

CLAYTON POLICE DEPARTMENT



2015 Annual Report



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Introduction

To: *Citizens of the Town of Clayton, Mayor Jody McLeod, Mayor Pro Tem Michael Grannis, Council members Art Holder, Butch Lawter, Bob Satterfield, Jason Thompson and Town Manager Steve Biggs*

On behalf of the police officers and staff of the Clayton Police Department, I am pleased to submit to you the 2015 Annual Report. This report provides the reader with information regarding the various divisions and units within the Department and gives them a glimpse into our activities and accomplishments this past year.

The report also contains information regarding crime trends in the community, as well as reported crimes and arrests. In 2015, we continued to serve Clayton to the best of our ability by sharing data and activities with the community to keep citizens well informed. We have remained diligent in addressing crime and safety issues throughout the Town of Clayton.



Significant events involving the [Clayton Police Department](#) in 2015 include:

- Two new officers hired to fill vacancies
- One new civilian employee office assistant was hired to fill a vacancy
- 5 Police Officers earned their Advanced Law Enforcement Certificate
- 1 Police Officer earned his Intermediate Law Enforcement Certification
- CALEA – Gold Standard Re-Accreditation Awarded with Excellence
- 2 Officers were Promoted to the Rank of Sergeant
- Filed Reports on 734 Traffic Accidents – 162 with injuries, 1 fatality
- Handled 31,364 police calls for service in 2015

The principles and practices of community policing remain our best approach to serving our diverse community. Throughout the year we have taken pride in serving our community and upholding the rights of all citizens. We appreciate the continued support of the department's law enforcement and community service efforts. The members of the Clayton Police Department continue to demonstrate their commitment to providing a safe community for all.

Synopsis of Crime Statistics

This is the Clayton Police Department's preliminary 2015 annual report on Part I (Index) Crimes. The data analyzed for this summary covers the period from January 1 through December 31, 2015.

During the past year, the Clayton Police Department received 429 reports of Part I (Index) Offenses.*

*The number of **Violent Crimes reported in 2015 saw a decrease of 10 cases (26.32% decrease)** over the 2014 number. This was due mainly to a decrease in aggravated assaults from 26 to 15. Although robbery offenses saw a rise from 7 to 13, there were no homicide or rape cases investigated. The number of **Property Crimes also decreased this year by 14 incidents (3.38% decrease)**.*

These statistics must always be viewed in the context that numerical deviations are influenced by many factors beyond our control (see Appendix A). While we are careful to monitor apparent trends in reported crime and are cautiously pleased with our crime rate which remains well below state and national levels, that is of little consolation to those who have been victims of crime. The Police Department staff, officers, and civilian employees have shown a steadfast commitment to improving our department and to making Clayton a better place to live, work and visit.

Part I (Index) Crimes for Town of Clayton					
<i>* For an explanation of how Summary-based Uniform Crime Reporting is scored and tabulated for statistical analysis, see Appendix A.</i>					
Crime	2012	2013	2014	2015	2014 – 2015 change**
Murder	0	0	2	0	- (2) **
Rape	4	3	3	0	- (3) **
Robbery	5	5	7	13	+ (6) **
Aggravated Assault	15	20	26	15	- (11) **
Violent Crime Total	24	28	38	28	- (10) **
Burglary	101	104	113	96	- 15 %
Larceny	288	307	293	298	+ 1.71 %
Motor Vehicle Theft	8	11	8	6	- (2) **
Property Crime Total	403	424	414	400	- 3.38%
TOTAL INDEX CRIMES	427	452	452	428	- 5.61 % decrease

** Change shown by actual number of incidents (not by percentage, if the total # is less than 100).

2 New Police Officers hired in June



Officer Daniel Evans



Evans, a North Carolina native and Lucama resident, received a Criminal Justice degree from Barton College in Wilson before successfully completing Basic Law Enforcement Training (BLET) at the Coastal Plains Police Academy in Wilson

Officer Erick Martinez



Martinez is proud to have grown up in Clayton. Born in Anaheim, California, he moved with his family to Clayton 13 years ago. He attended Cooper Elementary, Riverwood Middle School and graduated from Clayton High School. He attended BLET at Johnston County Community College and graduated in 2015.

New Civilian Staff

Alex Rodriguez



Mr. Rodriguez joined the department in March of 2015. He is originally from Florida but now resides in Clayton. He first began working with the Town in 2014 in Customer Service and Utilities. He transferred to the police department and now serves as our Customer Service Representative. He is pursuing a Bachelor's Degree in Business and Professional Leadership from South Eastern University in Florida.

Professional Certificate Awards

The State of North Carolina recognizes Police Officers professional achievements by considering years of service, training and traditional or advanced education. This recognition is awarded and approved by the Department of Justice's Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission. Officers must apply for these certificates which are voted on by the Commission. There are three levels of awards, Basic, Intermediate and Advanced. These awards are some of the highest given to officers on behalf of the State of North Carolina. Intermediate and Advanced Certifications also assist the Town by reducing insurance rates.

