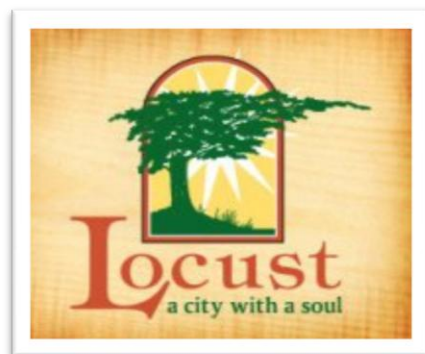




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Welcome all to the last day of the month edition of the May 2015 Locust Police Department Community Newsletter. I've finished my first full month as Detective for the department and what a whirlwind it has been. Ironically (and also blessed we are as a city \*knock on wood\*), the amount of actual major investigations have been small but all else entailed with my new duties have kept me on my toes as well as busy for most of every shift I work. In addition our department's long time secretary and record keeper went out for a much needed surgery last month which had us all having to step up to keep the day to day operations of the department running smoothly. Please if you would keep Mrs. Hartsell in your thoughts and prayers for a full, smooth, and speedy recovery.

If you the Locust residents we proudly serve haven't noticed a decrease in our service to you then we know we're still doing okay by you despite the added responsibilities. Everything being said, I have really taken to my new position with the department and feel incredibly blessed to be in it, as well as to work for the wonderful city and residents that I am so fortunate to work for.

Essentially a stats only edition of the newsletter this month and for that I apologize. As a consolation, I can assure that nothing has occurred that warrants any additional advisories or warnings. The unlocked vehicle break-ins have seemed to subside once again (again... \*knock on wood\*). I have a few theories about why but nothing conclusive. The perpetrator(s) could have been arrested for something else or somewhere else, but it could be due to the majority of our residents heeding the advisories and locking their doors or at least leaving valuables out of their cars. The majority of the vehicles that were broken into during the month and a half long "spurt" we experienced had very little of any value taken. I will also always believe that the extensive overnight patrols our officers at least attempt to do limit the amount of overall break-ins we experience in the city. "Theories" related to crime speak against my philosophies but you'll never fully convince me that it at least can't "hurt" anything to patrol extensively.

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

Department “stats” for the month of April 2015 can be found directly following the newsletter. Total incident types/offenses for April were 160, and completed incident reports were 136. This equaled out to a relatively routine daily average of 4.5 incident reports recorded. Call types were of the normal variety however ten reports related to larcenies from vehicles is a trend that continued from the previous month but has since subsided for the most part. We also had ten fraud reports for the month but the majority was related to obtaining property by false pretense fraud at our Wal-Mart location (An example is when a perpetrator takes a stolen item and “returns” it to Wal-Mart for a refund. This type of criminal activity has long been our city’s most prevalent source of “serious” crime since it is considered a felonious act).

Business and neighborhood checks were logged as 1582 for the month. 827 of these were neighborhood patrols and the total amount resulted in a daily average of 52.7 patrols conducted.

16 arrest charges were made last month with four being on failure to appear in court charges and four on misdemeanor larceny. An additional two arrest charges were for driving while impaired.

Citation charges were at 83 for April with 48 being for speeding offenses. 107 additional traffic stops resulted in warnings issued.

Finally, 10 traffic crashes were reported in April.

For the first third of 2015, the department has responded to 599 offense/call types and recorded 528 incident reports for a monthly average of 132 incident reports taken. 6,694 patrols have been conducted by the department for a monthly average of 1674. 90 arrest charges have been made by the department with 18 being for misdemeanor larceny and 17 on failure to appear charges. 316 citation charges have been issued by the department for a monthly average of 79. An additional 383 warnings have been issued by the department for a monthly average of 96. 44 traffic crashes have been reported this year which include crashes on our roadways as well in Locust parking lot areas.

