

Annual Report

2014



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Mission Statement

Upholding the traditions of a noble profession, the New Bern Police Department will positively IMPACT our community by partnering with citizens and businesses to create a safe place to live, work and visit

Key Values

- Integrity** We believe our words and actions are guided by the rules and standards of our profession.
- Motivation** We believe in being enthusiastic and determined to achieve success.
- Professionalism** We believe in exhibiting the ethics, skills and qualities which are inherent in our noble profession.
- Accountability** We believe in acknowledging and assuming responsibility for our actions.
- Commitment** We believe in a sense of duty and responsibility.
- Trust** We believe honesty, fairness, and reliability will instill confidence and trust.



2014 New Bern Police Department

Statistical Highlights

Communications calls Answered-	90,134
Bike Patrol Hours-	531.68
Foot Patrol Hours-	950.14
Community Meetings Attended-	38
Department Training Hours-	5,890.5
Volunteer Hours-	3,451.75
Total Arrest-	1,591
Adult- 1,548; Juvenile -43	
Violent Crime Rate-	453.9
(Based on Uniformed Crime Reporting)	per 100,000
Property Crime Rate-	5,355
(Based on Uniformed Crime Reporting)	per 100,000

In Partnership With Our Community

The New Bern Police Department employs a community policing philosophy in an attempt to reduce crime and partnership with the community. During the calendar year the department hosted Coffee with a Cop, National Night Out and Citizens Police Academy. The department also attended events across the city including Mumfest, Duffest and MS Bike tour. During the calendar year the department conducted over 531 hours of bike patrol, 950 hours of foot patrols and attended 38 community meetings as a means of proactively engaging members of the community.



The New Bern Police Department has broken the city into six community policing districts. Each shift has an officer who is assigned one of the community policing districts. These officers are responsible for addressing concerns and issues of the citizens and businesses within their assigned districts. The district names are:

Battleground
Gateway
Neuse River

Country Club
Greenleaf
Washington Forks

A map of each district accompanied by stats begins on page 15 of this report.

Crime Prevention Activities

COPLOGIC

The New Bern Police Department subscribes to online services which allow for convenient reporting and COPLOGIC is a web based reporting system that allows citizens to file specific incident types over the internet at their convenience. These include damage to a motor vehicle damage to property lost or missing property, harassing phone calls and theft (value must be under \$1000.00 and no theft of medication can be reported online).

RAIDSONLINE

RAIDSONLINE is a real time crime mapping site that helps the public get a better idea of the crime activity in their area so they can make more informed decisions about how to stay safe. Crime statistics are uploaded from law enforcement records daily to provide up to date information.

Neighborhood Community Watch Program

The New Bern Police Departments Neighborhood Community Watch Program consists of 23 groups that meet monthly or quarterly to discuss concerns in each neighborhood or community where Community Watch Groups have been established. Officers are assigned to a Community Group Watch based on the Community Policing District they are assigned to work. The individual officer takes ownership of these groups by becoming actively involved in all aspects of their assigned areas.

Citizens Police Academy

The Citizens Police Academy is designed as an educational program to introduce citizens to the philosophy, policies, and guiding principles of the New Bern Police Department, as well as the ethical conduct governing police services in our community. Basic classroom instruction, presentations, and demonstrations are interactive and include participation in firearms training, firearms practice and riding with police officers on patrol.



Coffee with a Cop

Coffee with a cop provides a unique opportunity for community members to ask questions and learn more about the ways the department is making an impact in our neighborhoods. The majority of citizen contacts with law enforcement officers happen during emergencies or emotional situations. These times are not always the most effective times for relationship building with the community and some community members feel officers are unapproachable on the street. Coffee with a Cop breaks down barriers and allows for one-on-one interaction in a relaxed environment. During this year, The New Bern Police Department held a Coffee with a Cop event quarterly at different locations across the city.



Police Athletic League (PAL)

In 2014 the New Bern Police Department started its Police Athletic League (PAL) which served over 100 youth throughout the city. This program was started to provide youth who desired to play the game of basketball on a competitive level and in a safe environment for families and friends. The goal of the program was to provide high levels of competition for local middle school, high school and college male athletes looking to participate in a drug and violence free environment. In addition, our Police Athletic League Summer Basketball Program fosters an environment that promotes individual confidence, self-esteem and leadership skills. Officers are tasked with a wide range of responsibilities in this program that range from coaching teams, organizing schedules, commissioning leagues and officiating games.

New Bern Police Department Explorers Post

The Explorer Post, chartered by the Boy Scouts of America and sponsored by the police department, provides an opportunity for teenagers between 14 and 20 years of age to better understand the functions of a law enforcement officer. Explorers can broaden their knowledge of basic police procedures and organization, and create an

atmosphere of understanding between the youth of the community and the police.



Operation Medicine Cabinet

Semiannually the New Bern Police Department partners with the Coastal Coalition for Substance Abuse Prevention (CCSAP) to conduct a pill drop in conjunction with Operation Medicine Cabinet. Operation Medicine Drop is an event where the above entities work together to encourage the public to safely dispose of old, unused, or unwanted prescription and over the counter medications. The purpose of Operation Medicine Drop is to help keep the medications from potentially falling into the hands of children, curtail the illicit sale of prescription drugs on the streets of our communities and to safeguard our environment and water systems. In addition to providing a secure resource for disposal of prescription drugs, the coalition is able to educate the public of the importance of properly disposing of prescription drugs and the positive impact it has on our community as it relates to safety issues and concerns.

The New Bern Police Department also maintains a medicine drop box which is secured at an entrance of the police department under 24 hour surveillance. It allows for citizens to dispose of expired/unwanted medications at a safe and secure location. During the year the department has collected 737lbs of medication.



Police and Children Together Everyone Achieves More (PAC-TEAM)

Each year the police department hosts a program called Police and Children Together Everyone Achieves More (PAC-TEAM) Summer Camp. This camp is a free, week-long camp designed to provide over 100 youth, ages 8-12, of the City of New Bern, with the opportunity to learn about law enforcement and teamwork, form friendships, and to share in a positive life experience. PAC-TEAM Summer Camp has proven to be extremely beneficial to hundreds of children; many of which who may not have had the opportunity to participate in a safe and educational, camp-like setting during the summer months.

National Night Out



National Night out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to help make New Bern a safer, stronger, better place to live, work, play, and raise a family. Together, we are making that happen. National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community, and provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances. 15 different communities participated in the 2014 National Night Out event.

Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA)

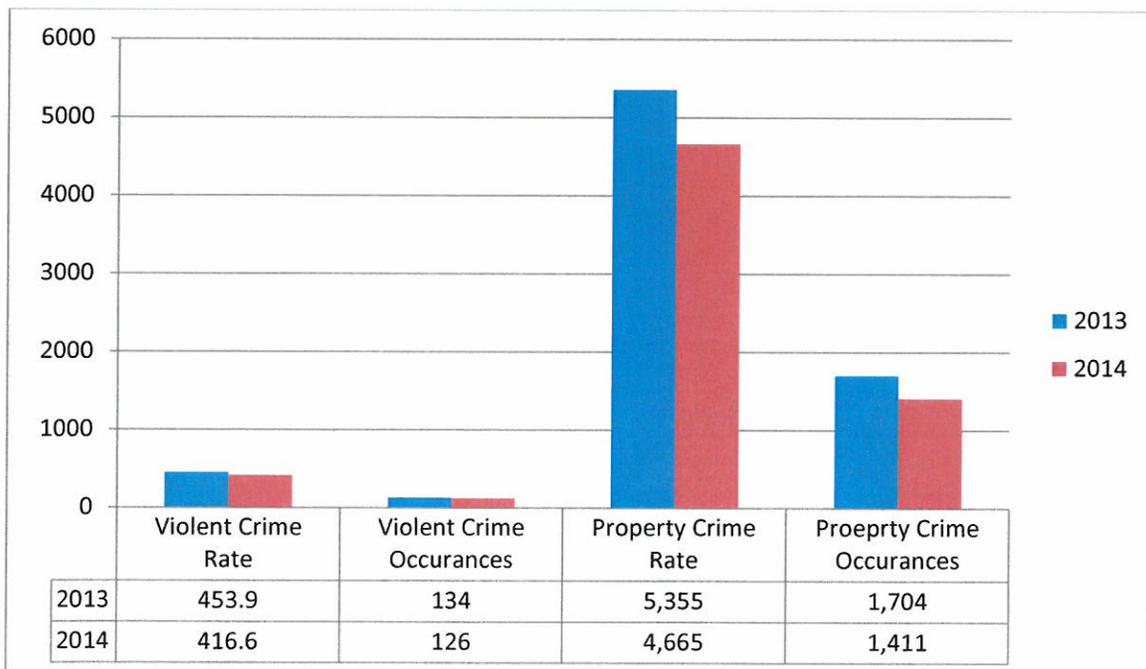
The New Bern Police Department is accredited through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA). The commission was formed to develop a set of law enforcement standards; and to establish and administer an accreditation process through which law enforcement agencies could demonstrate voluntarily that they meet professionally recognized criteria for excellence in management and service delivery. The department has been accredited since 2004, and reassessed on a three year interval.

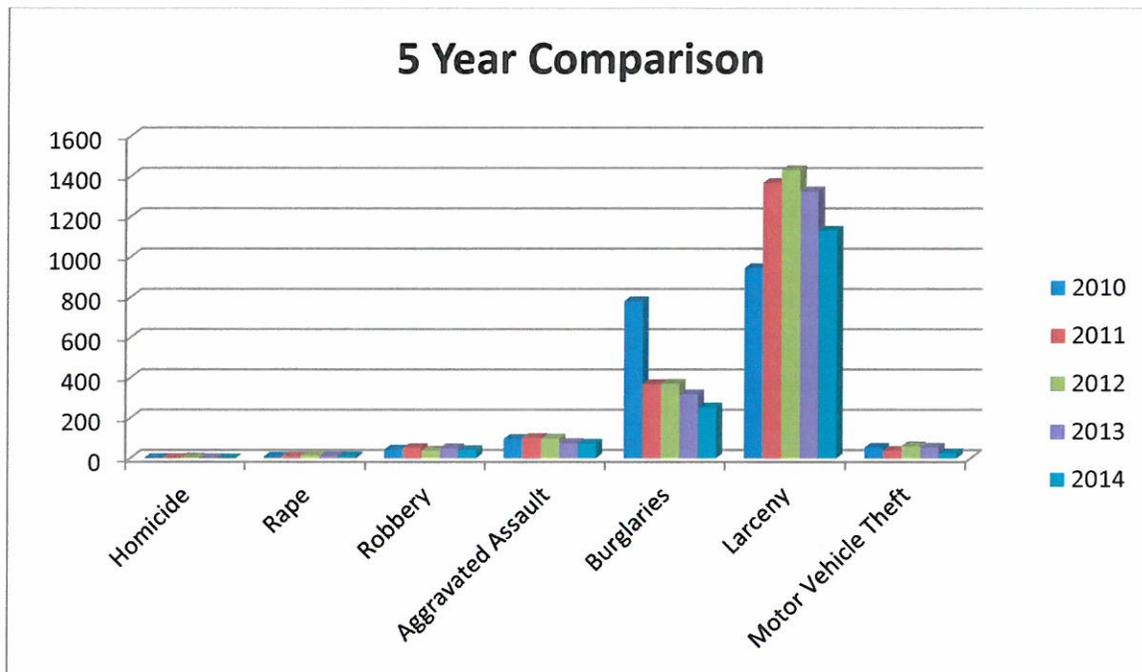
Crime Summary

For 2014 New Bern has a violent crime rate of 416.6 violent crimes per 100,000 people. This is an 8.2% reduction from 2013 which was 453.9. New Bern's property crime rate is 4,665 per 100,000 people which is a 12.8% decrease from 2013 which was 5,355 per 100,000.

The City of New Bern experienced a 6% decrease in violent crime occurrences from 2013-2014, from **134** reported offenses in 2013 to **126** in 2014. Violent crime includes Homicide, Rape, Robbery, and Aggravated Assault. There were 0 homicides, 10 rapes, 42 robberies and 74 aggravated assaults.

The City of New Bern saw a decrease in property crime occurrences by 17% from 2013-2014, from **1,704** offenses in 2013 to **1,411** in 2014. Property crime includes Burglary, Larceny, Motor Vehicle Theft and Arson. There were 254 Burglary's, 1,131 larcenies and 26 motor vehicle thefts. Figure 2 below displays the crime totals for the previous five years along with the five year average. The percentage of change from average is for the year of 2014.