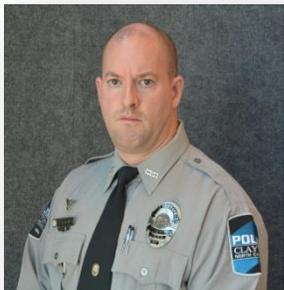
Currently the Department has **7** total officers who hold an **Intermediate** Professional Law Enforcement Certificate and **27** total officers who hold **Advanced** Professional Law Enforcement Certificates.

During 2015 the following officers received certificates:



Detective Drew Medlin

In February, Detective Medlin was awarded his Advanced Professional Law Enforcement Certificate.



Detective Ron Freeman

In February, Detective Freeman was awarded his Advanced Professional Law Enforcement Certificate.



Detective Isiah Ruffin

In December, Detective Ruffin was awarded his Advanced Professional Law Enforcement Certificate.



Officer Owen Phillips

In December, Officer Phillips was awarded his Advanced Professional Law Enforcement Certificate.



Officer Jamie Brantley

In December, Officer Brantley was awarded his Advanced Professional Law Enforcement Certificate.



Officer Jeff Young

In December, Officer Young was awarded his Intermediate Professional Law Enforcement Certificate.

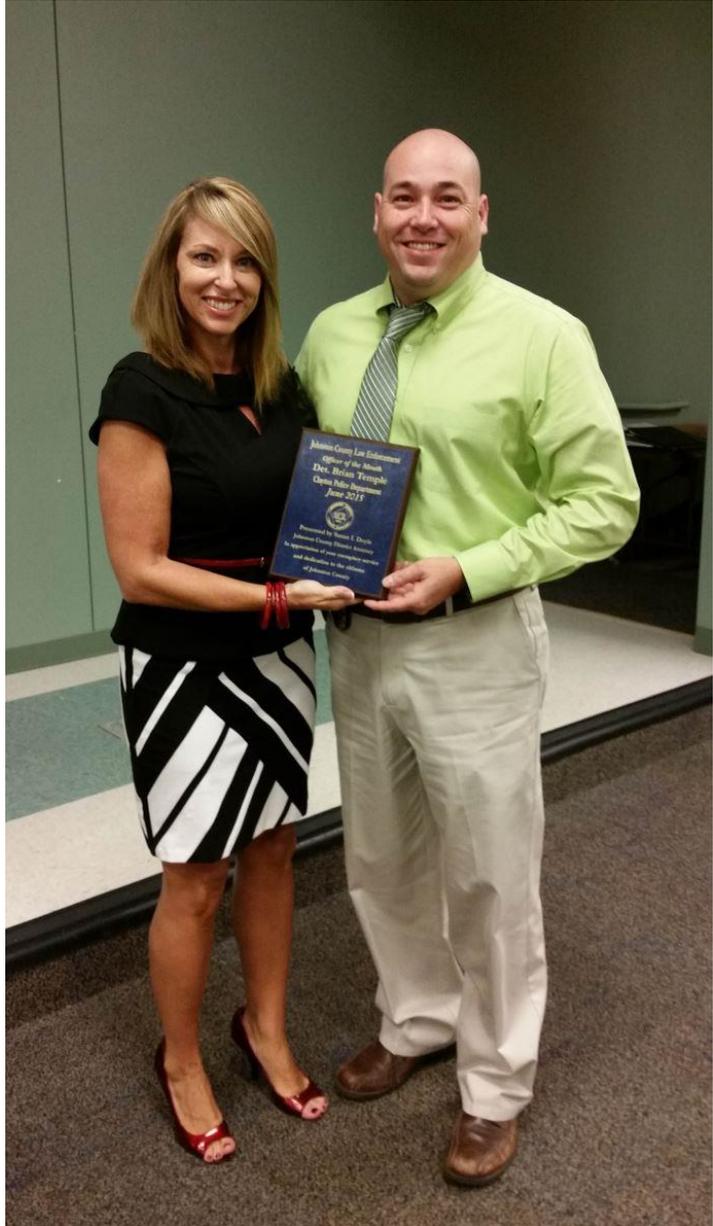
Department Awards & Recognitions

Detective Brian Temple Honored as the Johnston County Officer of the Month

On June 17, 2015, Det. Temple was awarded the Johnston County Officer of the Month by District Attorney Susan Doyle. She thanked him for his invaluable work in protecting the communities and citizens of Johnston County. The Officer of the Month is a program she created to publicly recognize and thank deserving local law enforcement.

For more than 15 years, Temple has served the department as a patrol officer, traffic officer, motorcycle officer and as a detective where he has successfully worked numerous cases ranging from misdemeanors to serious felonies. Temple has been a member of the department's tactical team since it was formed and has countless hours of SWAT and investigative training.

Detective Temple was credited for solving a [major theft ring](#) that spanned 8 counties. His diligent detective work over more than 4 months culminated in several arrests and the recovery of nearly \$1 million in stolen trucks and truck parts.



CPD receives Gold Standard Re-Accreditation Award with Excellence from CALEA



Pictured above (L-R) Chief Wayne Bridges, Captain Jon Gerrell, Detective Ron Freeman and Sergeant Andy Jernigan who attended the annual CALEA meeting in Miami, FL to receive the reaccreditation award for Clayton PD.

