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# New Bern Police Department



## Annual Report 2015

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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 improve the quality of life and maintain 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

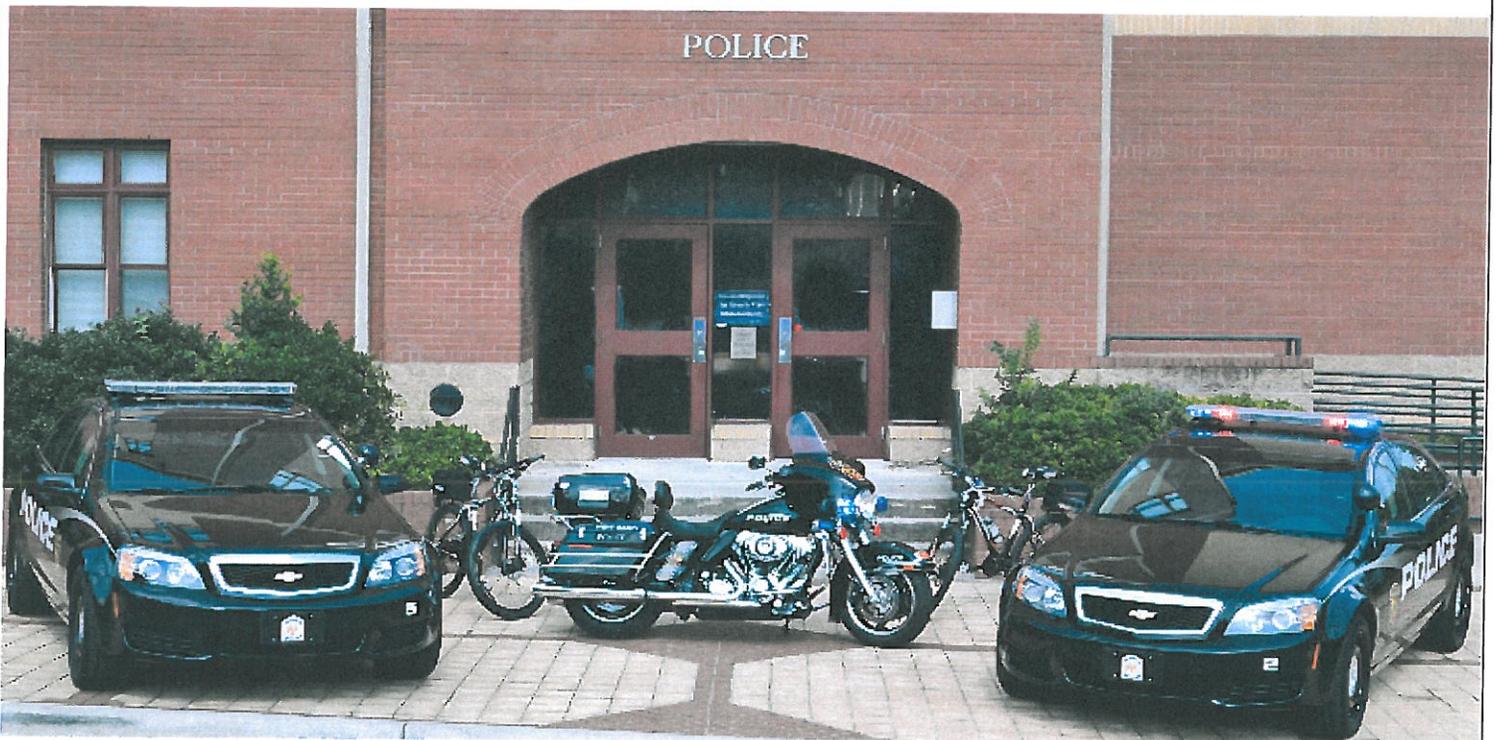
We believe in acknowledging and assuming responsibility for our actions.

### Commitment

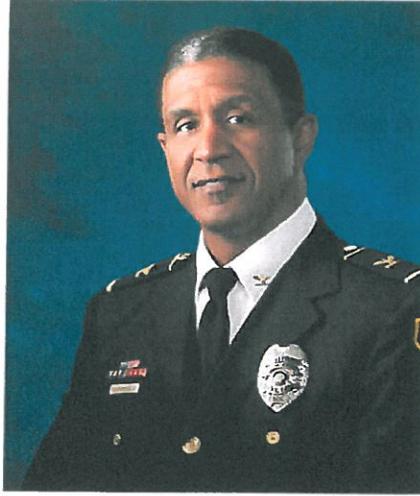
We believe in a sense of duty and responsibility.

### Trust

We believe honesty, fairness and reliability will instill confidence and trust.



## Chief's Opening



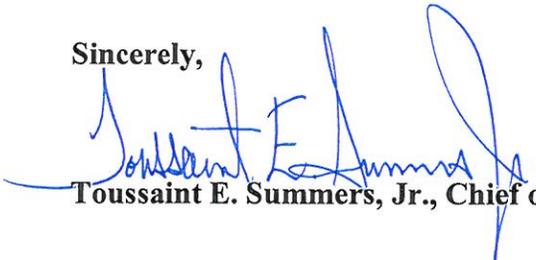
**Toussaint E. Summers, Jr., Chief of Police  
New Bern Police Department**

**It is the mission of the New Bern Police Department to positively IMPACT the community we serve by providing quality law enforcement services and preserving partnerships with citizens and businesses to work together to prevent crime, find solutions for specific community concerns and maintain a safe place to live, work and visit. The members of the New Bern Police Department take great pride in serving our community and pursuing opportunities to strengthen partnerships that share these values. Public safety is a shared responsibility that benefits greatly from the investment.**

**I am pleased with the accomplishments and progress we have made this year and I trust that you will find this report to be an informative and fair representation of the motivation, professionalism and commitment to service that the members of the New Bern Police Department exhibit on a daily basis. The staff is committed to reducing crime and doing our part in ensuring a safe community.**

**We invite your comments and feedback and encourage you to visit our website for timely news on events and activities throughout the year. We are honored to serve you.**

Sincerely,



**Toussaint E. Summers, Jr., Chief of Police**

## 2015 New Bern Police Department

### Statistical Highlights

<b>Calls Received-</b>	<b>90,880</b>
<b>Bike Patrol Hours-</b>	<b>267.72</b>
<b>Foot Patrol Hours-</b>	<b>600.17</b>
<b>Community Meetings Attended-</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>Department Training Hours-</b>	<b>8,053.75</b>
<b>Volunteer Hours-</b>	<b>3,214.25</b>
<b>Total Arrests-</b>	<b>1,563</b>
<b>Adults- 1,538; Juveniles -25</b>	
<b>Violent Crime Rate-</b>	<b>369.37</b>
<b>(Based on Uniformed Crime Reporting)</b>	<b>per 100,000</b>
<b>Property Crime Rate-</b>	<b>3,943.29</b>
<b>(Based on Uniformed Crime Reporting)</b>	<b>per 100,000</b>

## In Partnership With Our Community

The New Bern Police Department employs a community policing philosophy in an attempt to reduce crime and increase partnership with the community. Throughout 2015, 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 the MS Bike Tour. During the 2015 calendar year the department conducted over 250 hours of bike patrol, 600 hours of foot patrol and attended 26 community meetings as a means of proactively engaging members of the community.



The city is divided into six Community Policing Districts. Each patrol shift has an officer who is assigned to each 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 statistics begins on page 21 of this report.

## **Crime Prevention Activities**

### **COPLOGIC**

The New Bern Police Department subscribes to online services which allow for convenient reporting known as COPLOGIC. 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. Citizens can also set alerts for their geographical area and receive regular updates of incidents of crime.

### **ReportIt**

ReportIt is a free internet based property database that is accessible to the citizens of New Bern because the police department subscribes to LeadsOnline services. ReportIt allows citizens to easily catalog information on their personal property. The property information can include serial numbers, owner applied numbers or digital photographs of their property. Various property types can be entered into ReportIt such as jewelry, electronics, purses or lawn equipment. This information can be used to assist a law enforcement agency in recovering property if the owner is ever the victim of a property crime.