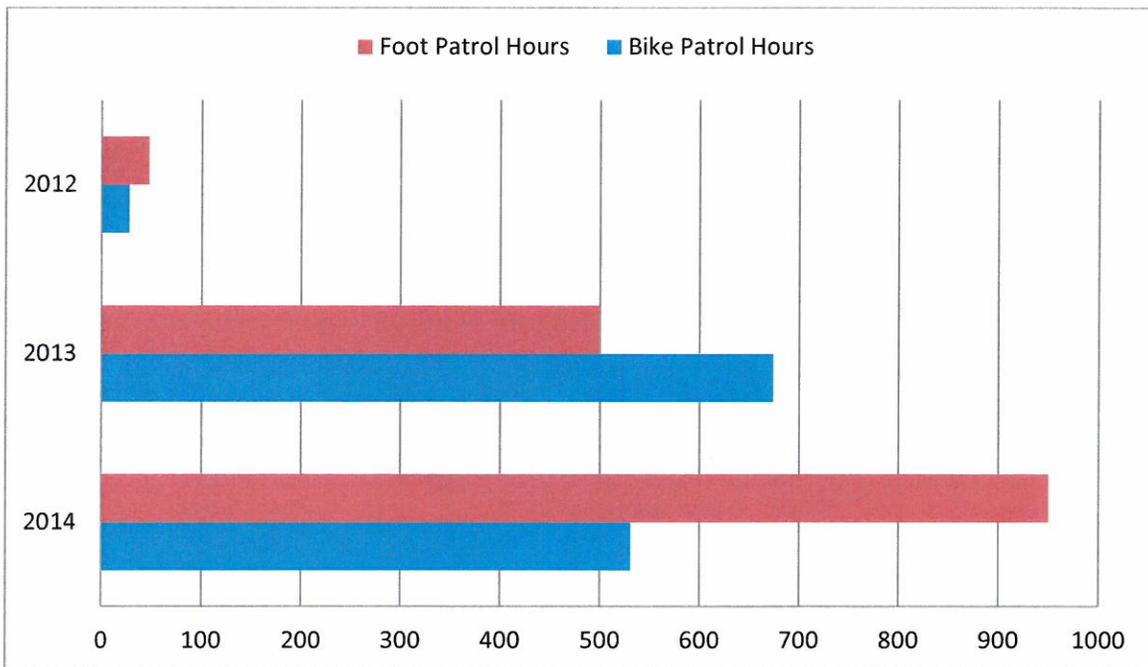
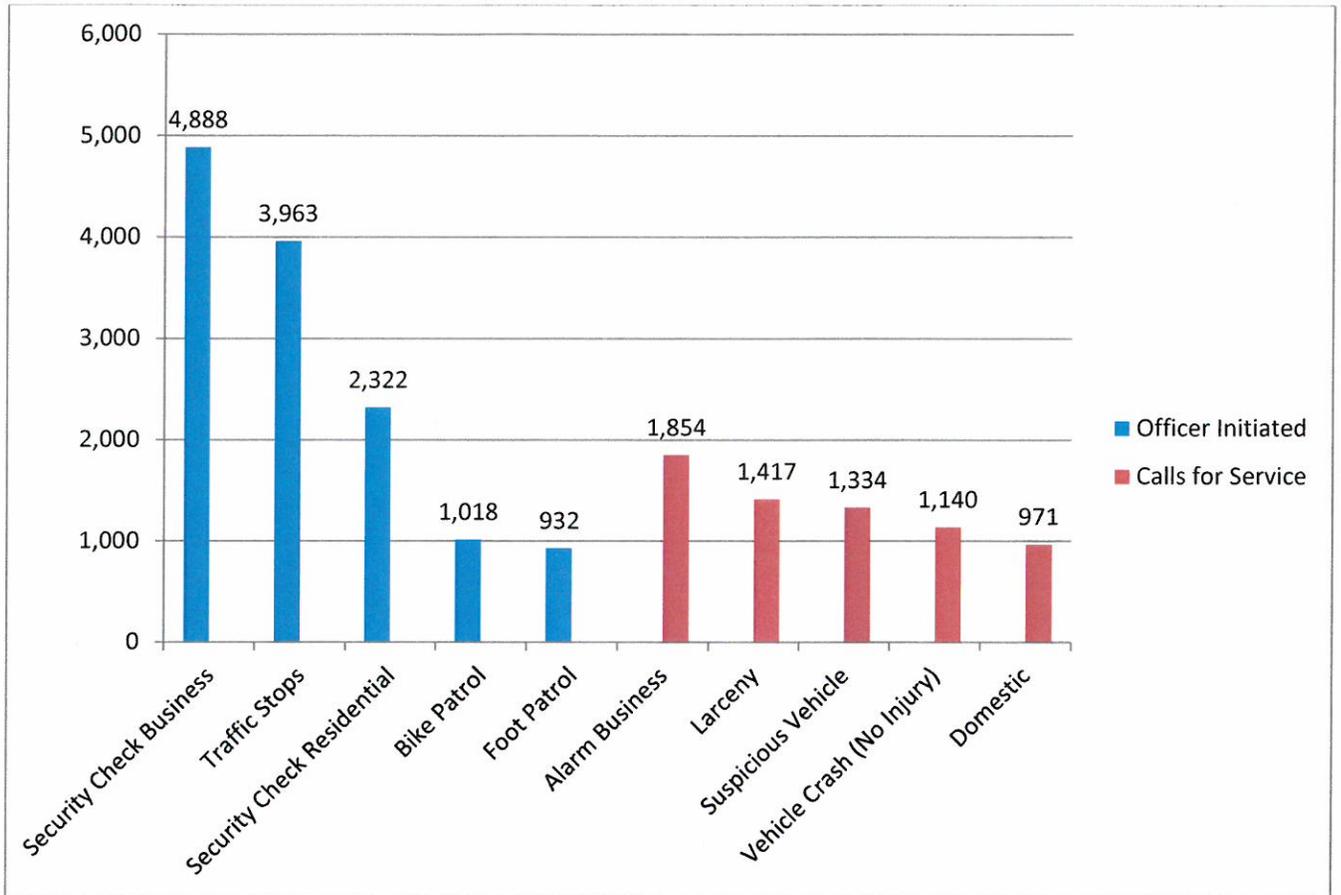




	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>5 Year Avg.</u>	<u>Change from Avg.</u>
Homicide	1	1	4	1	0	1.75	-100%
Rape	9	10	14	13	10	11.5	-13%
Robbery	44	52	39	51	42	46.5	-10%
Aggravated Assault	97	102	99	77	74	93.75	-21%
Burglaries	781	369	371	319	254	460	-45%
Larceny	945	1,368	1,431	1,326	1,131	1,267.5	-11%
Motor Vehicle Theft	54	38	61	55	26	52	-50%
Arson	2	4	2	4	2	3	-33%
Total	1,933	1,944	2,021	1,846	1,539	1,936	-20%