In July of 2015 the independent, international CALEA accrediting agency conducted an on-site inspection of the Clayton Police Department. All aspects of the agency were examined during this inspection, to include, policy and procedures, management, operations, and support services, to determine if the department could attain the Gold Standard Accreditation for law enforcement agencies. The department received two previous accreditations, but had never tried to obtain the Gold Standard. The department voluntarily sought the increased scrutiny in order to make the most of the accreditation process and increase the effectiveness of the agency.

We were found to be in compliance with all 484 mandatory standards (*most of which, contained multiple sub-standards*). The agency also voluntarily complied with 81 standards which were not mandatory but were completed because they added value to the program and to the department. No violations or issues were found during the inspection and there were no negative entries on the official CALEA report.

The Chief and other members of the department traveled to Miami Florida to receive the official award in November. After speaking to the awards board it was determined that the department would receive their award, with excellence. The addition of the “with excellence” title is a way for CALEA to recognize those agencies who have gone above and beyond the standards to obtain excellence.

Police Officer of the Year Award



Each year the police department selects an Officer of the Year from among every sworn officer on the department. Numerous factors are considered during this selection and the employee who has proven their commitment to superior service to the community, exceptional work ethic, and dedication to their chosen profession, is selected.

After careful consideration, Officer Owen Phillips was selected as the Clayton Police Department's Officer of the Year for 2015.

Officer Phillips, a native of Clayton and graduate of Clayton High School, has served the department for more than 5 years. He

has been a patrol officer, traffic officer and now serves on the Community Action Team, where he works to encourage community involvement in the control of crime through Community Watch groups, other crime prevention groups, and various types of crime prevention programs and presentations in schools, businesses and neighborhoods. Phillips understands citizen input and involvement are crucial to identifying problems and finding solutions.

Phillips is a veteran of the US Army and served 5 years while stationed in Washington State and Georgia. He returned to Johnston County to complete Basic Law Enforcement Training at Johnston Community College. After graduation he served 3 years with the Smithfield Police Department before joining the Clayton Police Department. While serving, Officer Phillips has obtained his Intermediate and Advanced Law Enforcement Certificate as well as his Associates Degree. He is currently working toward his Bachelor's Degree at Western Carolina University.



Promotions



Sgt. Keith Garner came to the Clayton Police Department in 2009 after serving for several years as a Deputy with the Johnston County Sheriff's Office and Henderson and Wilson Police Departments. After serving in the Patrol Division, Garner was promoted to the rank of sergeant on February 9th. Sergeant Garner is currently assigned to the Administrative Services Division, Special Operations, where he is a first line supervisor and traffic officer.

Sgt. Garner received his Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice from Western Carolina University. He is also a certified Firearms and General Instructor for the department. He is currently responsible for the overall traffic related enforcement activities of the Traffic Unit, making highway safety presentations, and coordinating with the State of North Carolina Governor's Highway Safety Program.

Sgt. Will McIntosh began his career in Law Enforcement with the Kinston Police Department in 2001. He joined the Clayton Police Department in 2005 and was promoted to the rank of sergeant on August 4th. Sergeant McIntosh is currently assigned to the Uniform Patrol Division, where he is a first line supervisor.

McIntosh is a certified Physical Fitness and General Instructor for the department. He recently completed his Associates Degree in Criminal Justice Administration at Wake Tech and is working toward his Bachelor's Degree at North Carolina Central University.



2015 Year in Review

Notable Crimes & Occurrences

- **January 6th, Residential Break-In**

Three Clayton teens were arrested after officers caught them breaking into a home. They were arrested after a foot pursuit involving several officers.

On January 5th, a homeowner near Trailwood Drive called 911 to report seeing several people breaking into a neighbor's home. When officers arrived at 100 Trailwood Drive they saw three males run out of the back of the home and across NC 42. Officers chased the suspects down in the woods not far from the home and arrested them.

17-year-old Brandon Mikael Mewborn of 3001 Softwind Drive in Clayton, 16-year-old Ishmel Elizah Wyche of 20 Genoa Lane in Clayton, and 17-year-old Devin Damir Lamb of 180 Meadow Loop Road in Clayton were all charged with Breaking and Entering, Conspiracy to Commit Breaking and Entering and Larceny, and Resisting Arrest.



Brandon Mikael Mewborn



Ishmel Elizah Wyche



Devin Damir Lamb

- **February 3rd, Cyber-Crimes Arrest**

Detectives charged a 19-year-old Clayton man with 11 counts of second-degree sexual exploitation of a minor.

Jacob Kenneth Hunt (10/06/95) was arrested after Clayton detectives, along with cyber-crimes experts from the Cary Police Department and the US Department of Homeland Security, found pornographic materials on his computer during a search of his home at 3008 Benningwood Court.

Hunt is believed to have been downloading the photos as well as sending and trading them online.