### **Neighborhood Community Watch Program**

The New Bern Police Department's Neighborhood Community Watch Program consists of 38 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 Watch Group 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.

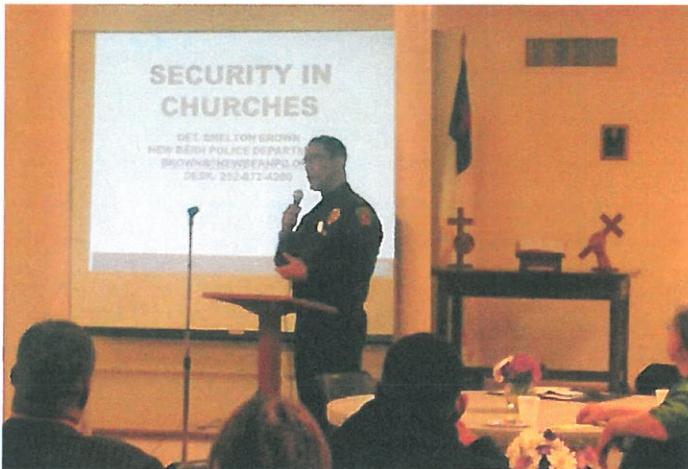
### **DDACTS**

DDACTS (Data Driven Approaches to Crime and Traffic Safety) integrates location-based crime and traffic data to establish effective and efficient methods for deploying law enforcement and other resources. Under the DDACTS program, crime and traffic data are merged allowing departments to develop plans to strategically target areas where crime, traffic crashes and traffic violations are high. Those plans include launching highly-visible traffic enforcement operations. Since, often times, crime involves the use of a motor vehicle, the goal of DDACTS is to reduce the incidence of crime, crashes and traffic violations across the community through a multi-faceted approach. The DDACTS program is supported by a partnership among the Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, the Bureau of

Justice Assistance and the National Institute of Justice. Some of the agencies who have participated in this program are Baltimore County, Maryland Police Department; Lafourche Parish, Louisiana Sheriff's Office; Nashville, Tennessee Police Department; Oakland, California Police Department; Rochester, New York Police Department; St. Albans Police Department and Vermont State Police; and Washoe County, Nevada Police Department.

### **Faith Based Initiative**

The New Bern Police Department's Faith Based Initiative is a partnership program between law enforcement and Senior Church Executives and Pastors of local churches. The initiative has formed an alliance with over 30 different faith based assemblies from our area to open paths of communication and provide direction for youth and reduce crime in neighborhoods. Since its inception, police department staff has been able to partner with seven pastors to participate in a Community Service Worksite Program, which involves juveniles who are ordered to fulfil community obligations for the courts. The group has also participated in three community walks in various locations within the city to show community unity and intolerance towards crime. These walks have led to the group adopting the slogan "Because We Care, We Are Coming To You."



### **Citizens Police Academy**

In 2015, the New Bern Police Department held their 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> Citizens Police Academy Sessions. The Citizens Police Academy is designed as an educational program designed 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 New Bern Police Department held 3 Coffee With A Cop events at various locations in the city. The majority of citizens' 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.



### **Police Athletic League (PAL)**

In 2015, the New Bern Police Department continued its Police Athletic League (PAL), which served 218 youth throughout the city on 22 basketball teams. The teams were broken up into 12 and under, 15 and under and 18 and under. 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. The New Bern

Police Department Explorers are currently recruiting for new applicants.



### **Operation Medicine Cabinet**

During the year, the department has collected 1,732.27 lbs of medication for disposal. 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.



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

Each year, the police department partners with New Bern Housing Authority and hosts a program called Police and Children-Together Everyone Achieves More (PAC-TEAM) Summer Camp. This free camp was a week long and designed to provide over 80 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 whom may not have had the opportunity to participate in a safe and educational, camp-like setting during the summer months.

**National Night Out**



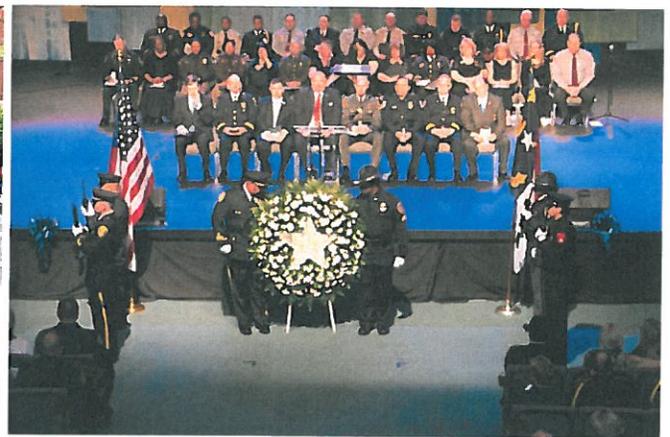
National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to help make New Bern a safer, stronger and better place to live, work, play and raise a family. National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community, and provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances. A total of **18** different communities participated in the 2015 National Night Out event.



### **Citizens Observation Patrol**

The New Bern Police Department implemented a new program called Citizen Observation Patrol (COP). COP uses specially trained citizens to patrol the streets and report suspicious activities. The purpose of COP is to aid and support the New Bern Police Department in the prevention of crime and to promote public safety. COP volunteers are specially trained in the use of a police radio, observation and reporting of suspicious behavior. COP volunteers are encouraged to patrol the streets as they go about their daily routine, in addition to reporting suspicious activities. Having a police radio provides COP volunteers the ability to monitor police activities and report any supporting observations; however, they are not authorized to take any police actions.

### **National And State Law Enforcement Memorials**



Every year, North Carolina honors its fallen law enforcement officers who have been killed in the line of duty while serving the citizens of this state during the North Carolina Peace Officers Memorial. In 2015, the annual North Carolina Peace Officers Memorial Day event was held in New Bern on May 5th. The city was chosen last year after New Bern Police Officer Alexander Thalmann was shot and killed in the line of duty.

The North Carolina Attorney General's Office hosts the event, which is sponsored by the North Carolina Department of Justice. Attorney General Roy Cooper spoke during the ceremony along with New Bern Police Department Chief Toussaint E. Summers, Jr. The event recognized three officers killed in the line of duty since last year's memorial: Jason Crisp, U.S. Forest Service/McDowell County Sheriff's Office; Jeffrey Greene, Union County Sheriff's Office; and Alexander Thalmann, New Bern Police Department.

Chief Summers, members of the New Bern Police Department Honor Guard and several New Bern officers accompanied Officer Thalmann's mother, Stacey, to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington D.C. on May 13-15, 2015. During their time there Officers Thalmann's service was recognized by President Obama during the Annual National Peace Officers Memorial Service.

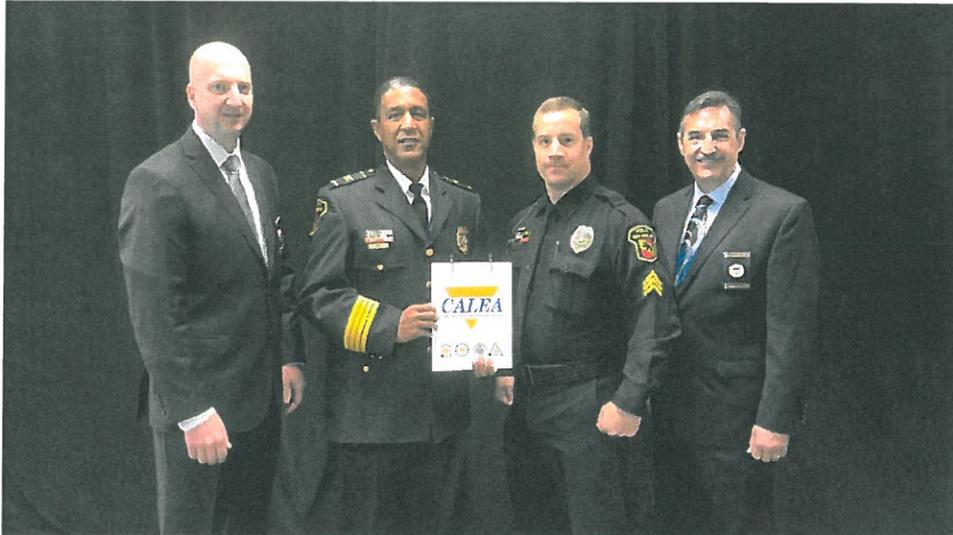
## Canines



In February 2015, the New Bern Police Department welcomed two new canines to its staff. Canines Reno and Loki were trained at K2 Solutions Inc. in Fayetteville. Both canines are trained in tracking, drug detection, criminal apprehension, article searches and firearm detection. Loki is a 2 year old Dutch Shepard imported from Holland. Reno is two year old German Shepard also imported from Holland. All New Bern Police Department canines serve all of Craven and Pamlico counties through mutual aid agreements.

