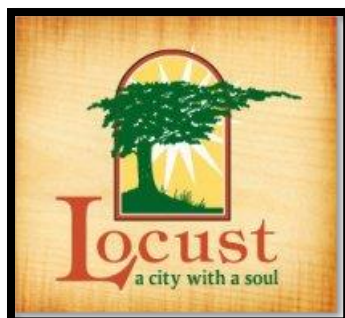




DEPARTMENT INSIGHTS  
AND  
HELPFUL INFORMATION





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Welcome to the City of Locust.....a place known by the motto “A City With A Soul”. At the Locust Police Department we honor that motto by taking great pride and diligence in our thorough efforts providing the greatest service and protection to our city residents and visitors to the absolute best of our abilities while emphasizing a focus on community policing.

We take the enforcement of North Carolina statutes very seriously and always utilize a firm but fair approach to those who violate those laws inside our city. At the same time, we are part of the Locust community and we take an equally extensive approach in building relationships by knowing and working with the businesses and residents of our city to achieve the mutually beneficial result of safety and a wonderful place to live, work, and play!

My personal motto for our officers is “Always do good work, and always do it the right way”. We achieve that result by relentlessly pursuing justice for victims of criminal activity, firm and fair enforcement of laws and statutes, and by treating everyone we encounter as respectfully as possible with the highest regard for their ethical treatment at all times.

I hope that you enjoy all this wonderful city has to offer, and please do not hesitate to contact me if you ever have a question or concern. We are so glad that you are here!

Sincerely,

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## **LOCUST POLICE DEPARTMENT FUNCTIONS AND SERVICES PROVIDED TO THE CITY OF LOCUST AND ITS CITIZENS:**

- 24 hour, 365 day service and protection for the City of Locust, its citizens and visitors.
- Regular day and night patrols of Locust businesses and neighborhoods.
- Law enforcement of North Carolina statutes as well as Locust city ordinances.
- Traffic enforcement of Locust streets and highways.
- Special residence checks or business patrols upon request.
- Crime prevention and advisory e-mail list. Citizens and businesses can be added upon their request.
- Neighborhood Watch programs available and initiated upon neighborhood interest and request.

### **LOCUST POLICE DEPARTMENT MISSION STATEMENT**

The mission of the Locust Police Department is to provide efficient and professional service and protection to both the citizens and visitors of the City of Locust. Our mission is accomplished by partnering with all of the members of our community to address concerns, and by working together to prevent and combat criminal activity. Our mission is accomplished through the prompt response to citizens and visitors in need, or those who have been victims of criminal activity. Our mission is accomplished through the proper and just enforcement of North Carolina general statutes. And our mission is accomplished through the fair and ethical treatment of all citizens, visitors, suspects, and violators at all times.



### **LOCUST POLICE DEPARTMENT RESPONSE CONTACT INFORMATION**

- **STANLY/CABARRUS COUNTY EMERGENCY** – 911
- **STANLY COUNTY NON-EMERGENCY** – (704) 986-3700
- **CABARRUS COUNTY NON-EMERGENCY** – (704) 920-3000
- **LOCUST POLICE CRIME ALERT MAILING LIST REQUEST/ INFORMATION REQUEST:** E-MAIL CHIEF SHEW AT [jbshew@locustnc.com](mailto:jbshew@locustnc.com)



## CITY OF LOCUST BUSINESS ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT

The Locust Police Department offers multiple initiatives to assist and support our businesses in Locust

- **Business Advisory Email List – Be notified of any crime trends or alerts that may be affecting businesses in Locust and surrounding areas. Send a business advisory email list member request to Chief Shew at [jbshew@locustnc.com](mailto:jbshew@locustnc.com).**
- **Off-Duty Security Details – The Locust Police Department offers security services for any events, gatherings, or other circumstances where you believe a security presence may be beneficial. Contact Sergeant Whitley at [cawhitley@locustnc.com](mailto:cawhitley@locustnc.com) or at 704-888-4744 to make requests or find out more information.**
- **Business Escorts – The Locust Police Department offers free escorts for business openings, closings, and bank deposits. Contact Stanly Communications at 704-986-3700 to request a Locust officer or contact Chief Shew at 704-888-4744 to arrange a recurring business escort.**