- **March 3rd, Clayton’s Police K-9 Sniffs out a Suspect**



On March 3rd, a resident at 503 O’Hara Street called 911 to report that they had walked into their apartment to see a man jumping out the back window. Officers arrived quickly including Officer Justin Vause and his K-9 “Major.”

They set up a perimeter around the back of the apartment building and “Major” went to work tracking the suspect. Their trail led them to the nearby home of 27-year-old Christopher Lane Jones of 525 O’Hara Street.

Jones was found with burglary tools and charged with one count each of Felony Breaking and Entering to an Occupied Residence, Larceny after Breaking and Entering, Possession of Burglary Tools, and Safecracking. He was also charged with one Misdemeanor count of Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

- **March 18th, Police Officers and K-9 Sniffs out a Bank Robbery Suspect**

On March 18th Clayton Police Officers responded to a drug complaint at the Comfort Suites in Clayton. While the officers collected evidence of the drug violation they also found additional evidence that the two suspects had possibly been involved in a bank robbery.

With search warrants in hand, and K-9 “Able” to help find evidence the suspects were linked to a bank robbery that happened in Goldsboro on March 17th. Clayton PD Officers and Goldsboro PD Officers worked together to arrest the suspects who were later transported back to Wayne County and charged with the Bank Robbery.



Phillip Alexander Williams
30 yrs old
1502 Maple Street, Goldsboro, NC



Marquize Marcel Harris
25 yrs old
718 E. Walnut Street, Goldsboro, NC



May 9th, CPD runs the Clayton Area Road Race

The Chief of Police and the Department’s Special Response Team (SRT) participated in the 2015 Clayton Road Race.



- **May 28th, NC Special Olympics TORCH RUN**

On Thursday, May 28th, Members of the department participated in the North Carolina [Law Enforcement Torch Run® for Special Olympics](#). The run unites officers from law enforcement agencies and corrections departments across the state in an effort to raise funds and awareness for Special Olympics of North Carolina.

Each summer, law enforcement officials carry the *Flame of Hope* across the state in The Torch Run Final Leg, culminating in the lighting of the cauldron to officially open the Special Olympics North Carolina Summer Games in Raleigh. The 2,000-mile, 15-day Torch Run Relay involves more than 2,500 law enforcement officers and personnel representing more than 200 law enforcement agencies across North Carolina.



The Clayton Police Department was honored to carry the torch! [Click HERE to watch a video of the 2015 run!](#)

- **June 4th, Body Found in Creek Identified as Missing Person**



Clayton Police Detectives along with the Johnston County Sheriff's Department identified a man found in the creek along Amelia Village Apartments. The badly decomposed remains of 47 year-old Michael Dean Johnson were pulled from a creek bed near the Amelia Village Apartments, off Amelia Church Road. Johnson’s body was found by a man and two teens walking to a nearby fishing spot.

An autopsy was performed by the state medical examiner's office. Johnson had been reported missing to the Johnston County Sheriff’s Office on May 7th by his grandfather. They lived together in the 9700 block of Cleveland Road, Clayton. He was known to frequent the Shotwell Road/Clayton Corners Shopping Center area, near where he was found.

No foul play is suspected.



- **June 23rd, CPD cracks down on Underage Alcohol sales.**

The Clayton Police have zero tolerance when it comes to underage drinking. Equally, we have no tolerance for anyone selling alcohol to minors.

That's why the Clayton Police Department's Vice Unit conducted its periodic undercover compliance operation to ensure that businesses in town that sell alcohol are following the law.

Unfortunately, of the 22 businesses checked, 6 of them sold alcohol to the underage teen working with the Vice Unit.

Not only was the clerk who sold the alcohol cited, but the North Carolina Alcohol Law Enforcement or ALE may prosecute the retailers as well. The individual clerks can face probation and a multitude of fines that are decided by the Municipal Court Judge.

The following people were cited for a violation of [N.C. G.S. 18B-302\(a\) Sell a malt beverage to a person at the time was less than 21 years old](#).

- **Jessica T. DiMicheli**, 18, of 120 Amsterd Drive Clayton sold to a minor at **Walgreens**, 11360 US Hwy 70 W.
- **Dontray Kornegay**, 17, of 105 South Woodstone Drive, Clayton sold to a minor at **Lowe's Food**, 11711 US Hwy 70
- **Rameshbai T. Patel**, 52, 69 Old Evans Road, Garner sold to a minor at **Sandhu's Mini Mart**, 1225 Amelia Church Rd.
- **Carolyn M. O'Neal**, 51, 3770 US 70 Hwy West, Clayton sold to a minor at **Howard's Mini Mart**, 4222 Barber Mill Rd
- **Elizabeth B. Hobbs**, 27, 704 Neuse Ridge Drive, Clayton sold to a minor at **Handy Hugo**, 11325 US Hwy 70 W.
- **Teresa A. Lester**, 49, 434 Pine Ridge Drive, Zebulon sold to a minor at **Kangaroo**, 10081 US Hwy 70 W.