## Awards

### 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). During the year 2015, the department underwent a re-accreditation process and The Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies awarded the City of New Bern Police Department its fifth accreditation since 2004. Re-accreditation occurs on three year intervals. The commission was formed to develop a set of law enforcement standards and integrate an accreditation process through which law enforcement agencies could demonstrate voluntarily that they meet professionally recognized criteria for excellence in management and service delivery. Chief Toussaint E. Summers, Jr. received the award in Miami, Florida.

### North Carolina Governor's Highway Safety Program



Over the past 5 years, the officers assigned to the New Bern Police Department Traffic Unit have participated in public educational traffic safety initiatives and campaigns sponsored by the North Carolina Governor's Highway Safety Program (NCGHSP). Through their participation in

enhanced enforcement activities and public education, the agency was awarded participation points which were used to acquire new equipment. In 2015, the participation points allowed the New Bern Police Department to become the first agency in the State of North Carolina to acquire a vehicle 100% funded through the NCGHSP points program. The vehicle that was selected was a 2015 Ford F-250.

### **Officer Awards**

Throughout the year, New Bern Police Department employees are recognized for their various services to the community and agency. The agency awarded **74 commendations** to its officers for various acts of duty. Annually, the Civitan and Rotary Organizations award officers who are nominated by their peers and selected by the Command Staff as being Officers of the Year.

#### **2015 Civitan Officer of the Year**

Officer Kevin Brice

#### **2015 Rotary Officer of the Year**

Lieutenant Ronnie Lovick

### **Professional Law Enforcement Certifications**

The North Carolina Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission established the Law Enforcement Professional Certificate Program as a way of fostering interest in college education and professional law enforcement training programs, and to attract highly qualified people into a law enforcement career. Under this program, officers must meet requirements set in training hours, years of experience and education to receive either an Advanced or Intermediate Law Enforcement Certificate. 2015 saw 3 New Bern Police Officers meet those requirements and receive Law Enforcement Certifications.

#### **Intermediate Law Enforcement Certificate**

Officer William Hollowell

#### **Advanced Law Enforcement Certificate**

Officer Stephen Williams  
Officer Shelton Brown

### **Department of Justice (JAG)**

In 2015, the New Bern Police Department was awarded **\$13,367** as a part of the Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) sponsored by the U.S. Department of Justice. The funds were used to purchase 5 Harris XG-75 portable radios with VIPER capability. The radios will provide the members of the New Bern Police Department the capability to communicate with other agencies statewide that likewise have VIPER capabilities. This will allow them to plan and respond to multiple agency situations facilitated through VIPER as a back up to the primary radio system should it experience a failure.

## Crime Summary

In 2015, New Bern had a violent crime rate of **369.37** violent crimes per 100,000 people. This is an **11.3% reduction from 2014**, when the rate was **416.6**. New Bern's property crime rate is **3,943.29** per 100,000 people, which is a **15.4% decrease** from 2014, when the rate was **4,665.70** per 100,000 people. This is based off of population estimates from the State Demographic branch of the Office of State Budget and Management.

While the number of homicides increased, the City of New Bern experienced a 10% total decrease in violent crime occurrences in 2015. Those occurrences fell from **126** reported offenses in 2014 to **113** in 2015. Violent crime includes Homicide, Rape, Robbery and Aggravated Assault. There were 9 homicides, 5 rapes, 30 robberies and 69 aggravated assaults.

The City of New Bern saw a **decrease** in property crime occurrences by **8.4%** in 2015; from **1,411** offenses in 2014, to **1,292** in 2015. Property crime includes Burglary, Larceny, Motor Vehicle Theft and Arson. There were 218 Burglaries, 1,041 Larcenies and 33 Motor Vehicle Thefts. Figure 1 displays the crime rate and occurrences comparison. Figure 2 displays the crime totals for the previous five years along with the five year average. The percentage of change from the five year average is a **decrease** of **19%** for the year of 2015.