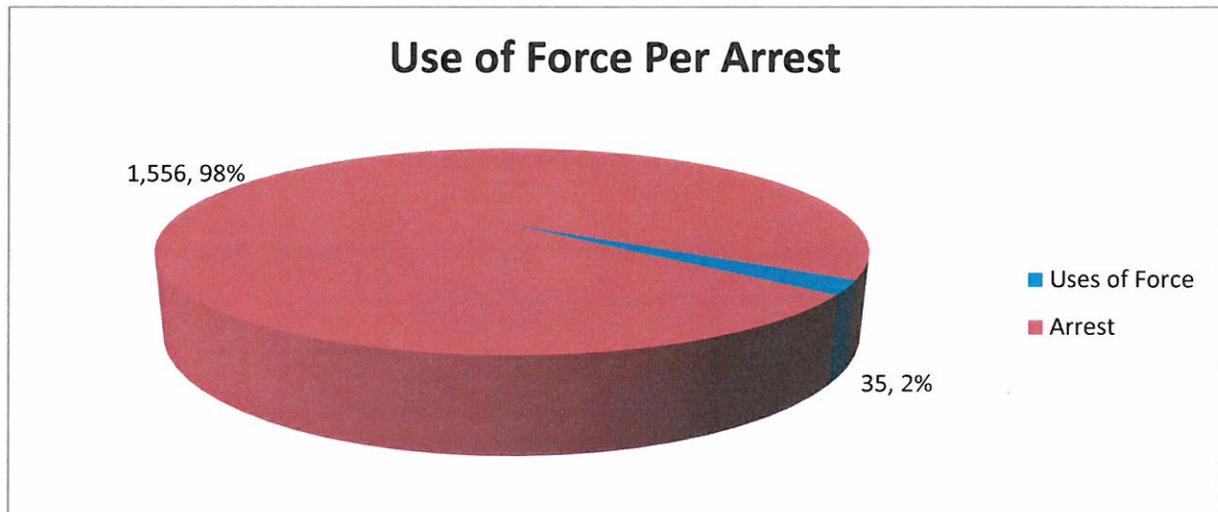
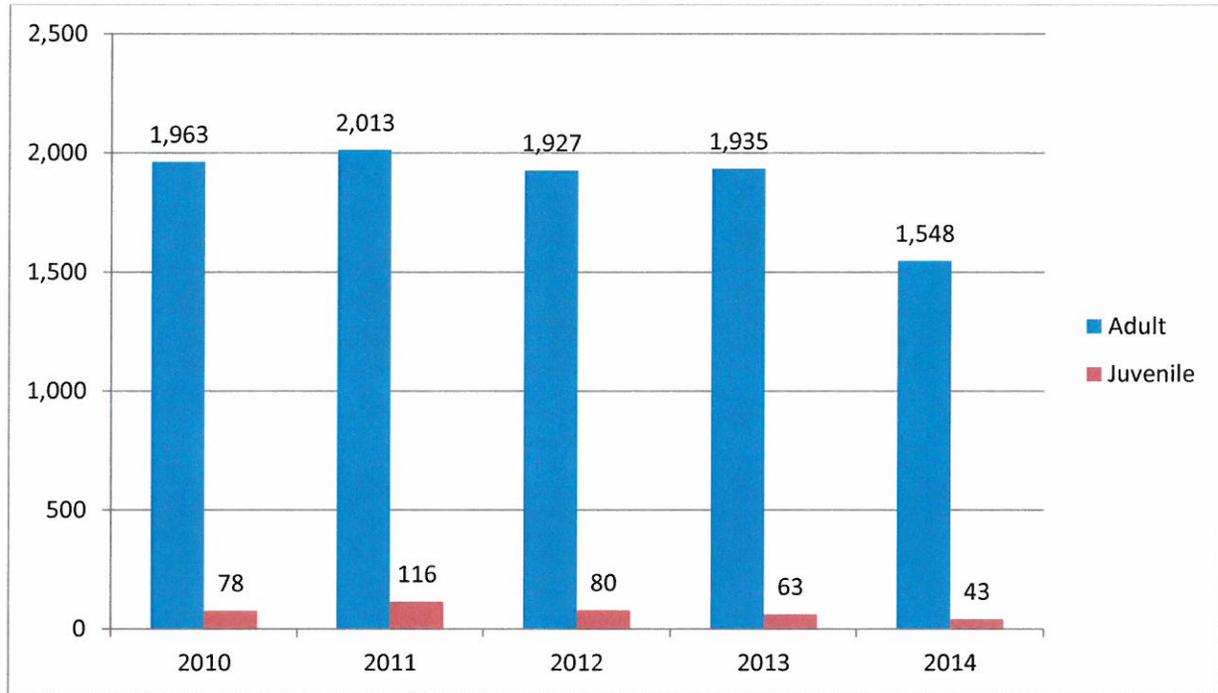
Calls for Service

The City of New Bern saw a decrease in calls for service of 12% from 2013-2014. In 2014 there were 41,530 calls for service as opposed to 46,482 in 2013. Figure 3 chart below reflects calls for service for the year of 2014. The top 5 officer initiated and calls that officers are dispatched to are displayed with respective color coding. The ten calls displayed accounted for 43% of the yearly total calls. The remaining 57% of calls for service types include other criminal offense complaints and citizen assists calls.



Arrests by Year

Figure 4 below depicts the total number of adult and juvenile arrest totals for the five previous years. These arrest stem from on view arrests, warrants and arrests from ongoing investigations. Figure 2 shows the time percentage of times force was used during an arrest of a subject. Of the 1591 arrest during the calendar year 2014, force was used by officers during 35 (2%) of the arrests.



Traffic Enforcement



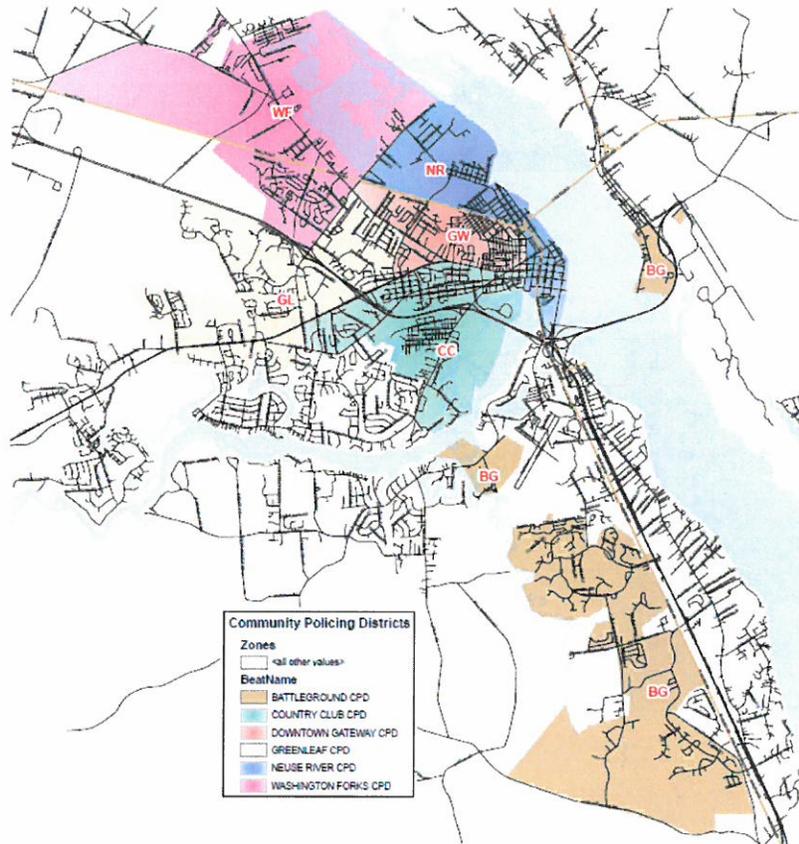
The officers of the New Bern Police Department utilize enforcement, education and engineering to reduce traffic crashes on the streets and parking lots throughout the city. Officers utilize checking stations, RADAR enforcement and community partnerships with organizations such as MADD and SADD as a way to reduce crashes while educating the public.