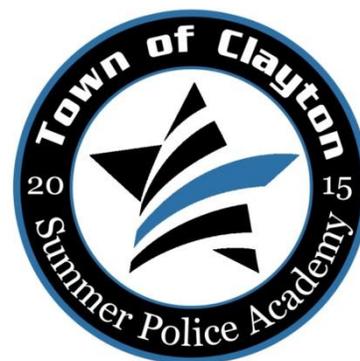
- **July 10th, Summer Youth Academy Graduates 6**

Six Clayton teens participated in a week-long academy held at the Clayton Law Enforcement Center. Here they were exposed to various aspects of police work and given information that will allow them to draw conclusions about the Clayton Police Department and law enforcement as a whole.

During the week of training they toured the department where they met our officers - including our K-9 officers, Major and Abel. They ventured to the county seat of Smithfield where they visited the Johnston County Courthouse and the jail. These interested young citizens even had a chance to see what it's like to be in a live weapons scenario with a virtual simulator! It was an interesting week walking in the shoes of our dedicated law enforcement officers.

Thanks to [Officer Owen Phillips](#), for his hands-on involvement to make this Teen Academy a reality. The Town of Clayton's Police Department hopes to expand the program in the future, to not only educate our youth, but build a closer relationship with the community.

[Click here for a short video on the Academy.](#)



- **July 15th Fast Food Robbery Arrest**

Just before 10:00 pm officers were called to the Burger King at 101 Boling Street just off Hwy 70 for a report of an Armed Robbery. Witnesses said the suspect walked into the fast-food restaurant armed with a handgun, demanded money and asked everyone to get down on the floor. The suspects stole an undisclosed amount of money before running away on foot. No one was injured.



Following a four month investigation by detectives, Zakee Rakeem Johnson was arrested Nov. 1.

22-year-old, Zakee Rakeem Johnson, 22, of 1312 Ujama Dr. in Raleigh, NC was arrested by Raleigh PD and taken to the Wake County Detention Center.

Johnson was charged with: Robbery with a Dangerous Weapon, Conspiracy to Commit Robbery and 2nd Degree Kidnapping.

- **September 7th, A 911 dispatcher & CPD's K-9 Help Nab Armed Robber**

A man who lives in the Clayton Estates Mobile Home Park off Lakeview Drive & NC 42 was on the phone with dispatchers around 2:30am reporting that his power was out. The man went outside and discovered that his breaker had been switched off. As he flipped the breaker back on and was heading back inside his house, he said two men with masks and rags on their faces approached him threatening they had guns and demanding money. Luckily the attentive 911 dispatcher was still on the line with the man, heard the disturbance in the background and called for a police response.

When Clayton police officers responded, the homeowner was able to run out, but the two suspects were still in the house. Officers heard a gunshot and rounded the side of the mobile home to find a window shot out. One of the suspects was able to run off. With a possible armed suspect still inside the home, Clayton Police set up a perimeter and called in the Clayton Police Special Response Team (SRT) which includes the department's K-9 officers. Johnston County Sheriff's deputies also responded for back-up.

Officer Jamie Brantley and his K9 partner "Abel" were giving their final commands, alerting the suspect in the home that they were about to release the Police K9 into the mobile home, when the suspect agreed to come out and was arrested peacefully.

22-year-old Gerald Thomas Holmes, III, of 107 Picadilly Ct. Clayton, NC was arrested and placed in the Johnston County jail under a \$200,000 secured bond. Officers found \$200 on the suspect and a 9mm handgun inside the home.

Holmes was charged with:

- Kidnapping (for holding the man inside his home under threat)
- Armed Robbery
- Conspiracy to Commit Armed Robbery
- Possession of a Firearm with an Altered Serial Number
- Possession of a Firearm by a Felon
- Assault by Pointing a Gun.



No one was hurt in this incident. That's in huge thanks to the attentive 911 dispatcher who reacted quickly to call for a response after hearing something wrong on the call. And, once again, we've seen the immense value of our Police K-9 unit- just the mere threat of releasing one of our K-9 officers caused the suspect to give up without resistance.

- **October 14th, Break In suspect captured in the act**

Thanks to the report of an alert neighbor and the speedy response of Police Officers, a man was arrested after he was found hiding in the attic of a house in the Cobblestone neighborhood.



Twenty-year-old Anthony Justin Parrish, of 186 Killington Drive, was arrested at 1:44 a.m. Sunday by Clayton Police Officer T.B. Mims, who was dispatched to 60 Rowan Drive after a neighbor heard glass break at the house.

When he arrived, Officer Mims found that someone had thrown a rock through a glass door on the backside of the house. Upstairs and downstairs windows were also damaged, and some of the broken glass bore faint traces of blood.

Officer Mims swept the house for trespassers, and noticed Parrish's feet hanging out of the attic.

Parrish faces charges of breaking of entering and damage to real property.

- **October 19th - Eagle Scout Project Benefits Police K9 Unit**



Thomas Culpepper a Clayton High School senior earned Boy Scouting's highest honor with the completion of his Eagle Scout project – the construction of an obstacle course for the Clayton Police Department's two K-9 units.