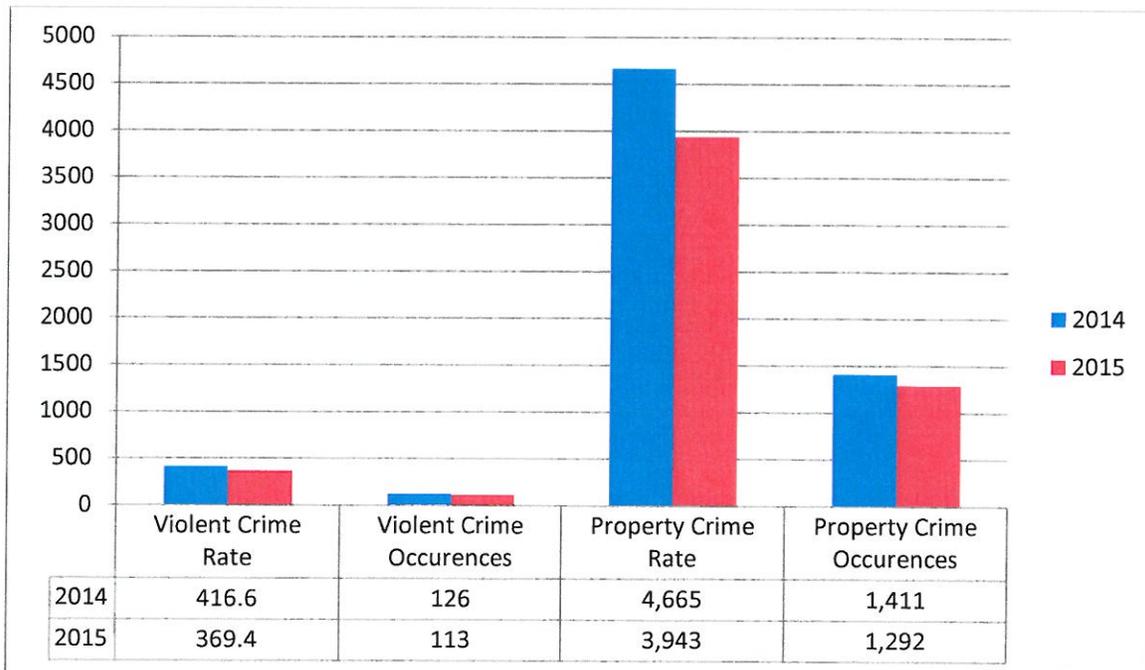


Figure 1

### Crime Occurrences Total

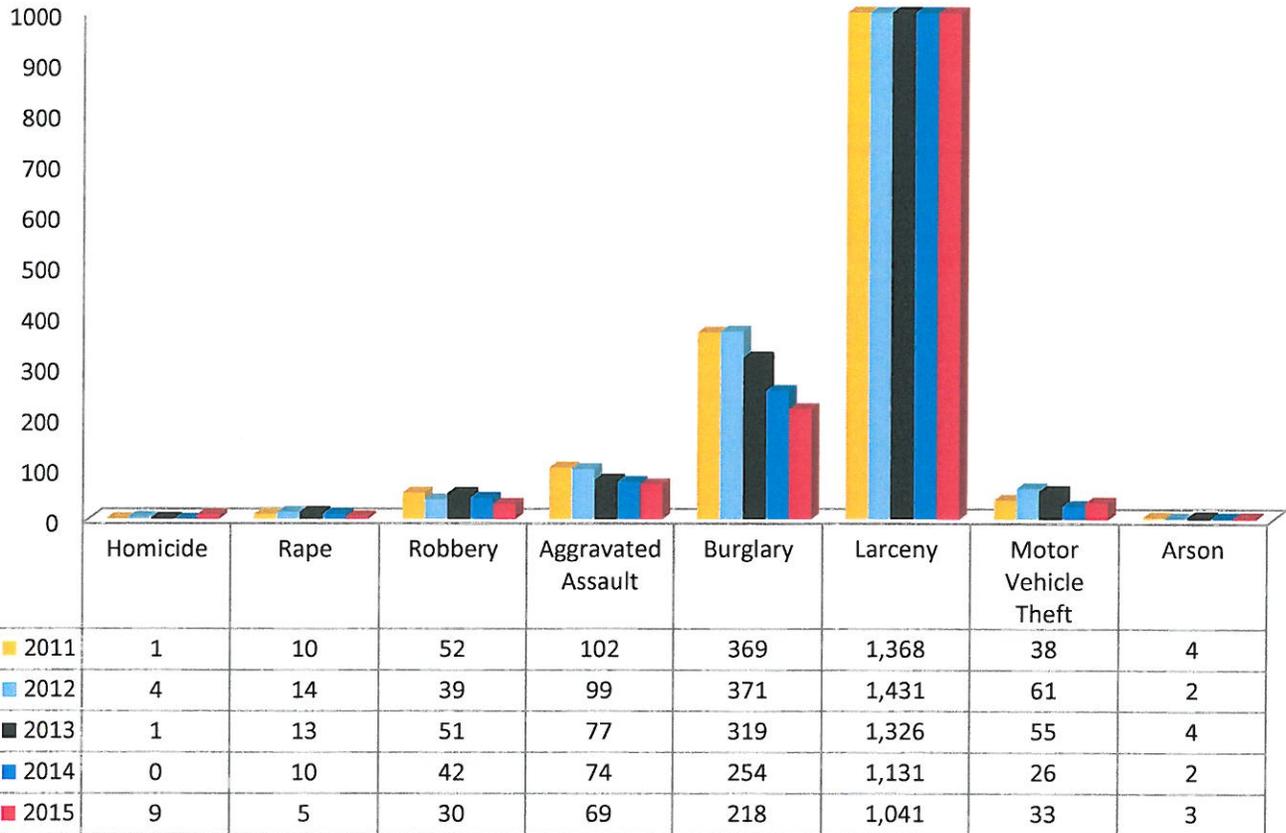


Figure 2

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>5 Year Avg.</u>	<u>Change from Avg.</u>
Homicide	1	4	1	0	9	3	200%
Rape	10	14	13	10	5	10.4	-52%
Robbery	52	39	51	42	30	42.8	-30%
Aggravated Assault	102	99	77	74	69	84.2	-18%
Burglary	369	371	319	254	218	306.2	-29%
Larceny	1,368	1,431	1,326	1,131	1,041	1,259.4	-17%
Motor Vehicle Theft	38	61	55	26	33	42.6	-23%
Arson	4	2	4	2	3	3	0%
Total	1,944	2,021	1,846	1,539	1,408	1,751.2	-19%

### Calls for Service

The City of New Bern saw a less than 1% **increase** in calls for service for 2015. In 2014, there were 41,530 calls for service as opposed to 41,878 in 2015. Figure 3 reflects calls for service for the year of 2015. The top 5 officer initiated and calls that officers are dispatched to are displayed with respective color coding. The ten calls displayed accounted for 41% of the yearly total calls. The remaining 59% of calls for service types, include other criminal offense complaints and citizen assists calls.

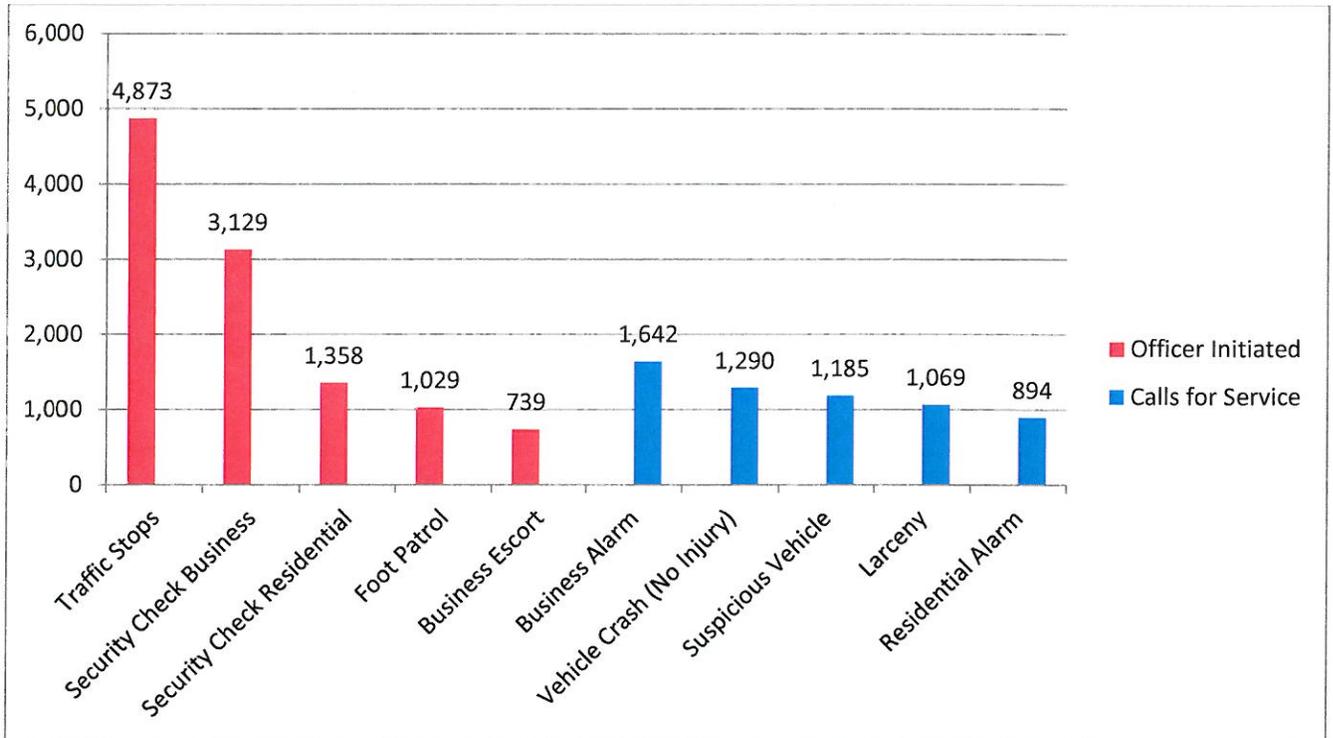


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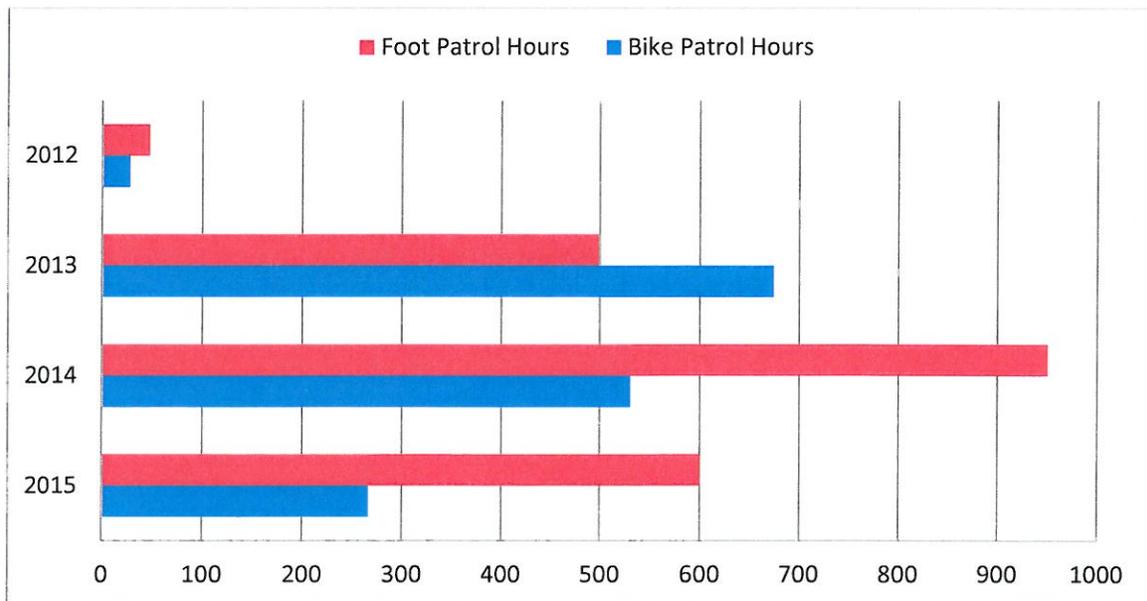


Figure 4

### Arrests by Year

Figure 5 depicts the total number of adult and juvenile arrest totals for the five previous years. These arrests stem from on-view arrests, warrant services and arrests from ongoing investigations. Figure 6 shows the time percentage in which force was used during an arrest of a subject. Of the 1,563 arrests during the 2015 calendar year, force was used by officers during 48 (3%) of the arrests.

