

**CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA
August 8, 2017
7:30 p.m.**

- 1. Opening of meeting by Mayor Steve Morris.**
- 2. Invocation by Reverend Dian Griffin Jackson, Pastor of Mt. Zion United Church of Christ.**
- 3. Amendments and Changes to Agenda.**
- 4. Consent Agenda:**
 - A. Disposition of Minutes of the July 11, 2017 Regular Meeting.**
 - B. Tax Collector's Report. (See Pages 4-7)**

Informational Items:

- 1.) Monthly Collection Report**
- 2.) Uncollected Taxes as of July 31, 2017**

Action Items:

- 1.) Refunds per County Assessor's Office.**
- 2.) Discovery bills added to Tax Scroll.**
- 3.) Releases per County Assessor's Office.**

- 5. Business by Planning Board.**
 - A. Set Public Hearing. None**
 - B. Hold Public Hearing**
 - 1.) Resolution Closing Alley Right-of-way:
Hold public hearing for a Resolution to abandon the 15-foot wide unimproved, unnamed alley extending between Hilltop Drive and Watson Avenue. (See Pages 8-10 & Map Insert)**
 - C. Minutes from Various Boards. (enclosed separately)**

- 6. Board Appointment: Consideration of Recommendation for Appointment to fill vacant ETJ Seat on the Planning and Zoning Board. (See page 11)**
- 7. Consideration of Resolution Authorizing Condemnation to Acquire Certain Easements Property of Sammy L. Whitley Construction Company, Inc. (See Pages 12-13)**
- 8. Business by Visitors.**
- 9. Business by City Clerk.**
- 10. Business by City Manager.**
- 11. Business by City Attorney.**
- 12. Items of discussion by City Council Members.**
- 13. Business by Mayor.**
- 14. Adjournment.**

Rockingham, NC

City Council Agenda

SUPPORT DOCUMENTS

**CITY OF ROCKINGHAM
MONTHLY TAX COLLECTION REPORT**

MONTH: JULY

YEAR: 2017

YEAR	AD VALOREM TAXES	COST AND INTEREST	TOTAL COLLECTED	PERCENT THIS DATE	YEAR TO DATE COLLECTIONS	SAME MONTH COLLECTIONS	PERCENT OF TOTAL
PREPAID							
2018	6.43		6.43		6.43	616.18	
2017	91,692.81		91,692.81		91,692.81	5,477.28	
2016	1,468.28	181.94	1,650.22	98.75	1,468.28	8,694.53	98.17%
2015	1,366.69	232.02	1,598.71	99+%	1,366.69	256.65	99+%
2014	602.48	166.87	769.35	99+%	602.48	78.53	99+%
2013	228.16	77.29	305.45	99+%	228.16	16.98	99+%
2012	262.04	119.27	381.31	99+%	262.04	4.54	99+%
2011	0	65.86	65.86	99+%	0.00	0	99+%
2010	182.77	51.37	234.14	99+%	182.77	0	99+%
2009	135.34	266.66	402.00	99+%	135.34	0	99+%
2008	0	88.83	88.83	99+%	0	0	99+%
2007	11.01	15.16	26.17	99+%	11.01	0	99+%
	95,956.01	1,265.27	97,221.28		95,956.01	15,144.69	

UNCOLLECTED TAXES

YEAR	AMOUNT	Jul-17
2017	2,722,238.38	
2016	35,972.67	
2015	22,667.85	
2014	18,067.11	
2013	17,005.84	
2012	13,036.74	
2011	11,970.83	
2010	10,240.81	
2009	9,014.40	
2008	7,822.44	
2007	4,820.16	
	2,722,238.38	Total Current Year
	150,618.85	Total Past Years
	2,872,857.23	Total All Years

CITY OF ROCKINGHAM
MONTHLY REFUNDS REGISTER
JULY 31, 2017

DATE	ACCOUNT	NAME	EXPLANATION	YEAR	AMOUNT	TAGS/LATE LIST	INTEREST	REFUNDED	CHECK #
7/19/17	41177201	SMITH, CLYDE JR	OVERPAYMENT	2017	36.18			36.18	68190
7/20/17	16292455	BRIM, TAYLOR B	VEHICLE TAX REFUND	2017	4.36			4.36	68195
7/20/17	16296534	DEES, PATRICIA M	VEHICLE TAX REFUND	2017	10.36			10.36	68199
7/20/17	34969988	GRIFFIN NISSAN INC	VEHICLE TAX REFUND	2017	72.36			72.36	68204
7/20/17	35755053	GRIFFIN NISSAN INC	VEHICLE TAX REFUND	2017	132.06			132.06	68203
7/20/17	34004690	KINGSTON, EMILY K	VEHICLE TAX REFUND	2017	19.30			19.30	68208
7/20/17	24944312	LEGRANDE, MARIA A	VEHICLE TAX REFUND	2017	18.16			18.16	68209
7/20/17	35677391	PHAGAN, MEGAN E	VEHICLE TAX REFUND	2017	22.60			22.60	68211
								0.00	
								0.00	
		TOTALS			\$315.38	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$315.38	