For the past few years, officers had been traveling to Wake and Wilson counties to train but now have a course of their own. Culpepper designed the course to U.S. Police Canine Association standards, meaning it has a series of short walls for the dogs to jump over; a window for them to climb through; a catwalk; a tall, scalable wall; a low platform to crawl under; and five hurdles to clear in one leap.

Three hundred man-hours from Troop 124 and two Saturdays later, the project was complete.

A police dog's life is not a pampered one – no treats or table scraps, mainly

work with little play. But thanks to Culpepper's project, Abel and Major have a close-to-home, top-of-the-line training ground that aims to make Clayton a safer place for its citizens.



[To watch a Video about this story click HERE for more information on Culpepper's Project.](#)

- **December 23rd - 3 charged in Drug Deal turned Robbery**

A trio of 18-year-olds from Wilson County face felony charges after a Clayton drug deal turned into a robbery.

Officers were dispatched to the 800 block of Hobbs Street in response to a motor vehicle striking a pedestrian. Before arriving on the scene, police learned that the vehicle had dragged the victim down the road and fled the scene. Officers found the victim on Hobbs Street with a head injury and a wound to his leg. The victim was transported to Wake Medical Center, where he was released after being treated for minor injuries.

At first, the victim told police that he had been robbed. Following further investigation, he changed his story to say the incident resulted from a drug deal gone bad.

Clayton Police Officers worked with the Wilson County Sheriff's Office to track down three suspects accused of being in the vehicle that dragged the victim. Wilson County deputies arrested — Tylor Morgen Winstead and Erin Michelle Farmer — who both live at 5333 Akron Road in Wilson. Deputies also arrested Rodrell Truche Hall, 18, of 5012 Mill Branch Drive in Black Creek.

Winstead faces four felony charges for common law robbery; assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill or inflict serious injury; conspiracy to sell or deliver a Schedule II substance; and conspiracy to sell or deliver a Schedule IV substance.

Farmer faces four felony charges for common law robbery, hit and run, conspiracy to sell or deliver a Schedule II substance; and conspiracy to sell or deliver a Schedule IV substance.

Hall has been charged with three felonies for common law robbery, conspiracy to sell or deliver a Schedule II substance; and conspiracy to sell or deliver a Schedule IV substance.



Tylor Morgen Winstead



Erin Michelle Farmer



Rodrell Truche Hall

- **December 29th , - Child Killed after being struck by car**

On December 29th, A 12 year-old boy was struck and killed while running across a busy highway. The fatal accident occurred just after 4:00pm on South Lombard Street (NC 42) in Clayton.



Gerardo Munoz Galvan was with a friend coming from his home on Vouge Street in the Alta Mobile Home Park when a woman driving southbound on Lombard Street struck the child. Galvan was fatally injured, the friend was not injured. Police, Fire and EMS personnel tried to resuscitate Galvan but were not successful.

The driver did not face any charges.



Major Unsolved Crimes

- **November 12th – Howard’s Mini Mart Robbery**

Clayton Police need your help to identify an armed robber who entered the Howard’s Mini Mart on Barber Mill Road around 9 p.m. on Thursday, November 12th. Two female employees reported that a man wearing a mask and brandishing a weapon came into the store, demanded cash and then ran out. No one was injured.

The video is being released in the hopes it may lead to an arrest. You'll see the suspect enter the store and briefly drop his mask off of his face as he searches the store for employees. [Click HERE to Watch the Video](#)



Anyone who might recognize this man, or saw anything that night including the getaway car, is asked to call Detective Jason Linder at 919-553-0158 or call CrimeStoppers at 919-359-TIPZ (8479). You can remain anonymous, calls are not traced, and you could be eligible for a reward.

- **December 22nd - Hwy. 70, ABC Store Robbery**

Clayton police are searching for two men who robbed the Clayton ABC store at gunpoint. The Clayton Police Department responded to a report of an armed robbery at the ABC Store located at 12487 U.S. 70 Bus. Hwy West, Clayton, NC. According to witnesses, two men entered the store with handguns and took an undetermined amount of money.



Witnesses described the robbers as two black men, between 5 feet 8 inches and 6 feet tall, who wore all black clothing and masks to cover their faces. Surveillance cameras captured the robbery, and Clayton police have released an image of one of the suspects.

Anyone with information about the robbery or suspects should call the Clayton Police Department at 919-553-4611, or call CrimeStoppers at 919-359-TIPZ (8479).

Officer Activity, Complaints, and Internal Reviews

The Clayton Police Department continues to assess the conduct of our employees as we strive to ensure that all officers and civilians represent the agency in a positive manner. Our goal is to offer a high level of quality, commitment and professionalism both on and off-duty. To that end, we fully document and investigate any and all complaints against members of our department, and communicate with complainants regarding the status of their individual complaint(s).

In 2015 the department investigated a total of 11 complaints which was DOWN from 13 in 2014. This total includes complaints made by citizens and those initiated by the administration of the police department. Of the 11 complaints investigated; 3 were sustained, 6 were unfounded, 1 was exonerated and 1 was not sustained. In all sustained cases some level of disciplinary or corrective action is taken. **All complaints from all sources are documented in writing and investigated.**

Definitions of Complaint Classifications

Sustained	-	Information was sufficient to prove the allegation
Not Sustained	-	Information was insufficient to prove the allegation.
Exonerated	-	The allegation or conduct occurred, but was lawful and proper.
Unfounded	-	The allegation was proven false or determined to be not factual.