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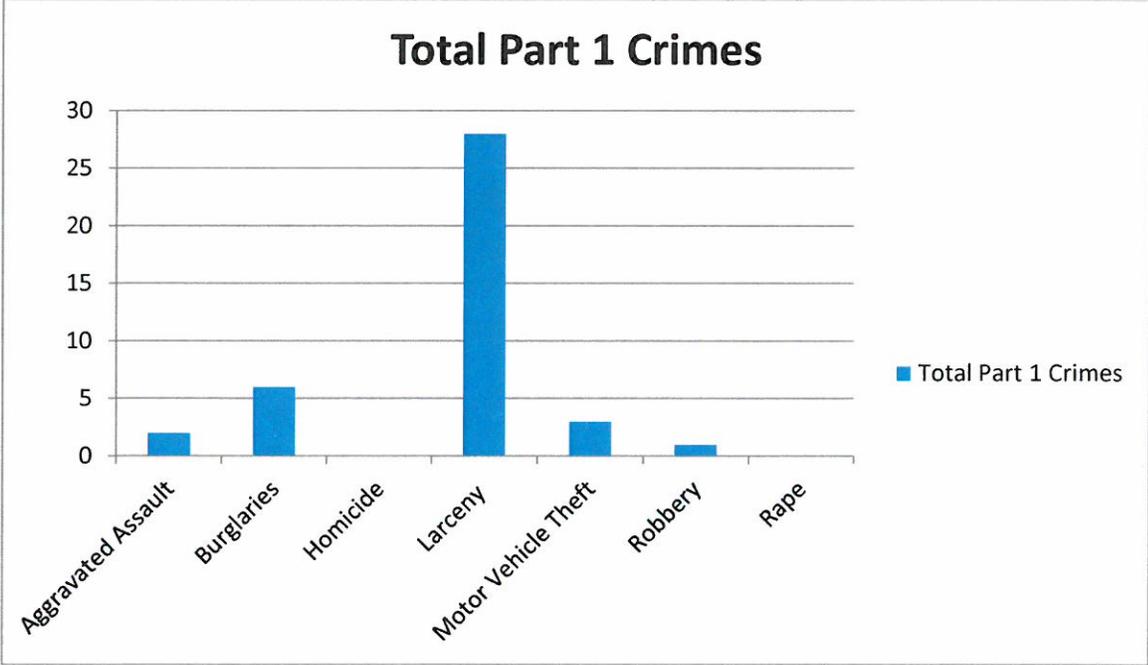
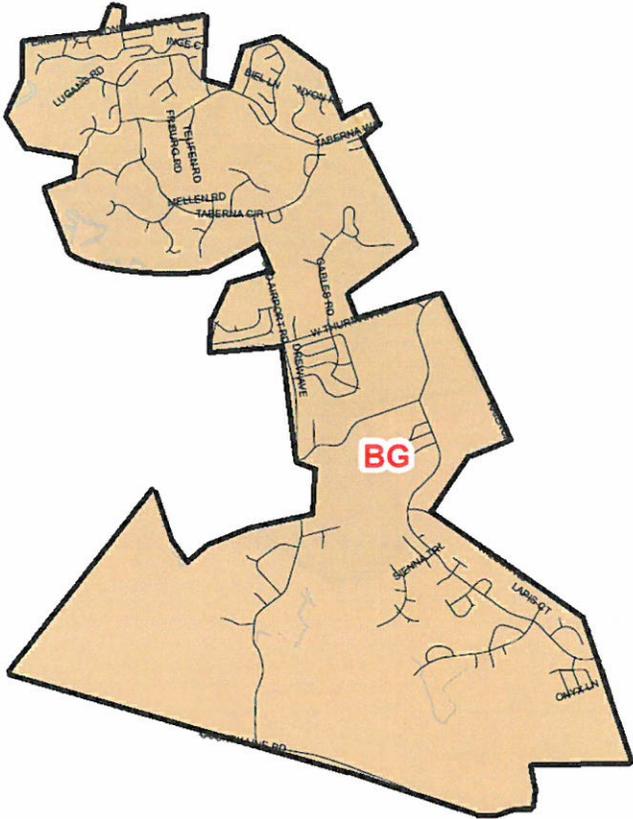
	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>
PVA Crashes	515	484	490
Street/Highway Crashes	880	876	871
Total	1,395	1,360	1,361
DWI Related	5	24	15
DWI Arrest	85	73	52
Citations	4,068	4,092	4,460

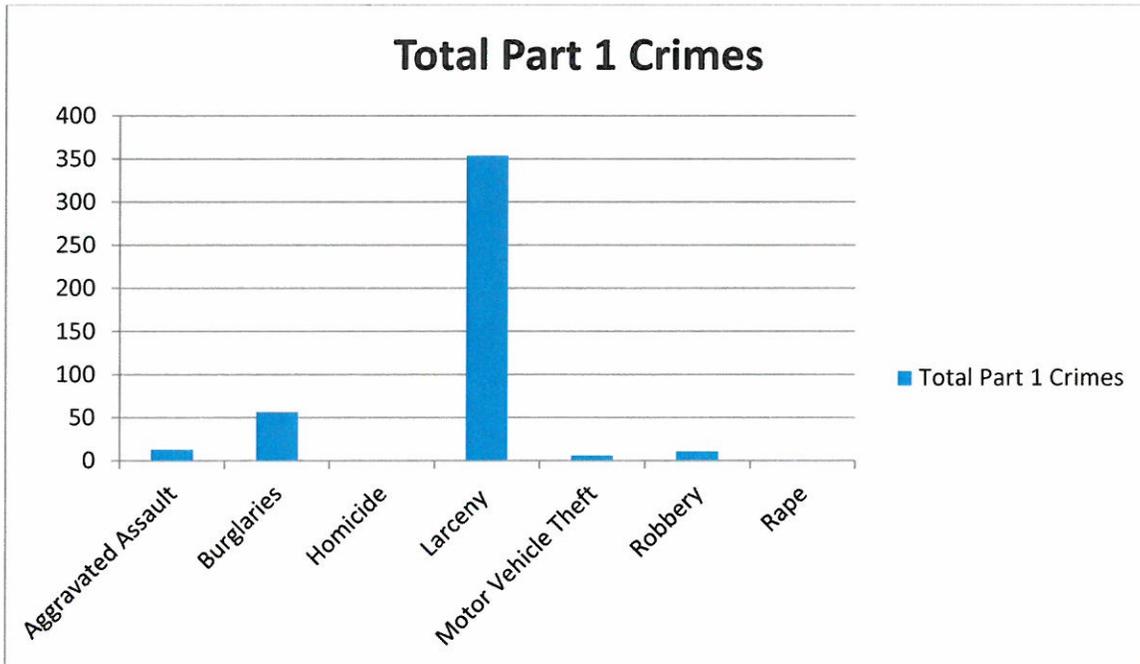
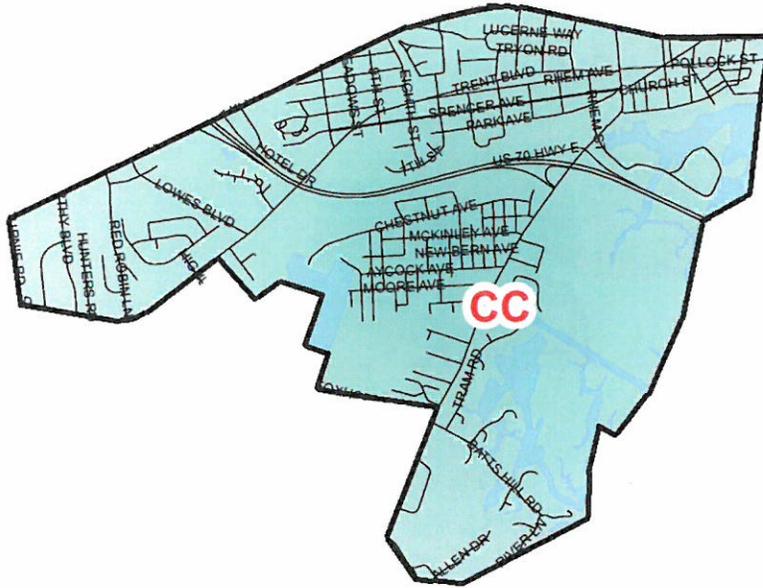
Community Policing Districts