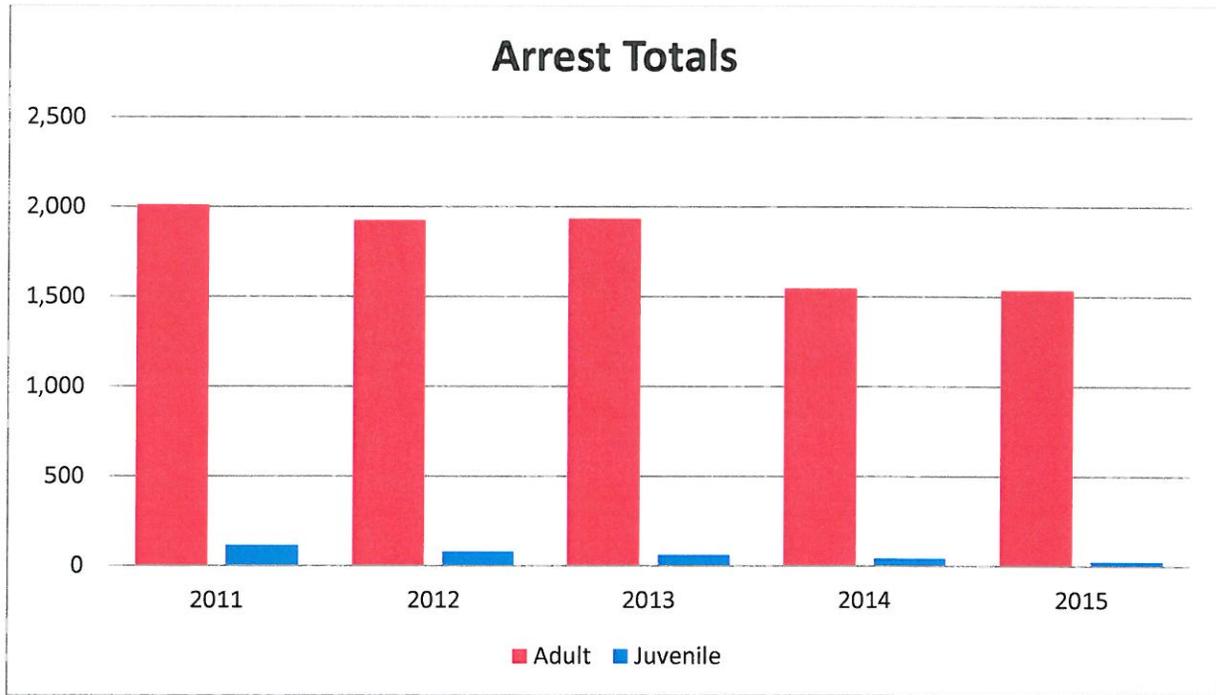


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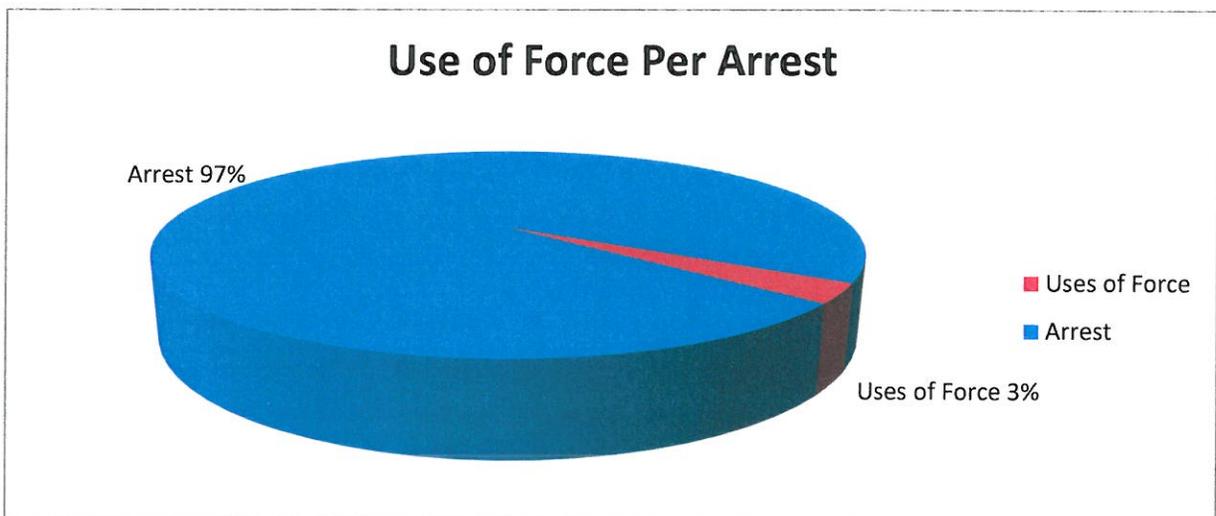


Figure 6

## **Traffic Enforcement**



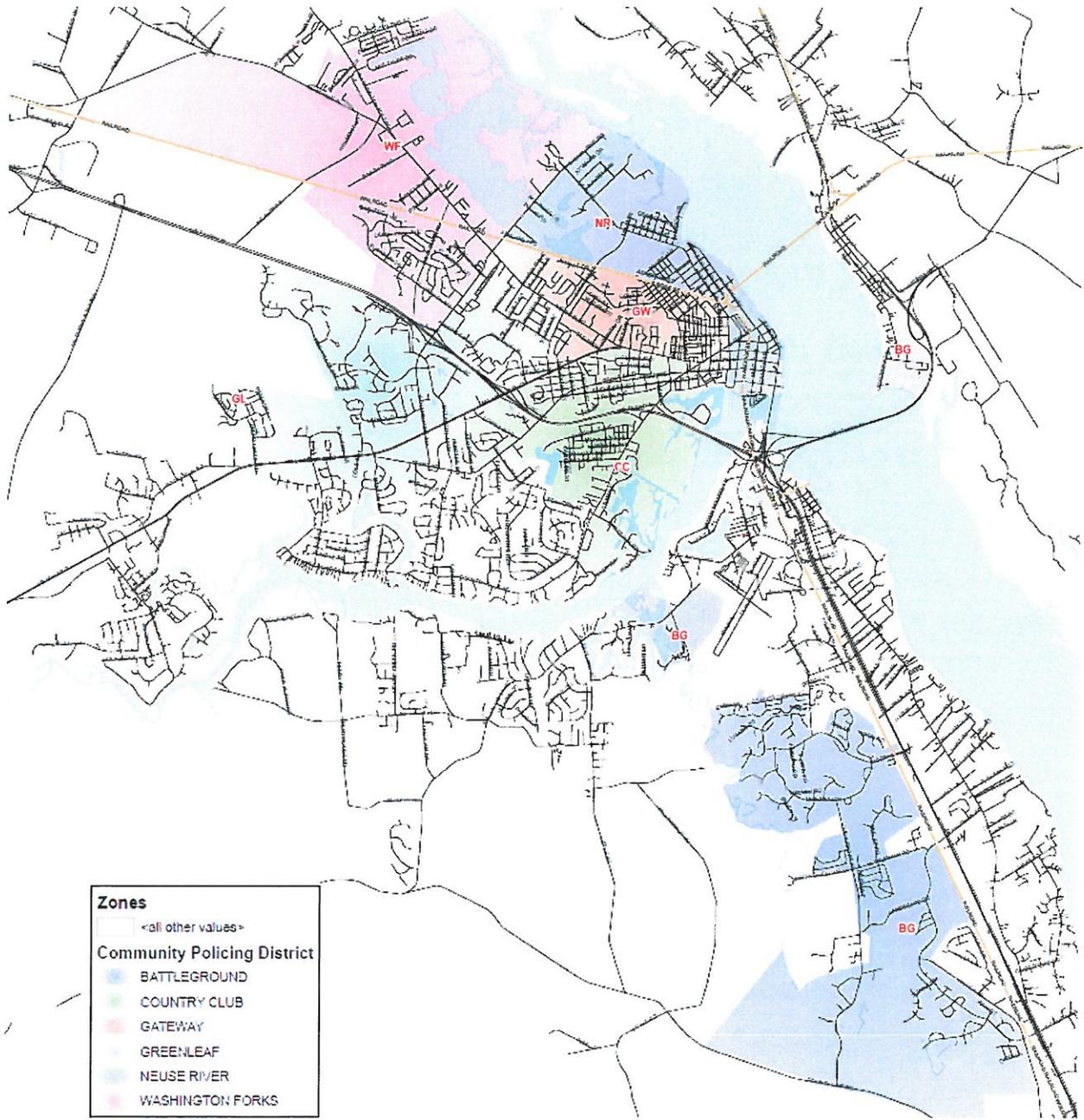
The officers of the New Bern Police Department utilize enforcement, education and engineering to reduce traffic crashes on the streets and parking lots throughout the city. Officers utilize checking stations, RADAR enforcement and community partnerships with organizations such as Mothers Against Drunk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