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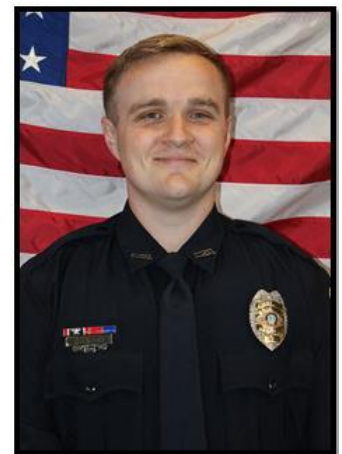
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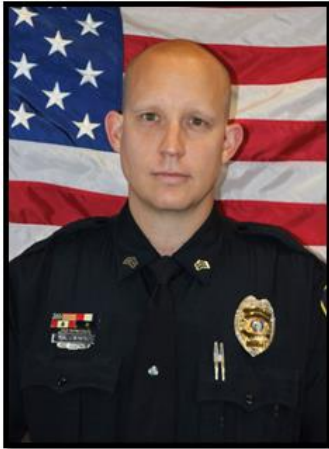


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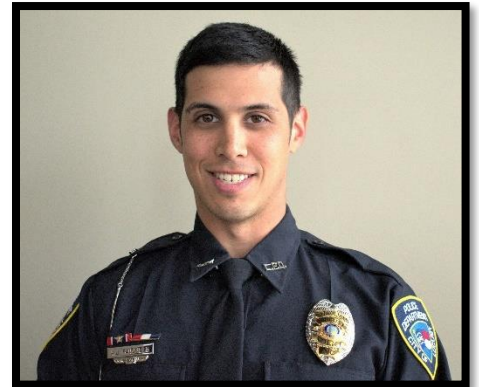
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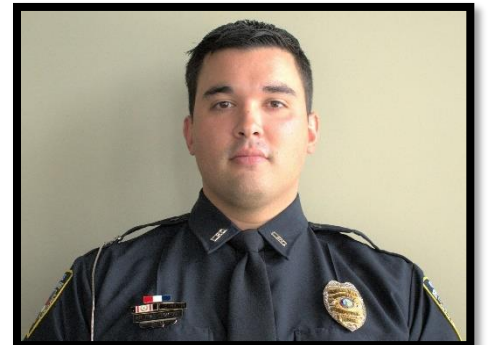
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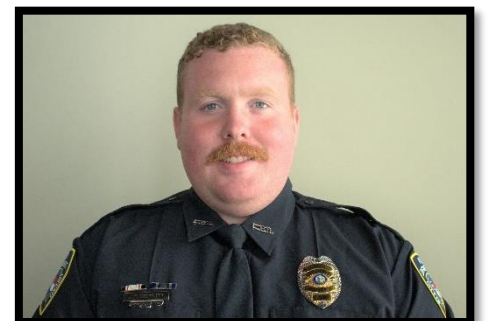
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## 2021 ANNUAL STATISTICS SUMMARY AND YEAR-TO-YEAR COMPARISON

### **2021**

<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>NUMBER</b>
Total Reported Offenses	1,969
Incident Reports Recorded	1,790 (4.9 Daily)
Property/Financial Crime Offenses	233
Larceny Offenses	182 (141 Business Related) (0.11 Avg. Daily)
Alcohol/Drug Offenses	110
Assault Offenses	19
Arrest Charges	320
Citation Charges	1,279
Warnings Issued	1,517
Traffic Crashes Reported	202
Business/Neighborhood Patrols Completed	28,422
Total Dispatched/Attended Calls	5,771 (15.8 Avg. Daily)
Total Report Numbers Generated	2,807 (7.7 Avg. Daily)

## LAST SIX-YEAR STATISTICS COMPARISON

### **INCIDENTS/OFFENSE TYPES**

<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>
General Service	693	606	644	688	727	<b>782</b>
General Investigation	467	481	549	565	642	<b>540</b>
General Criminal Activity	242	214	200	186	275	<b>277</b>
Property/Financial Crime	217	212	259	282	312	<b>233</b>
Business Larceny	128	122	158	162	190	<b>141</b>
Residential Larceny	24	26	21	25	18	<b>18</b>
Vehicle Larceny	11	13	22	51	43	<b>23</b>
Fraud	54	51	58	44	61	<b>51</b>
Total Larceny Daily Avg	.45	.44	.55	.66	.69	<b>.50</b>
Per. Larceny Daily Avg	.10	.11	.12	.21	.20	<b>.11</b>