CITY OF ROCKINGHAM
MONTHLY RELEASES REGISTER
JULY 31, 2017

DATE	ACCOUNT	NAME	EXPLANATION	YEAR	BILL #	VALUE	CITY TAX	CITY LATE	INTEREST	RELEASED
7/19/17	MULTI	MULTI	UNDER \$5	2017			484.98	12.79		497.77
		TOTALS				0	484.98	12.79	0.00	\$497.77
<p>***THIS IS SUMMARY OF ALL BILLS THAT WERE \$5.00 OR LESS FOR 2017. THE ACTUAL LISTING WILL BE KEPT IN THE TAX DEPT.</p>										

Staff Report to Planning and Zoning Board
Agenda Item: V.A
July 31, 2017

Issue:

Request for Right-of-way Abandonment: Marlene Saunders has requested the City abandon the 15-foot wide unimproved, unnamed alley extending between Hilltop Drive and Watson Avenue.

Background:

On June 22, 2017, City staff received a letter from Benny S. Sharpe on behalf of Ms. Marlene Saunders requesting the City abandon of the 15-foot wide unnamed and unimproved alley extending between Hilltop Drive and Watson Avenue. Ms. Saunders residence encroaches into the alley which is presenting title issues in the sale of the residence.

Staff Comments:

1. A map illustrating the location of the unimproved, unnamed alley proposed for abandonment is included in the agenda packet. A copy of the letter from Benny S. Sharpe requesting the alley abandonment is also included.
2. The City has no water or sewer infrastructure in the alley requested for abandonment. The only infrastructure located in the alley is a storm drainage pipe. Since the City does not maintain storm drainage infrastructure on private property, once the alley is abandoned, such pipe will become the responsibility of the adjacent property owners.
3. Pursuant to NCGS 160A-299, the alley would be divided equally between all adjoining property owners if abandoned by the City Council.

Staff Recommendation:

City staff recommends the Board review the request and recommend the City Council abandon the alley as requested.

Planning Board Recommendation:

The Planning Board reviewed the request on July 31, 2017 and recommended unanimously that the City Council abandon the alley right-of-way as requested.

NORTH CAROLINA

RESOLUTION

RICHMOND COUNTY

RESOLUTION CLOSING AN UNIMPROVED, UNNAMED ALLEY RIGHT-OF-WAY EXTENDING BETWEEN HILLTOP DRIVE AND WATSON AVENUE

WHEREAS, on the 11th day of July, 2017, the City Council of the City of Rockingham directed the City Clerk to publish the following resolution entitled:

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE INTENTION OF THE ROCKINGHAM CITY COUNCIL TO CONSIDER THE ABANDONMENT OF THE UNIMPROVED 15-FOOT WIDE ALLEY EXTENDING BETWEEN HILLTOP DRIVE AND WATSON AVENUE; and

WHEREAS, the City Council, on the 11th day of July 2017, ordered the City Clerk to send written notification to all persons owning property abutting on the portion of undeveloped alley to be closed hereafter described; and

WHEREAS, the City Clerk has advised the City Council that a notice was sent to each of the said abutting property owners, advising them of the day, time and place of meeting, and that the question as to the closing of said portion of the undeveloped alley hereinafter described would be acted upon; and

WHEREAS, the City Clerk has advised the City Council that none of the letters so sent have been returned undelivered; and

WHEREAS, after full and complete consideration of the matter, and after having granted full and complete opportunity for all interested persons to appear and register any objections that they might have with respect to the closing of said portion of the undeveloped alley; and

WHEREAS, it now appears to the satisfaction of the City Council that the closing of said portion of the undeveloped alley is not contrary to the public interest and that no individual owning property, either abutting said portion of the undeveloped ally or in the vicinity of said portion of the undeveloped alley will as a result of said closing be thereby deprived of reasonable means of ingress and egress to his property; and

WHEREAS, it appears to the satisfaction of the City Council that the closing of said portion of the undeveloped alley will be in the public interest;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of Rockingham, North Carolina, meeting in a regular session, that the unnamed alley specifically described as a 15 wide and 617 feet in length unimproved right-of-way extending between Hilltop Drive and Watson Avenue and illustrated on the attached map is hereby ordered closed, subject to the reservation of any easements to the City of Rockingham for utility purposes, and interest is hereby released and quitclaim to the abutting property owners under the provisions of North Carolina Statute 160A-299.