### **Traffic Enforcement**

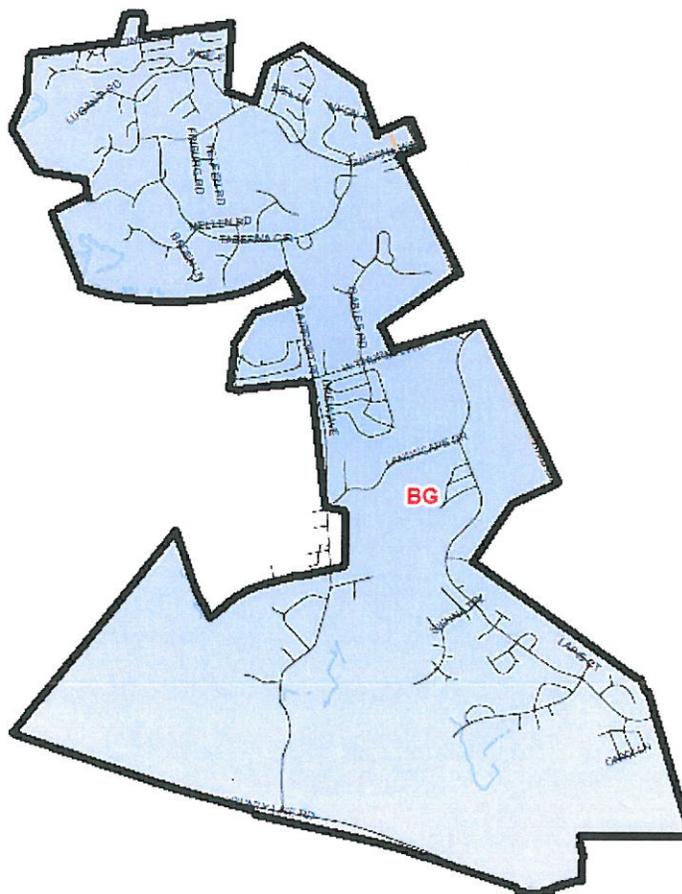
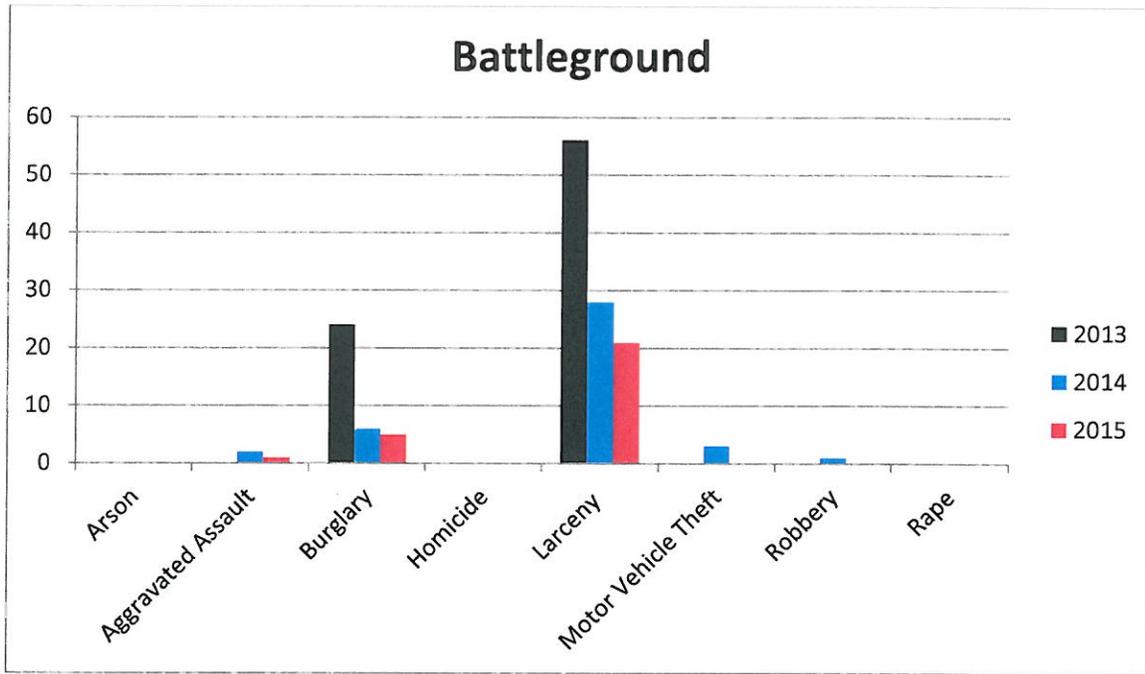
	<b><u>2012</u></b>	<b><u>2013</u></b>	<b><u>2014</u></b>	<b><u>2015</u></b>
Parking Lot Crashes	515	484	490	521
Street/Highway Crashes	880	876	871	839
Total	1,395	1,360	1,361	1,360
DWI Related Crashes	5	24	15	26
DWI Arrest	85	73	52	64
Citations	4,068	4,092	4,460	4,035