**Subject of all Complaints (both internal and external origins)*

Excessive Use of Force	1
Rights Violation	2
Improper Police Action	2
Biased Based	1
Officer Demeanor	2
Other	3

Defensive Actions

Officers reported 16 encounters requiring Defensive Actions in 2015. Clayton Police Officers are required by departmental policy to complete an internal report for every occasion during which they use physical force or use weapons in self-defense, to affect an arrest, to respond to aggression or resistance, or to perform some other lawful action.

Citations

Citations differ from arrests in law enforcement reporting. Citations are primarily issued to offenders charged with infractions or minor misdemeanors that do not require the signing or the posting of a bond (waivable offense). Citations are written for traffic violations and a wide variety of non-traffic misdemeanors. In 2015, the Clayton Police Department's officers issued 4,254 charges on citations. This reflects an increase in activity of 331 citations when compared to 2014.

Clayton Police Department
Enforcement Action Taken by Driver's Sex, Race, and Ethnicity
 Monday, February 29, 2016

Report From 1/1/2015 through 12/31/2015

Action	Gender	White	Black	Native American	Asian	Other	Total By Race	Hispanic	Non Hispanic	Total By Ethnicity
Citation Issued	Female	713	281	6	3	2	1005	108	897	1005
No Action Taken	Female	11	10	0	0	0	21	2	19	21
On-View Arrest	Female	8	6	0	0	0	14	3	11	14
Verbal Warning	Female	228	106	0	0	1	335	28	307	335
Written Warning	Female	137	55	0	0	0	192	9	183	192
Written Warning	Male	183	79	2	1	0	265	17	248	265
Verbal Warning	Male	340	192	2	3	1	538	52	486	538
On-View Arrest	Male	45	15	0	0	0	60	18	42	60
No Action Taken	Male	24	10	0	0	0	34	6	28	34
Citation Issued	Male	1110	429	7	1	6	1553	274	1279	1553
Female Total	Female	1097	458	6	3	3	1567	150	1417	1567
Male Total	Male	1702	725	11	5	7	2450	367	2083	2450
Total		2799	1183	17	8	10	4017	517	3500	4017

Note: The above data reflects ONLY vehicle stops for traffic offenses – It does not reflect citations for criminal misdemeanor or local ordinance violations.

This data is found at: <http://trafficstops.ncdoj.gov/>

Traffic Collisions

In 2015, officers of the Clayton Police Department investigated 734 traffic accidents. This is 44 more accidents than were investigated in 2014. We also saw a slight decrease in injuries resulting from accidents. In 2014 there were 173 injury accidents reported. In 2015 injury reports were DOWN to 162. There was only one traffic fatality investigated in 2015. That fatality was the result of a 12 year-old boy who was struck and killed while running across a busy highway.

Pursuits

There were a total of 6 pursuit reports filed in 2015. Pursuits doubled, representing an increase of 3 pursuits when compared to 2014. Departmental policy states that all pursuits must be documented and reviewed at each supervisory level to insure that rules were followed.

Calls for Service

There were 31,364 police calls for service in 2015. This is 4,418 more calls than were handled in 2014. The total number of calls includes traffic stops, wreck investigations, arrests, and a wide variety of officer-initiated actions as well as all police responses and planned activities.

Appendix A

About Crime Reporting

The Clayton Police Department voluntarily participates in the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting program (UCR) by submitting monthly reports to the North Carolina State Bureau of Investigations. Through this voluntary program, and with the cooperation of participating agencies such as our own, the UCR program strives to ensure the production of a reliable and uniform set of crime statistics, from which a nationwide and statewide view of crime is possible. The North Carolina State Bureau of Investigations' (SBI) Division of Criminal Information (DCI) gathers data from participating law enforcement agencies throughout the state and forwards the UCR statistics to the FBI in UCR format.

Because of their seriousness and frequency, seven offenses comprise a **Crime Index**, which is used by law enforcement agencies throughout the nation to serve as indicators of crime experience within jurisdictions. These figures are intended to represent the volume of crime in Clayton, NC. Volume indicators do not represent the actual number of crimes committed; rather, they represent the number of offenses reported to law enforcement for each category. The Uniform Crime Reporting program (UCR) collects data on offenses known to law enforcement, and on persons arrested, to depict total crime and to provide data for administrative and operational use in addressing community problems. With respect to Murder, Rape and Aggravated Assault, the volume represents the number of actual victims known to law enforcement, while for Robbery, Burglary, Larceny – Theft, and Motor Vehicle Theft, the number of known offenses is represented.

When analyzing UCR statistics, the user of this information should guard against superficial agency-to-agency comparisons. Such direct comparisons, without taking into account the demographic differences between law enforcement jurisdictions, are misleading.