Alcohol/Drugs	126	108	109	102	161	<b>110</b>
Assaults	19	18	29	21	16	<b>19</b>
Sex Offense	5	2	2	2	4	<b>6</b>
Robbery	0	0	1	1	2	<b>0</b>
Homicide	0	0	0	0	1	<b>0</b>
Death Investigation	1	2	5	3	8	<b>2</b>
Total Offense Types	1770	1643	1798	1850	2148	<b>1969</b>
Total Incident Reports	1580	1496	1631	1720	1904	<b>1790</b>
Total Calls	5585	5121	5728	5834	5986	<b>5771</b>
Total OCA's Generated	2869	2730	2424	2575	2318	<b>2807</b>

### PATROLS

CATEGORY	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Total Patrols	18,417	15,594	16,793	20,490	25,660	<b>28,422</b>

### ARRESTS\*

CATEGORY	2019	2020	2021
Arrest Charges	200	373	<b>320</b>

\*A six-year comparison of arrest charges would not be accurate due to a previously unknown compilation error where Locust arrest reports were being duplicated in most cases by Stanly County Jail staff due to their reporting requirements. 2019 would begin as the most accurately reported year going forward.

### CITATION CHARGES

CATEGORY	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
License Violations	208	261	172	248	247	<b>362</b>
Speeding	646	427	356	305	197	<b>314</b>
Vehicle Violations	290	304	208	245	239	<b>362</b>
Safety/Unsafe Violations	150	128	110	87	83	<b>115</b>
Alcohol/Drug Offenses	91	89	72	45	72	<b>53</b>
Criminal/Other Offenses	54	61	79	68	72	<b>72</b>
Total Citation Charges	1439	1270	997	998	910	<b>1279</b>
Warnings Monthly Avg	113.8				109.3	<b>126.4</b>

### TRAFFIC CRASHES

CATEGORY	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Total Crashes	220	212	214	197	196	<b>202</b>



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## LOCUST MEDIA RESOURCES

### Locust Police Department Facebook Page

<https://www.facebook.com/Locust-Police-Department-971105932951713/>

### City of Locust Facebook Page

<http://www.facebook.com/CityOfLocust?ref=ts&fref=ts>

### The Stanly News And Press

<http://thesnaponline.com/>

## CITIZEN/LAW ENFORCEMENT RESOURCES

### North Carolina Sex Offender Registry

<http://sexoffender.ncdoj.gov/disclaimer.aspx>

### Stanly County Court System

<http://www.nccourts.org/County/Stanly/Default.asp>

### North Carolina Department of Justice Citizen Resources (Fraud/Scam Prevention Etc.)

<http://ncdoj.gov/>

### North Carolina Department of Public Safety Citizen Resources

<https://www.ncdps.gov/DPS-Services/Crime-Prevention>

### Stanly County Sheriff's Office

<http://www.stanlysheriff.us/>

### North Carolina Department of Corrections Offender Public Information

<http://webapps6.doc.state.nc.us/opi/offendersearch.do?method=view>

### National Child Identification Program

<http://www.childidprogram.com/>

### National Center for Elder Abuse

<https://ncea.acl.gov/>

### Identity Theft Information and Resources

<https://www.fbi.gov/investigate/white-collar-crime/identity-theft>

### Common Scams and Frauds

<https://www.usa.gov/common-scams-frauds>



**CITY OF LOCUST STRATEGIC PLAN 2020-2023**

**VISION**  
Locust is the preeminent community where people fulfill their dreams of home, work and work.

**MISSION**  
Our mission is to plan and provide for the citizens' well-being through equitable and quality services, including on-cost efficient government.

**CORE VALUES**  
Preserve our community history through family values  
Maintain quality of life  
Stewardship of public resources  
Promote sustainable and balanced growth

**GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

- Invest in equipment and supplies to increase the safety and efficiency of our law enforcement officers.
- Advance the professional development and training of our law enforcement officers.
- Continue to support the Special Resources Officer program in Locust Elementary.
- Polarize special programs that encourage dialogue between LEO and citizens representatives of the community and interested groups.
- Enhance internal and external communication to ensure clear and consistent communication within the Department and throughout the community.