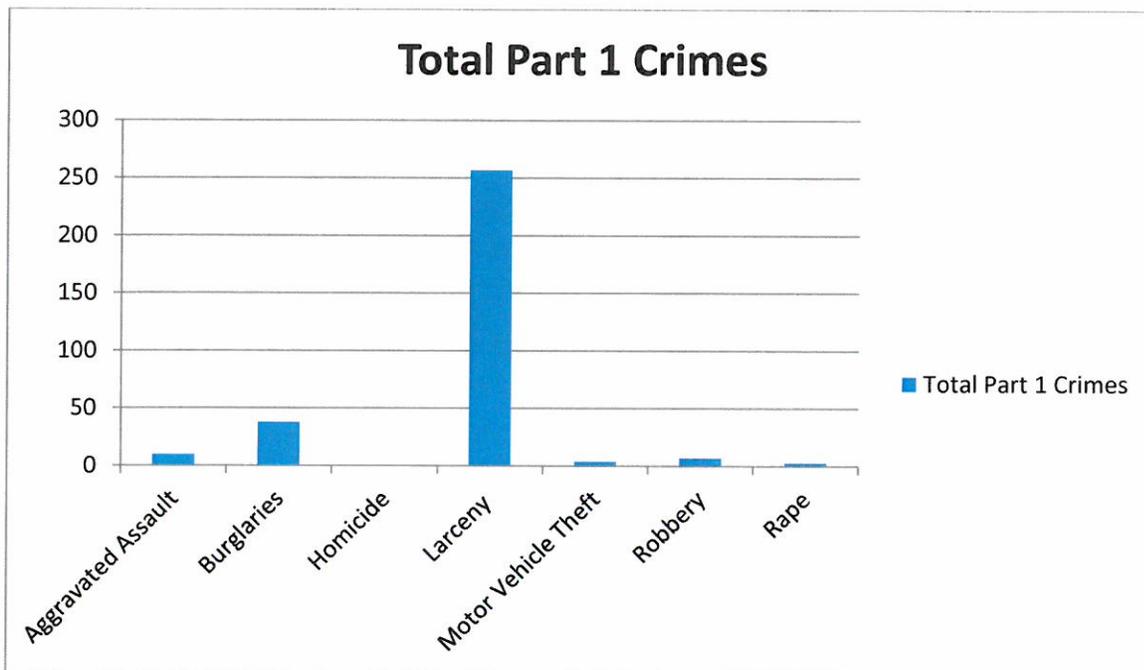
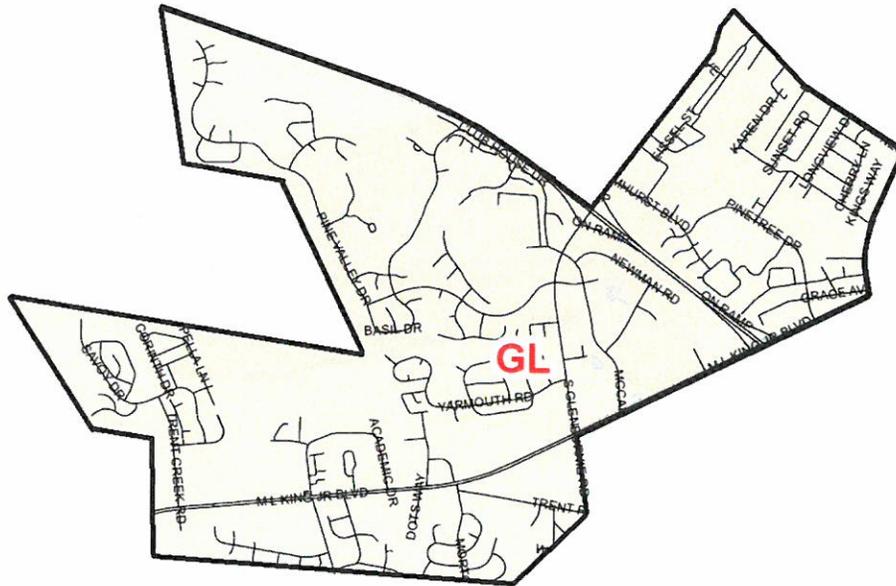
The New Bern Police Department has adopted a community policing philosophy to promote a police and citizen partnership to address the causes and effects of crime. A citizen partnership allows the New Bern Police Department to build trust in the communities, interact with our citizens and work towards the common goal of building a safer city.