## Community Policing Districts

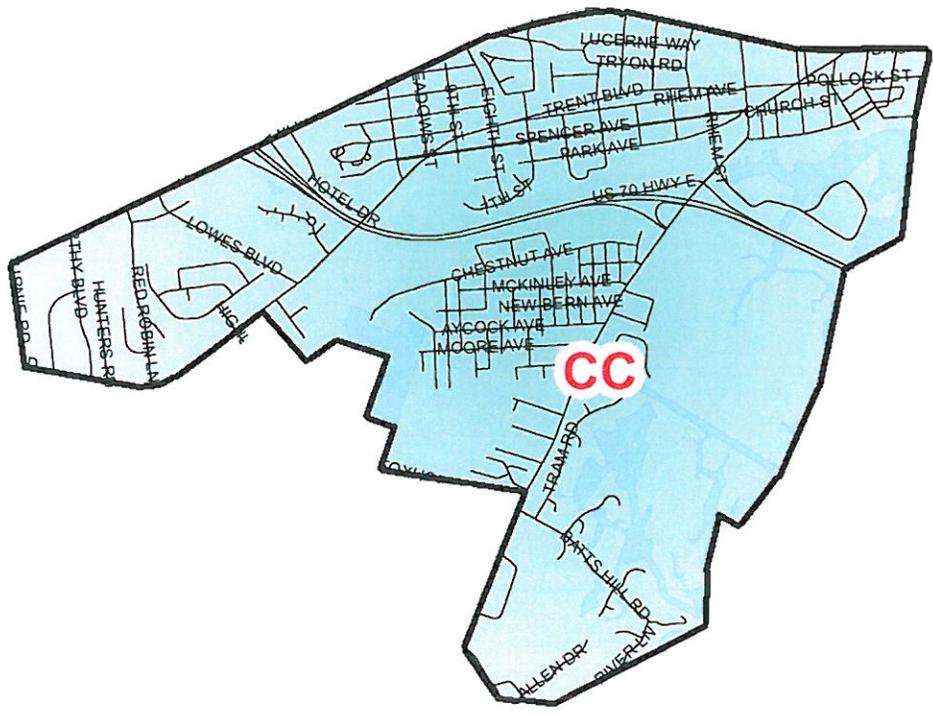
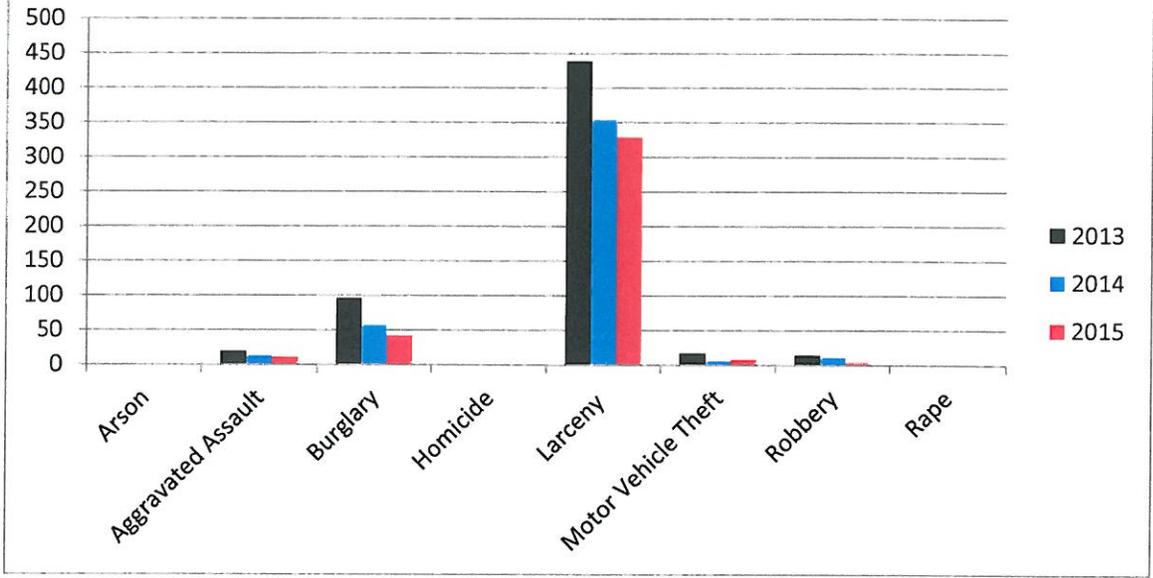
The New Bern Police Department has adopted a Community Policing philosophy to promote a police and citizen partnership to address the causes and effects of crime. A citizen partnership allows the New Bern Police Department to build trust in the communities, interact with our citizens and work towards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



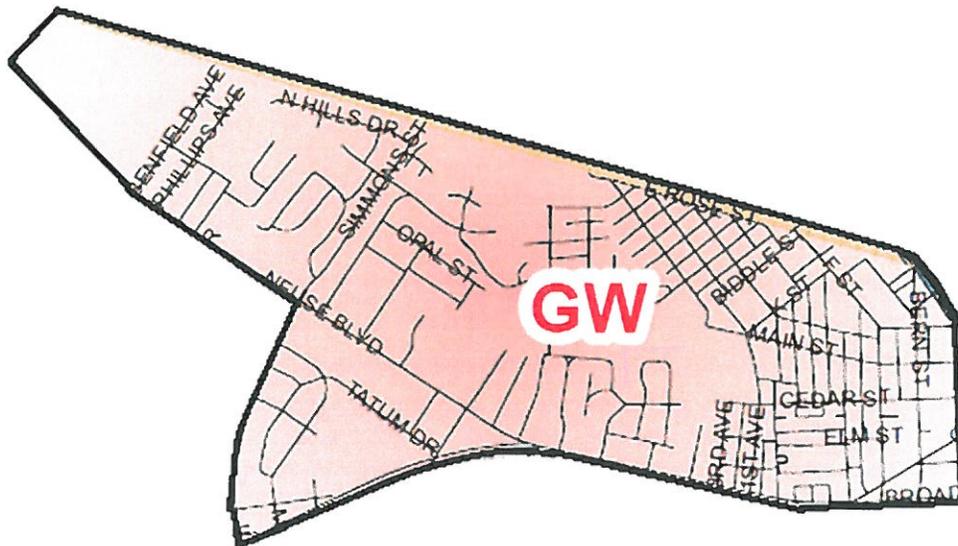
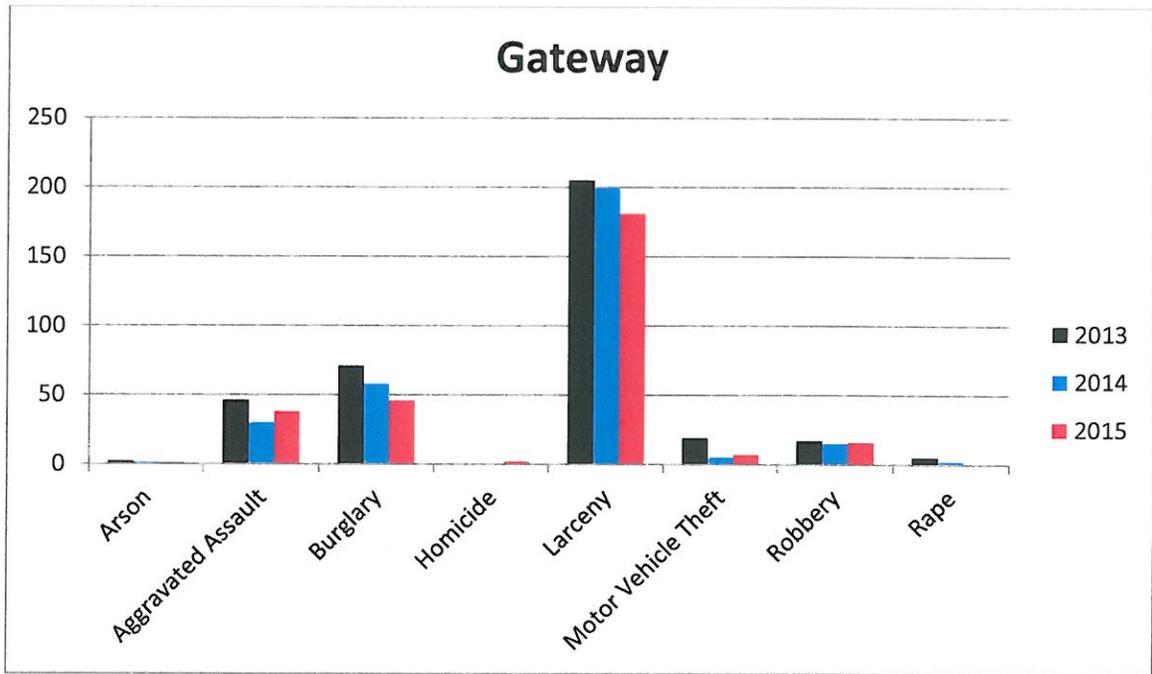
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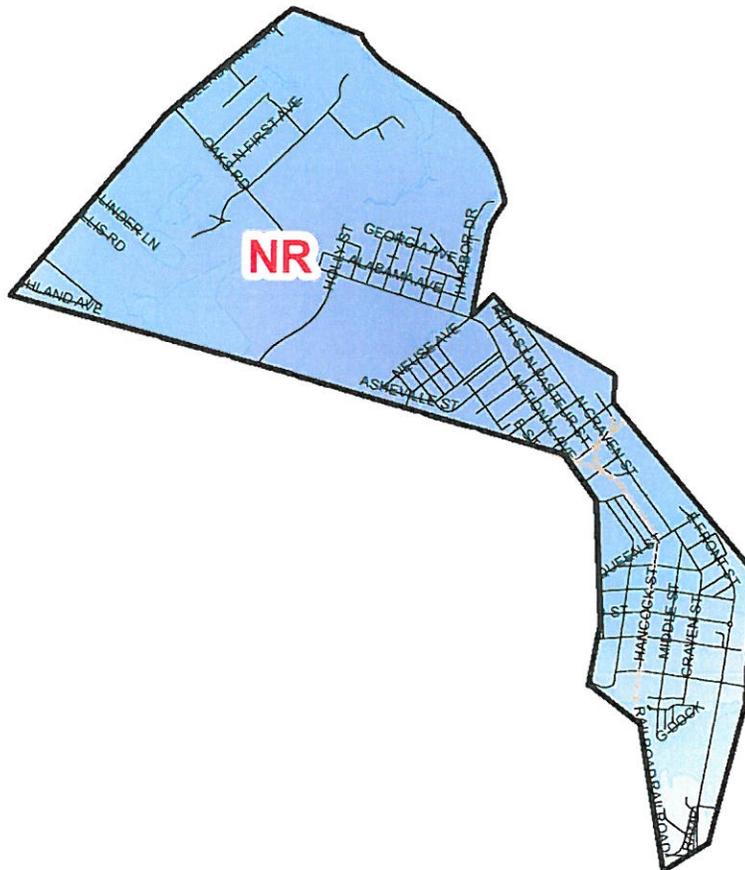
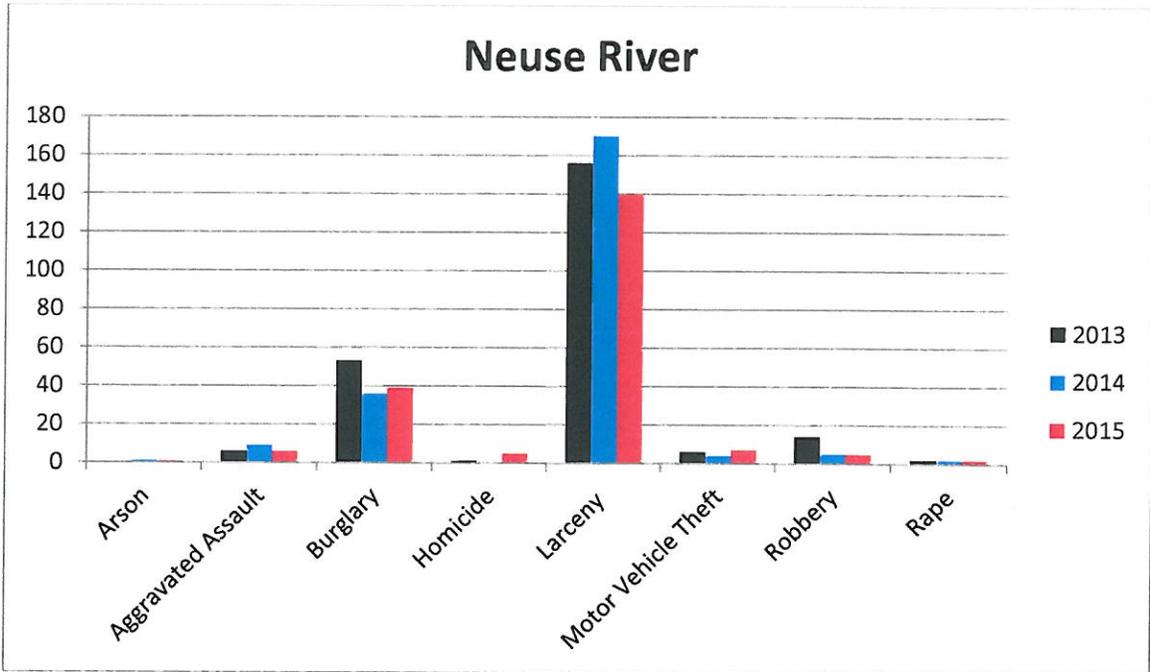