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**IN MEMORY**  
Local Police Officer  
Steven R. "Smitty" Smith  
E.O.W. - 07/21/2020

**City of Locust**  
North Carolina  
*"A CITY WITH A SOUL"*

**LOCUST POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**2020/2021**  
FACTS AND INFORMATION

## CONTACT NUMBERS FOR EMERGENCIES OR OTHER SITUATIONS

Stanly County Communications Non-Emergency Dispatch – (704)986-3700

Stanly County Communications Emergency Dispatch – 911

Cabarrus County Communications Non-Emergency Dispatch – (704)920-3000 (Meadowcreek Village North, Red Bridge Blvd. And Businesses West) (Request any other Cabarrus County agencies through this number)

Locust Police Department – (Mon. – Fri. 8:30 am – 5 pm) (704)888-4744 (Officers Are Available 24 Hours A Day Through Above Listed Communications Numbers)

Locust Police Department (Information Request E-Mail) – jbsheiw@locustnc.com

Locust Police Department (Website) - <http://www.locustnc.com/pd.html>

Stanly County Animal Control – (704)986-3881

Stanly County Social Services – (704)982-6100

Stanly County Domestic Violence – (Emergency) (704)961-7500, (Non-Emergency) (704)961-7502

Stanly County Magistrate's Office – (704)986-7019

Stanly County Clerk Of Courts – (704)986-7000

Stanly County Sheriff's Office – (704)986-3714 (If you need Sheriff's Dept. immediate assistance, contact Stanly County Communications emergency or non-emergency number)





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## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM

Decades ago crimes rates across the United States increased at an alarming pace. Citizens and law enforcement agencies focused on developing crime prevention programs to help reduce this growing trend. In 1972 The National Sheriff's Association organized the National Neighborhood Watch Program. This pilot program was funded by the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration of the U. S. Department of Justice and was designed to enlist the participation of the citizens with law enforcement to reduce and prevent crime. Since then Neighborhood Watch has become one of the most effective means of fighting crime in our communities. This is because you and your neighbors are the ones who really know what is going on in your area, most likely to be the first to see a crime and call for help, and are in the best position to: (1) Report code violations, unsafe street conditions, etc. that degrade the quality of life in your area, (2) Keep your block clean and free of graffiti, and (3) Provide a safe environment for your children.

### What Is Neighborhood Watch?

Neighborhood Watch is a crime prevention program that enlists the active participation of residents in cooperation with law enforcement to reduce crime, solve problems, and improve the quality of life in your area. In it you will get to know and work with your neighbors, and learn how to:

1. Recognize and report crimes and suspicious activities
2. Protect yourself, your family, and your property
3. Protect your neighbor's family and property
4. Identify crime and disorder problems in your area and work with the Locust Police Department personnel to solve them.

### How to Start and Maintain a Neighborhood Watch Program

The following steps explain how to get a Neighborhood Watch program started and maintained in your area:

1. Talk to your neighbors (Gain interest)
2. Talk to the Locust Police Department (Receive assistance)
3. Talk to your neighbors again (Explain benefits)
4. Planning the first meeting (Date/Time/Place)
5. First Meeting (Critical part for starting and maintaining)

***For additional information or assistances with starting a Neighborhood Watch Program please contact:***

Chief of Police Jeff B. Shew

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The City of Locust has been blessed annually with a low volume of reported crime and criminal activity, but crime does occur as it does in every location. You should use the same common sense precautions and safety strategies that you would use in any city large or small, but below are some offenses and activities that we have come across on a regular basis in the Locust area, followed by crime prevention and safety suggestions (In alphabetical order):

**DOOR TO DOOR SOLICITORS (SALESMEN)** – Salesmen going door to door in neighborhoods selling products and services. These salesmen may be legit or could be scam artists. **PREVENTION** – Any door to door solicitor inside the city limits of Locust must have obtained a sales or business license to solicit door to door. Do not let the salesman inside until you have seen this VALID license. If at any time you feel uncomfortable and the salesman will not leave, contact the Locust Police Department at (704)986-3700 or 911, depending on the severity of the situation.

**IDENTITY THEFT** – Usually as a result of a person’s financial information being stolen, or even their wallet containing their credit cards and identification. **PREVENTION** – Be very wary and careful about who you give personal or financial information to, and always make sure your credit cards and other identification are in a safe secure place.