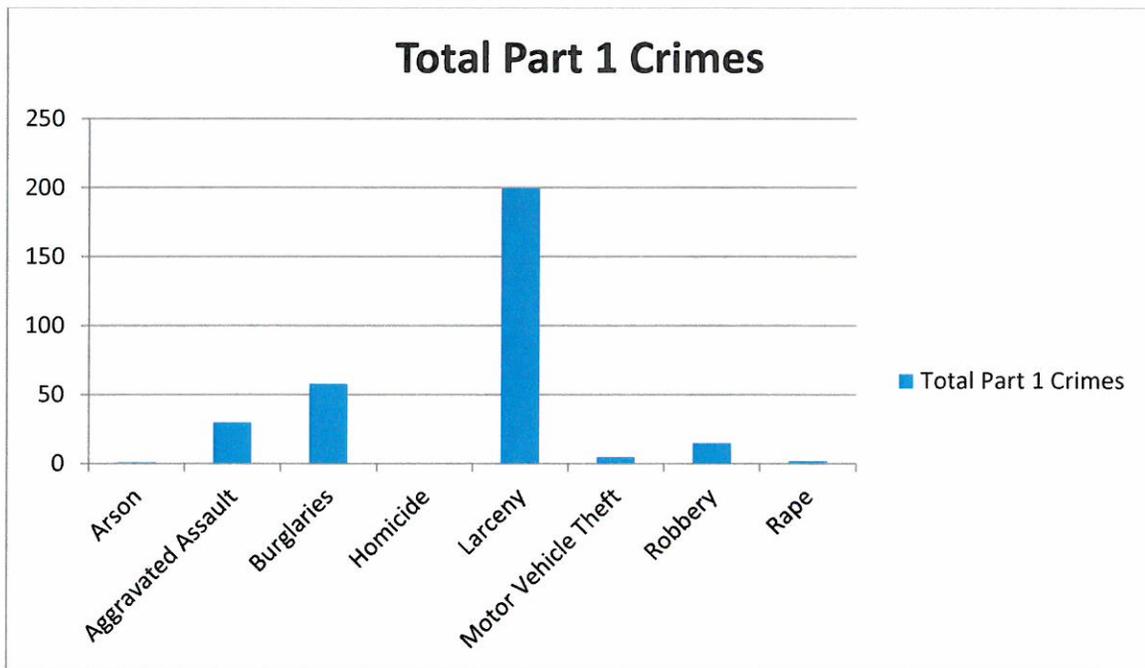
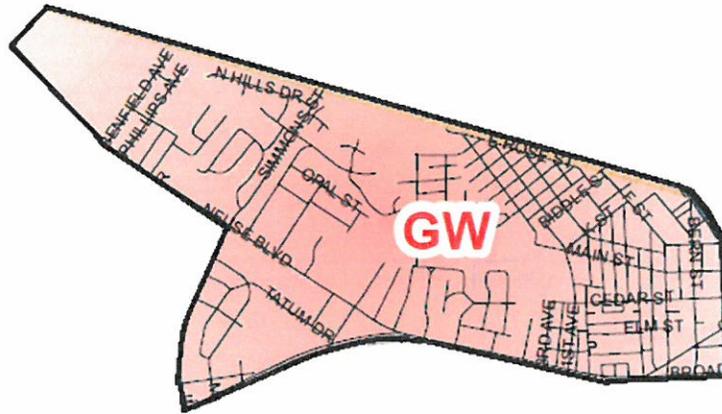


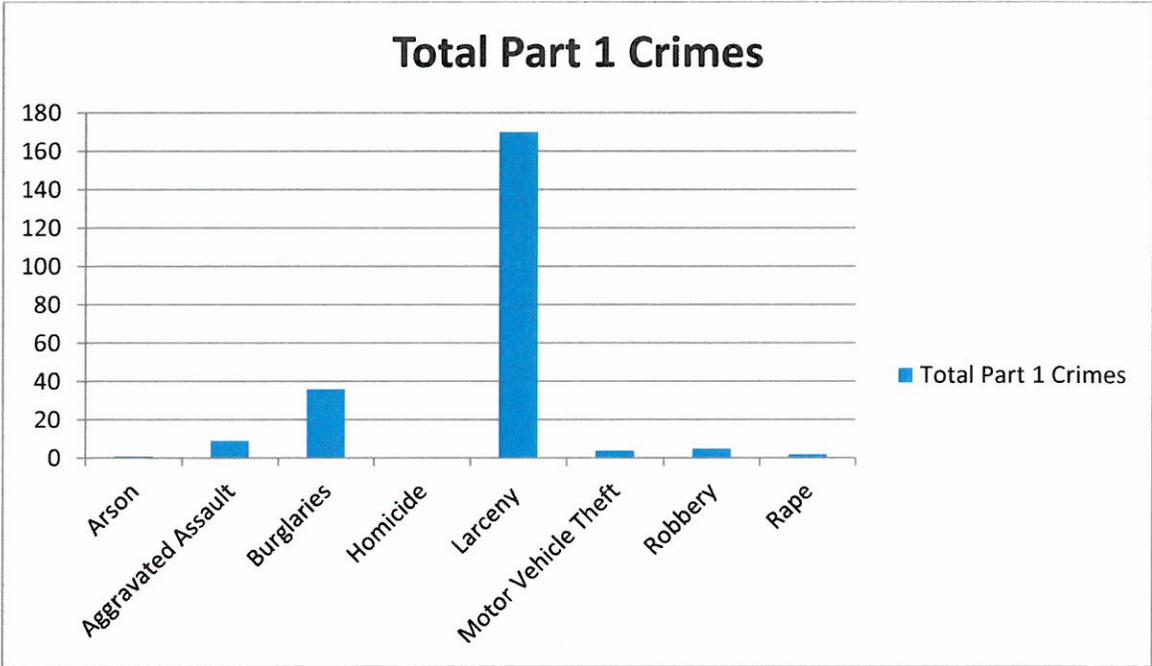
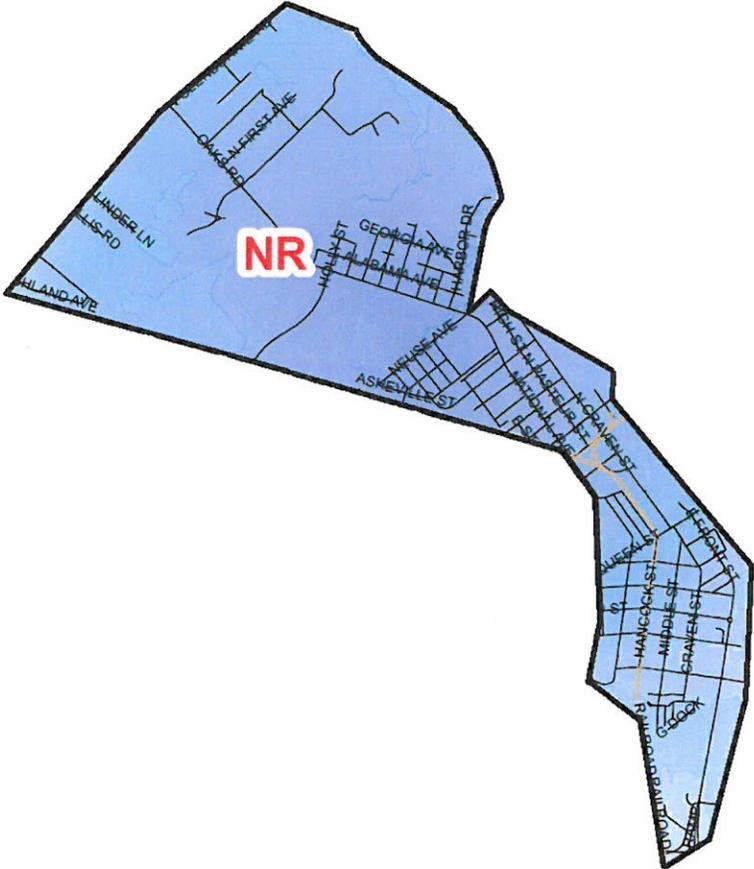
Community Policing District Stats