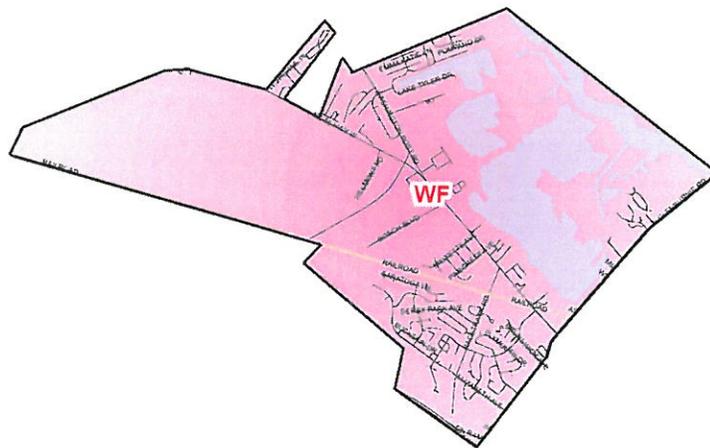
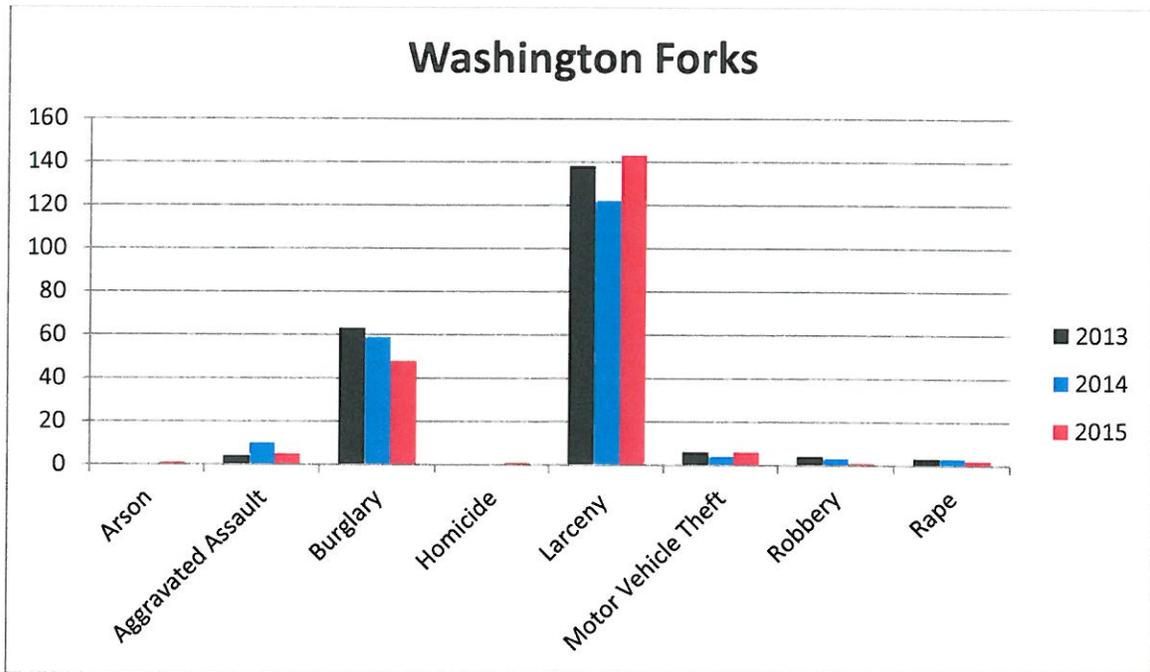
### Country Club











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](mailto:BGD@newbernpd.org)

**Greenleaf (GL) District**

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**Country Club (CC) District**

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**Neuse River (NR) District**

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**Gateway (GW) District**

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**Washington Forks (WF) District**

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



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