s) however, the method has stayed consistent. These thieves are checking for unlocked doors on vehicles and upon finding one, they search through the cars looking for easily removed electronics such as GPS devices, firearms, and money including small amounts of loose change. The perpetrators are even stealing the vehicle if they find a key inside the vehicle anywhere. These individuals are not just checking a few vehicles, they are instead canvassing entire areas looking for unlocked vehicles to steal from.

There are two key elements that have been present with all of these break-ins and larcenies: 1) Valuable property has been left in the victimized vehicles and 2) The doors to these vehicles have been left unlocked. Both of these present factors are easily fixable by you, the vehicle and property owner. These offenses are referred to as "crimes of opportunity". If you remove the opportunity, most likely the crime will not occur.

The Locust Police Department is again reminding all citizens of the following preventative measures:

- Keep all items of value OUT of your vehicle(s), especially in the late night and early morning hours.
- **KEEP YOUR VEHICLE(S) LOCKED AND YOUR WINDOWS UP WHEN YOU WILL BE AWAY FROM YOUR VEHICLE(S), EVEN IF YOU WILL ONLY BE AWAY FOR A FEW MINUTES.** It is still a good idea to keep your vehicle(s) secure even if you have removed all valuables.
- Record serial numbers for any items of value that have a serial number and keep this information in a safe place you will remember. Stolen items can be identified through serial numbers.
- **NEVER EVER** keep a key for the vehicle anywhere near the vehicle. Keep any extra keys in secure locations away from the vehicle. Do not assume you have the "perfect" spot for your back-up key.
- If you notice through press sources that one or more individuals has been arrested for vehicle break-ins in Stanly County, do not assume that the problem has been solved. Breaking in unlocked vehicles has become a major problem nationwide and obviously the same individuals are not responsible for break-ins everywhere.

- If your vehicle is equipped with a car alarm and you hear it go off in the late night or early morning hours, call 911 as soon as possible.
- If you observe ANY suspicious activity around your residence or neighborhood (suspicious vehicles, persons, or activity), especially in the late night and early morning hours, you may call 911 for emergencies and [\(704\)986-3700](tel:7049863700) for non-emergencies in Stanly County, [\(704\)920-3000](tel:7049203000) for non-emergencies in Cabarrus County sections of Locust. It is ALWAYS better to be safe than sorry.
- If you go to your vehicle (particularly in the morning) and you happen to observe that it appears your vehicle has been rifled through (property strewn in vehicle, center console or glove compartment open etc.), please resist the urge to open the vehicle doors or closely inspect the interior. Step away and call 911. It is always possible that thieves have left behind evidence that can be useful in investigation.

The Locust Police Department patrols all neighborhoods and areas in Locust however, be aware that if these individuals are on foot while in neighborhoods, it is easy to hide in the shadows if they notice a vehicle driving down the road. The Locust Police Department is asking all citizens to help us prevent break-ins and thefts in our city. Simple tasks such as locking a door or taking an item inside with you at night can make all the difference in preventing the loss of valuable items, and will help to discourage thieves from committing larcenies in Locust. For more crime prevention and safety tips please contact the Locust Police Department or you may request materials by contacting Officer Shew by email at [jbslpd@gmail.com](mailto:jbslpd@gmail.com).

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.  
(March 2015 Stats Follow Next Page)