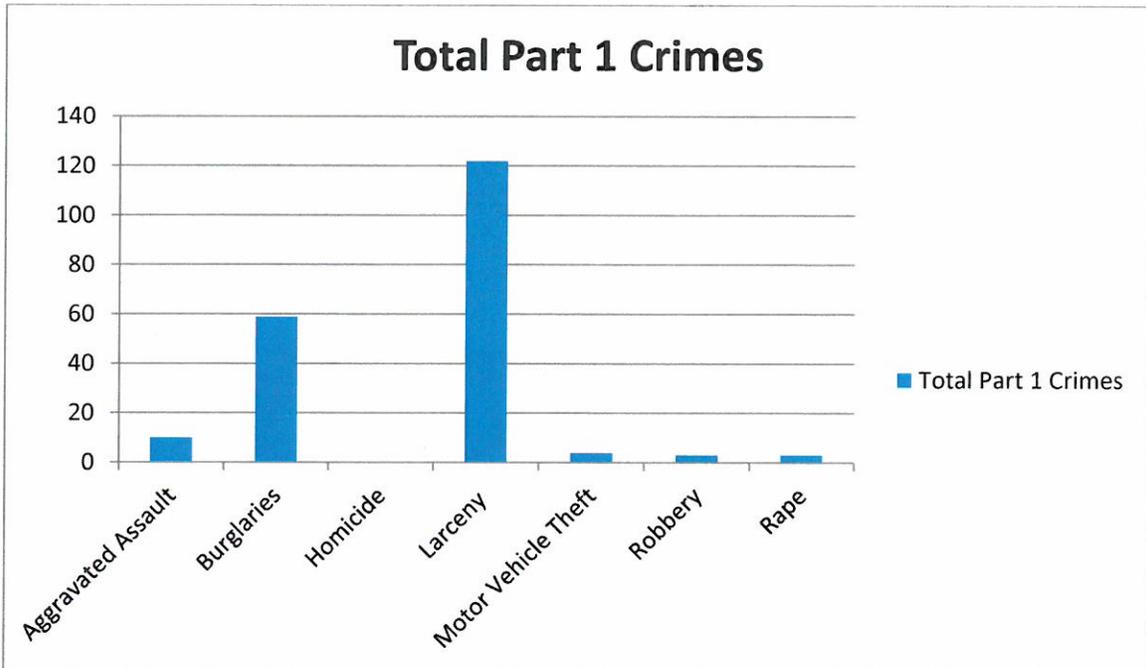
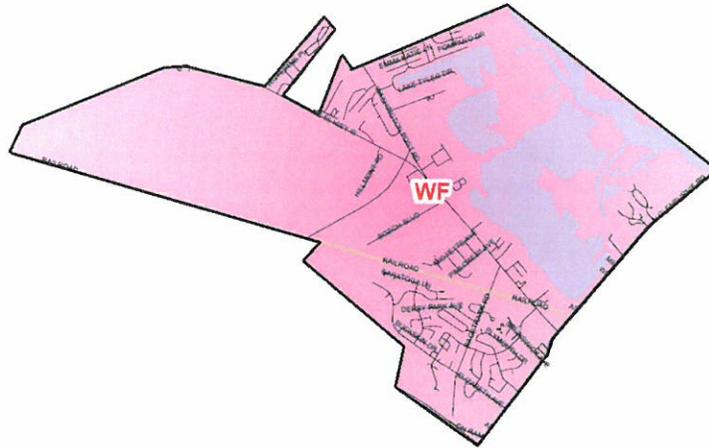












Each Community Policing District is supervised by a Sergeant and Lieutenant. Contact can be made with each community policing team by emailing:

Battleground (BG) District
BGD@newbernpd.org

Neuse River (NR) District
NRD@newbernpd.org

Greenleaf (GL) District
GLD@newbernpd.org

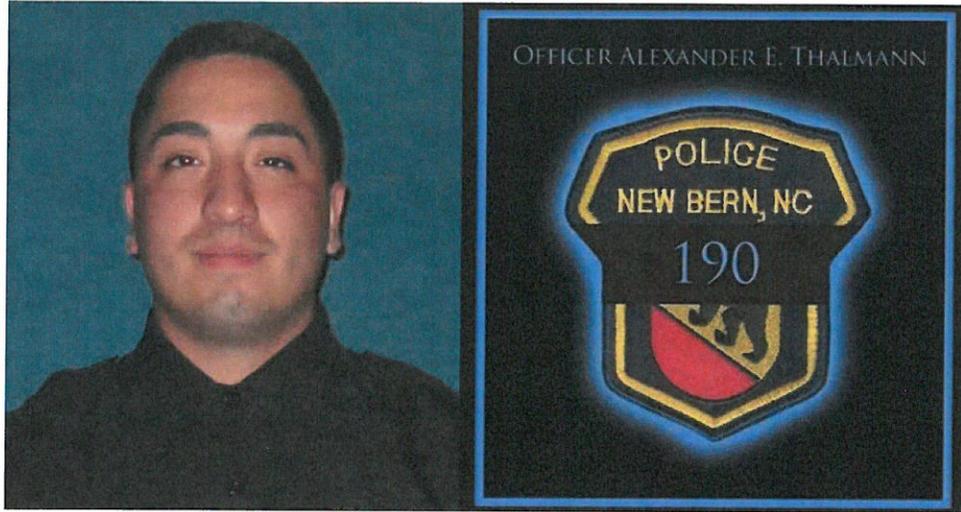
Gateway (GW) District
GWD@newbernpd.org

Country Club (CC) District
CCD@newbernpd.org

Washington Forks (WF) District
WFD@newbernpd.org

Email contact should be made if you have non-emergency questions, general information or to provide feedback to the police department.

Fallen Officer Memorial



On May 5, 2014 the Craven County Fallen Officers Memorial was held at the New Bern Police Department. The memorial service is conducted to pay respects to the fall officers from the surrounding jurisdictions. This year the monument was moved to New Bern Police Department where it sits in front of the American Flag. During this year's ceremony the name of Alexander Thalmann was added to the monument. Ofc. Thalmann served as a New Bern Officer for seven months until his end of watch on 3-31-14