The underlying causes of crime are complex, and they resist simplistic "quick-fix" solutions. Crime is a community problem that requires law enforcement, citizens of the community, and other social institutions in the community to cooperatively form crime-specific strategies for resisting crime. We continue to bring the resources that are available to us to bear on specific criminal activities, within our operating and resource limitations.

To accept crime as a fact of life is an admission of defeat. Only through the establishment of short and long-term strategies and the assistance of the citizens can the community successfully resist crime problems in our neighborhoods. The identification of our community's crime patterns, through an examination of local crime experience, is a starting point. Thus, these crime statistics are a way of revealing to all of the people in our community just what we're up against.

Social and economic factors have an enormous impact on the nature and levels of crime in any particular community. The FBI, as part of the Uniform Crime Reporting system (UCR), lists a number of factors that affect the volume and type of crime:

- *the size of the community and its population*
- *the density of its population*
- *how the population is composed*
- *stability of the population with respect to mobility and transience*
- *the prevailing economic conditions*
- *cultural conditions, such as educational, recreational, and religious characteristics*
- *climate*
- *effective strength of law enforcement agencies*
- *what law enforcement emphasizes in its administrative and investigative roles*
- *the policies of other components of the criminal justice system (prosecutors, courts, corrections, and probation)*
- *citizen attitudes towards crime*
- *how citizens report crime (how often, how quickly)*

The majority of these factors are somewhat beyond the control of the police. However, the Police Department can play a major role in controlling "street crimes" - those that occur in public places (e.g., purse snatching, assaults/muggings). Crimes of passion committed among relatives or friends and other crimes committed indoors, such as shoplifting, are crimes for which law enforcement agencies typically have little to no control over any increases and decreases in frequency. Police agencies collect information about these crimes and make arrests, as an order maintenance measure, whenever possible.

The rate at which citizens report crime varies from community to community. We strive to be responsive to our citizens' reports of criminal activity – the public's confidence in our ability to effectively respond to specific events is crucial if we, as a community, want to

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formulate an effective community-wide strategy to resist increases in the frequency with which crimes occur. Therefore, increases in the frequency of crimes reported may be viewed favorably provided that we, as a community, use the statistics to identify our specific problems and formulate reasonable short and long-term responses.

In addition to arresting suspects after a crime has been committed, crime prevention and deterrence activities are methods by which Law Enforcement agencies and the citizens of the community can collaboratively resist increases in the volume of crimes.

All offenses are classified on the basis of law-enforcement officer investigation and in accordance with UCR offense definitions (which will not necessarily coincide with N.C. Statute definitions.) Because UCR identifies a Police problem, offense classifications are not based on the findings of a court, coroner, jury or decision of a prosecutor.

SCORING OF UCR OFFENSES

The method of scoring in the Uniform Crime Reporting program varies with the type of crime committed, and it is important to remember that the number of offenders does not determine the number of offenses.

For murder and non-negligent manslaughter, rape, and aggravated assaults, one offense is scored for each victim regardless of the number of offenders involved. For example, three offenders could be involved in the murder of one victim, and in this case one murder would be scored.

For robbery and larceny, one offense is counted for each distinct operation - that is, separate in time and place. The number of victims in any one operation does not determine the number of offenses. For example, if ten (10) people are robbed in a bar at the same time, only one offense is counted. However, if that robber then leaves the bar and holds up a passerby, a second offense has occurred and would be scored.

For burglary, one offense is counted for each "structure" which is illegally entered. For UCR purposes, a structure is generally defined as an enclosed, permanently occupied area. The illegal entries for the purpose of committing a felony or theft of such structures as dwelling houses, garages, offices, barns and the like are considered burglaries, and one burglary is scored for each separate unit entered. The illegal entry of several structures used to hold transients, such as hotel rooms, is scored as one burglary if there was one distinct criminal operation, regardless of the number of rooms or structures that have been entered. For motor vehicle theft, one offense is counted for each theft or attempted theft of a motor vehicle. For UCR purposes, a motor vehicle is defined as any self-propelled vehicle that runs on the surface and not on rails or a body of water. Thefts of farm and construction equipment are excluded from this definition and are scored as larcenies. All cases where persons not having lawful access take automobiles are classified as motor vehicle theft, even though the vehicles may later be found abandoned. This includes "joyriding." One offense is scored for each vehicle stolen or for each attempt to steal a motor vehicle.

Attempts to commit any of the above offenses are counted with the exception of attempts or assaults to kill, which are classified and scored under aggravated assaults.

For multiple offenses that occur in one incident (at the same "time and place"), only the most serious offense is counted.

Part I crimes are ranked according to UCR's definition of seriousness, and appear in order from the most serious to least serious. For example, a robber may seize a man's wallet and then beat him causing serious injury. Both a robbery and an aggravated assault have occurred, but because robbery is considered by UCR to be more serious, only the robbery is scored. From one perspective this method of counting seriously understates the crime problem, but from another, it prevents undue inflation of crime statistics.

The Clayton Police Department is dedicated to the protection of life and property. We are further committed to treating all people with respect while holding ourselves and others accountable for our actions. We strive to uphold the constitution and to conduct ourselves with integrity in all our undertakings.

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