\*\*\*Everyone remember to utilize the following resources for crime prevention advisories and tips\*\*\*

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

<http://www.fbi.gov/scams-safety/e-scams>

<http://www.bbb.org/charlotte/programs-services/bbb-military-line/>

<http://www.ncdoj.gov/Protect-Yourself/2-4-6-Avoid-Consumer-Scams.aspx>

<http://www.ncdoj.gov/News-and-Alerts/Alerts.aspx>

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.  
(April 2015 Stats Follow Next Page)

# LOCUST POLICE DEPARTMENT CRIME STATISTICS

APRIL 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) – 28  
Assist EMS/Fire Department – 12  
Alarm Calls (Business, Residential) – 11  
Larceny From Business (Misdemeanor, Felony, Concealment) – 11  
Counterfeiting/Fraud (Forgery, Obtain By False Pretense, Identity Theft, Etc.) – 10  
Larceny From/Of Vehicle (Misdemeanor, Felony, B&E, Motor Vehicle Theft, Etc.) – 10  
Investigation Calls (General, 911 Hang-Ups, Suicide Threats, Open Doors, Etc.) – 9  
Mutual Aid Given (Help Given To Other Agencies) – 9  
Vehicle Traffic Violations (Resulting In Other Charges, Arrests, Vehicle Towed, Etc.) – 8  
Disturbances (General, Domestic) – 7  
Drug Offenses (Citations, Arrests) – 7  
Assist Motorist (Stranded, Keys Locked In Vehicle, Tire, Etc.) – 6  
B& E/Larceny Residence Or From Person (Attempt, Misdemeanor, Felony, Larceny After B&E) – 4  
Illegal Activity (Resist, Delay, Obstruct, Vehicle Pursuits, All Other) – 4  
Assaults (Simple, Affray, Domestic, Etc.) - 3  
Harassment (Phone Calls, Communicating Threats, Etc.) – 3  
Suspicious Activity (Activities, Vehicles, Persons) – 3  
Trespassing (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, Domestic Etc.) – 3  
Arrest Warrants/Processes Served (Failure To Appear, Subpoenas Etc.) – 2  
Calls For Service (Various Community Service Reasons, Animal Complaints, Etc.) – 2  
Damage To Property Calls (Residential, Business, Vehicle, Minor Vehicle Crashes) – 2  
Driving While Impaired (Alcohol, Illegal Substances, Provisional, Drive After Consuming, Etc.) – 2  
Missing Persons (Reported, Found) – 2  
Alcohol Charges (All Other) – 1  
Property Calls (Lost, Found) – 1

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 – 160**

**INCIDENT REPORTS GENERATED – 136**

**AVERAGE DAILY INCIDENT REPORTS DOCUMENTED – 4.5**

## AREA PATROLS/CHECKS

Neighborhood Checks – 827  
Business Checks – 744  
House Checks – 6  
Suspicious Vehicles – 3  
Special Investigation – 1  
Suspicious Persons – 1

**TOTAL AREA/SECURITY CHECKS – 1582**

**DAILY AREA/SECURITY CHECKS AVERAGE – 52.7**

## ARRESTS/OFFENSE CHARGES/COUNTS

Failure To Appear – 4  
Misdemeanor Larceny – 4  
Driving While Impaired – 2  
Simple Possession Schedule VI – 2  
Breaking And Entering – 1  
Breaking And Entering Motor Vehicle – 1  
Parole Violation – 1  
Possess Counterfeit Instruments – 1

**TOTAL ARREST CHARGES – 16**

**DAILY JAIL COMMIT ARREST CHARGES AVERAGE - .53**

## CITATIONS

Speeding – 48  
Expired Registration – 5  
Stop Sign/Light Violations – 5  
Driving While License Revoked – 3  
Inspection Violation – 3  
No Operator's License – 3  
Speeding In School Zone – 3  
Allow/Operate Vehicle No Insurance – 2  
Lane Violations/Unsafe Movement – 2  
Cancelled/Revoked Registration – 1  
Careless/Reckless Driving – 1  
Driving While Impaired – 1  
Hit And Run – 1  
Misdemeanor Larceny – 1  
Possess Alcohol Underage – 1  
Possess Drug Paraphernalia – 1  
Seatbelt Violations/Driver – 1  
Simple Possession Schedule IV – 1

**TOTAL – 83**

**DAILY CITATION CHARGES ISSUED AVERAGE – 2.8**

**DOCUMENTED TRAFFIC STOPS WITH WARNINGS ISSUED – 107**

## TRAFFIC CRASHES

Crashes Reported – 10\*

\*April '15 crash locations will be provided in June 2015 newsletter\*

## TOTALS

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

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

\*EXCLUDING ABOVE\*

**65.3**