# LOCUST POLICE DEPARTMENT CRIME STATISTICS

MARCH 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 – 16  
Suspicious Activity (Activities, Vehicles, Persons) – 13  
Mutual Aid Given (Help Given To Other Agencies) – 11  
Alarm Calls (Business, Residential) – 10  
Larceny From Business (Misdemeanor, Felony, Concealment) – 10  
Investigation Calls (General, 911 Hang-Ups, Suicide Threats, Open Doors, Etc.) – 9  
Assist Motorist (Stranded, Keys Locked In Vehicle, Tire, Etc.) – 7  
Drug Offenses (Citations, Arrests) – 7  
Arrest Warrants/Processes Served (Failure To Appear, Subpoenas Etc.) – 6  
Calls For Service (Various Community Service Reasons, Animal Complaints, Etc.) – 6  
Counterfeiting/Fraud (Forgery, Obtain By False Pretense, Identity Theft, Etc.) – 6  
Larceny From/Of Vehicle (Misdemeanor, Felony, B&E, Motor Vehicle Theft, Etc.) – 6  
Damage To Property Calls (Residential, Business, Vehicle, Minor Vehicle Crashes) – 5  
Disturbances (General, Domestic) – 5  
Vehicle Traffic Violations (Resulting In Other Charges, Arrests, Vehicle Towed, Etc.) – 5  
Driving While Impaired (Alcohol, Illegal Substances, Provisional, Drive After Consuming, Etc.) – 4  
Assaults (Simple, Affray, Domestic, Etc.) - 2  
Harassment (Phone Calls, Communicating Threats, Etc.) – 2  
Illegal Activity (Resist, Delay, Obstruct, Vehicle Pursuits, All Other) – 2  
Property Calls (Lost, Found) – 2  
Trespassing (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, Domestic Etc.) – 2  
B& E/Larceny Residence Or From Person (Attempt, Misdemeanor, Felony, Larceny After B&E) – 1  
Missing Persons (Reported, Found) – 1

Alcohol Charges (All Other) – 0  
City Ordinance Violation Calls/Investigations – 0  
Death Investigation (Non-Criminal, Unattended Death, Suicide, Etc.) – 0  
Direct/Serious Larceny From Business/Person (Common Law, Armed Robbery, Etc.) – 0  
Juvenile Violations (Juvenile Offenses, Contributing To Delinquency, Etc.) – 0  
Sex Offenses (Attempted Or Completed Rape, Indecent Liberties, Crimes Against Nature, Etc.) – 0  
Vandalism (Defacement, Arson, Etc.) – 0  
Weapons Offenses (Unlawful Carry Concealed, Possession Firearm By Felon, Etc.) – 0

**TOTAL OFFENSES – 167**

**INCIDENT REPORTS GENERATED – 148**

**AVERAGE DAILY INCIDENT REPORTS DOCUMENTED – 4.8**

**AREA PATROLS/CHECKS**

Business Checks – 887

Neighborhood Checks – 882

House Checks – 3

Suspicious Vehicles – 2

Special Investigation – 1

Suspicious Persons – 1

**TOTAL AREA/SECURITY CHECKS – 1776**

**DAILY AREA/SECURITY CHECKS AVERAGE – 57.3**

**ARRESTS/OFFENSE CHARGES/COUNTS**

Failure To Appear – 8

Misdemeanor Larceny – 7

Obtain Property By False Pretense – 5

Drive After Consuming Under 21 – 2

First Degree Trespass – 2

Minor/Other Charges – 2

Possess Drug Paraphernalia – 2

PWIMSD Methamphetamine – 2

Simple Possession Schedule II – 2

Simple Affray – 1

**TOTAL ARREST CHARGES – 33**

**DAILY JAIL COMMIT ARREST CHARGES AVERAGE - 1.1**

**CITATIONS**

Speeding – 30

Expired Registration – 8

Driving While License Revoked – 7

No Operator's License – 7

Driving While Impaired – 3

Misdemeanor Larceny – 2

Other Charges – 2

Possess Open Container Alcohol In Motor Vehicle – 2

Seatbelt Violations/Driver – 2

Seatbelt Violations/Passenger – 1

Simple Possession Schedule VI (Marijuana) – 2

Careless/Reckless Driving – 1

Following Too Close – 1

Inspection Violation – 1

Possess Drug Paraphernalia – 1

Speeding In School Zone – 1

Unlawful Passing – 1

**TOTAL – 72**

**DAILY CITATION CHARGES ISSUED AVERAGE – 2.3**

**DOCUMENTED TRAFFIC STOPS WITH WARNINGS ISSUED – 85**

**TRAFFIC CRASHES**

Crashes Reported – 7

**Street Or Highway - 2**

- West Main Street/Meadowcreek Church Road Intersection
- In Front Of 409 Renee Ford Road

**Parking Lot (Public Vehicular Area) - 5**

- 1788 West Main Street (Tailgators)
- 102 Stanly Parkway (Stanly Community College)
- 1876 West Main Street (Wal-Mart)
- 211 East Main Street (Locust Car Care)
- 158 James Avenue (Murphy's)

**TOTALS**

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

**2140\***

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

**\*EXCLUDING ABOVE\***

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