**INTOXICATED/IMPAIRED DRIVERS** – Drivers who are driving recklessly, dangerously, or erratically due to being under the influence. **PREVENTION** – If you observe vehicles that are swerving heavily, having trouble staying on the road or in their lane, or are just being driven in a “weird” or suspicious fashion.....stay at a safe distance and contact the Locust Police Department by dialing 911 or (704)986-3700. It will benefit us if you can remain safely behind the vehicle to advise dispatch of where the vehicle is heading until we can locate the vehicle however, do not put yourself in danger in order to do so.



**PROPERTY STOLEN FROM YARDS AND RESIDENCES** – Break-ins and burglary of residences in Locust is rare however items stolen from yards and outbuildings is more common. These items can range from expensive valuables or firearms all the way down to some scrap metal in the backyard or that old weed eater you’ve been meaning to get repaired. **PREVENTION** – Make sure any items you do not want stolen are secured somewhere that they cannot be easily removed. In the case that your residence is broken into, safes should be considered for expensive valuables or family heirlooms. Serial numbers should be recorded for any valuable items that contain them and kept in a secure location. These numbers can be tracked if a thief attempts to sell or pawn the stolen item.

**TELEPHONE SCAMS** – These acts usually involve someone on phone attempting to convince you that you have won something or can help you out with some type of debt or expense among many other types of scams. They will attempt to get you to send money somewhere or to give out personal/financial information. We have also seen the “grandparent’s scam” where someone calls a senior citizen, attempting to convince them that they are their grandchild and they are in trouble. They will then attempt to get them to send money. **PREVENTION** – Be extremely wary of giving personal or financial information over the phone. Contact the Locust Police Department if you are unsure of potential scams.

**UNLOCKED VEHICLE BREAK-INS** – Thieves going house to house in entire neighborhoods and simply checking door handles for unlocked vehicles. If the vehicles are unlocked, they take whatever they can find that may have value. **PREVENTION** – Take ALL items you consider valuable out of vehicle or at the very least put them in the trunk. Make sure keys are not left in vehicle and vehicle is locked.

**WAL-MART AND GENERAL RETAIL THEFT** – Persons concealing items and stealing them from businesses. At Wal-Mart particularly, items from the electronics section are the most popular items to steal and often times involve the offender removing them from packaging to prevent the anti-theft device from activating when leaving the business. “Push-Outs” of carts filled with items and fraudulent self-checkout activity are also popular criminal actions. **PREVENTION** – If you notice any one person or persons in the electronic section acting suspiciously; removing items from packages, putting items inside clothing, suspiciously “looking out” for where employees are or having an associated subject as a “look out”, walking with an item toward the bathroom, suspiciously scanning or failing to scan items, or walking toward an exit from an area other than the check-out area with a cart full of items not in bags .....notify a Wal-Mart employee or Wal-Mart loss prevention.



## OTHER LOCUST CRIMINAL ACTIVITY NOT COMMON BUT OCCURRING MINIMALLY

**PROPERTY CRIME AND OTHER SERIOUS CRIME** – From 2015-2020 while Locust has experienced considerable growth, criminal activity has remained low and relatively stable during that six-year period:

- **Property And Financial Crime Reports** – Have ranged from 212-312 reports annually, significantly less than one a day. The vast majority of these reports are business related larcenies with only a six-year high of 26 residential related larcenies (2017) and 51 vehicle related larcenies reported (2019).
- **Assault Related Reports** – Have ranged from 16-32 reports from 2015-2020 for a very low incidence of occurrence.
- **Serious Criminal Acts Reported** – Two homicides and three robberies were reported from 2015-2020 and all resulted in arrests being made. 20 total sexual offense related reports during the six-year comparison period with the vast majority being confirmed as unfounded or inconclusive.

**DRUG ACTIVITY IN LOCUST** – Illegal drug activity is present everywhere and Locust is no exception. We do believe there is sufficient evidence that drugs are transported along NC Hwy 24/27 and NC Hwy 200 which runs through Locust as they are major thruways from Charlotte to Albemarle and other counties however we have not encountered drug related violent crime involved in that type of transport. We do not typically uncover substantial evidence that drug distribution from residences inside Locust is prevalent. When we do discover any verifiable evidence of drug distribution inside Locust, the Locust Police Department has a close partnership with the Stanly County Sheriff's Office and North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation that provides us resource assistance to investigate and apprehend responsible parties.

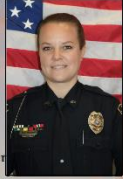
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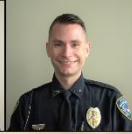
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