This the ____ day of _____, 2017

Mayor M. Steven Morris

Attest:

Sabrina Y. McDonald, CMC
City Clerk

NORTH CAROLINA

RICHMOND COUNTY

I, a Notary Public of the County and State aforesaid, certify that Sabrina Y. McDonald personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged that she is City Clerk of the City of Rockingham, a North Carolina municipal corporation, and that by authority duly given and as an act of the corporation, the foregoing instrument was signed in its name by its Mayor, sealed with its municipal seal and attested by herself as its City Clerk.

Witness my hand and official stamp or seal, this ____ day of _____, 2017.

Notary Public

My Commission expires:

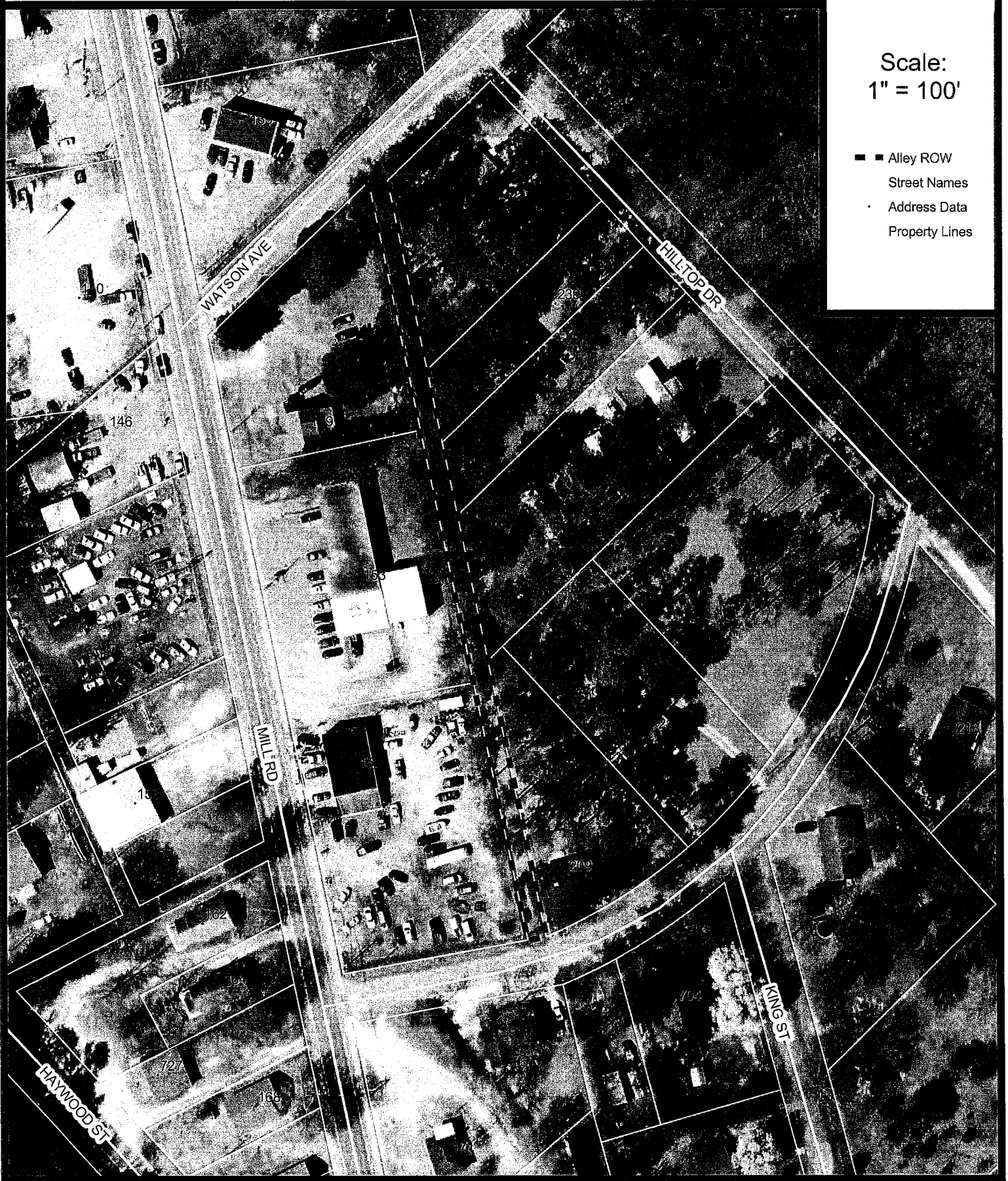
Request for Right-of-way Abandonment

Unimproved Alley Extending between Hilltop Drive and Watson Avenue



Scale:
1" = 100'

- Alley ROW
- Street Names
- Address Data
- Property Lines



MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor Steve Morris and City Council Members

From: John R. Massey, Jr., Planning Director

Date: July 27, 2017

Re: Board Appointment

City staff recommends the City Council recommend the Richmond County Board of Commissioners appoint Jamie Lambeth to fill the Planning Board ETJ seat vacated by Paul Prelipp. Mr. Lambeth has indicated his willingness to serve on the City's Planning Board. He resides at 118 Lakepoint Drive (Lakestone Subdivision).

MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor Steve Morris and City Council Members

From: John R. Massey, Jr., Planning Director

Date: July 27, 2017

Re: Condemnation for Hollybrook Pump Station/Force Main Improvements

City staff has been unable to successfully negotiate the acquisition of an easement from Sammy Whitley for the Hollybrook sewer improvements. Therefore, the City Attorney has recommended the City Council ratify a Resolution Authorizing Condemnation to Acquire Certain Easements Property of Sammy L. Whitley Construction Company, Inc. (a copy of the Resolution is included in the agenda packet).

**RATIFICATION OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING
CONDEMNATION TO ACQUIRE CERTAIN EASEMENTS
PROPERTY OF SAMMY L. WHITLEY CONSTRUCTION
COMPANY, INC.**

WHEREAS, the governing body of the City of Rockingham determined that it was necessary and in the public interest to acquire sewer easements for the Hollybrook Pump Station Project at its regularly scheduled meeting on July 11, 2017; that the property and landowner to be affected by the easement is now determined to be property owned by SAMMY L. WHITLEY CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC., said easement more particularly described hereinbelow, for the following public use and public purpose: to construct a sanitary sewer pump station for a waste water collection, treatment and disposal system and a sanitary sewer system to service the Hollybrook area;

WHEREAS, the proper officials or representatives of the City of Rockingham have been unable to acquire the needed interest in this property by negotiated conveyance.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL ON JULY 11, 2017 IS HEREBY RATIFIED AND IT IS RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF ROCKINGHAM THAT:

1. The City of Rockingham shall acquire by condemnation, for the purposes stated above, the easement to the property and interest described as follows:

Located in Rockingham Township, Richmond County, North Carolina and being more particularly described as follows:

An Easement located on the Second Tract of the property described in Deed Book 1033, Page 424, Deed Book 1033, Page 428 and Deed Book 1033, Page 432, Richmond County Registry having Richmond County Tax Office PIN #: 7474-03-30-9846; in the name of Sammy L. Whitley Construction Company, Inc., a 30 foot temporary construction sewer easement reverting to a 15 foot permanent sewer easement after construction running approximately 48,395 square feet through the center of said property.

2. The attorney representing the City of Rockingham is directed to institute the necessary proceedings under Chapter 40A of the North Carolina General Statutes to acquire fee simple title to the property herein described.

Ratified and Adopted: This the _____ day of August, 2017.

CITY OF ROCKINGHAM

By:

M. Steven Morris, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sabrina Y. McDonald, City Clerk

**DEPARTMENTAL
ACTIVITY REPORTS
for
COUNCIL'S INFORMATION**

To: Monty Crump, City Manager

From: Dave Davis, Recreation Director

Date: August 1, 2017

Subject: Activity Report

The following are activities and projects currently involving our department.

Youth Soccer- Registration concludes Wednesday, August 16th.

Summer Programs- Our summer programming that includes day camp, swim camp, and public swimming concludes Friday, August 18th. We have had another successful summer serving one hundred children a day among the three offerings.

Hinson Lake- Activity is substantial this time of year with current week-end reservations extending through the fall months.



FIRE CHIEF
 HAROLD ISLER
ADMIN. ASST.
 KRISTY PLAYER

ASST. CHIEF
 DAVID MULLIS
CAPTAIN
 VIC MCCASKILL

July-17

We are pleased to submit the monthly fire report on the activities undertaken by the Rockingham Fire Department during the month of July 2017.

Total Alarms:	<u>47</u>	In Town:	<u>46</u>	Out of Town:	<u>1</u>
Turn In Alarms:	<u>2</u>	Silent Alarms:	<u>45</u>	Structure:	<u>0</u>
Wrecks:	<u>13</u>	Alarm Malf:	<u>12</u>	Good Intent:	<u>3</u>
Service Call:	<u>5</u>	Vehicle fire :	<u>1</u>	Trash/outside fire:	<u>3</u>
Power line down:	<u>1</u>	Assist Ems:	<u>1</u>	Playgorund fire:	<u>1</u>
Cooking fire:	<u>1</u>	Mutual Aid:	<u>1</u>	Assist Police:	<u>1</u>
Electrical:	<u>2</u>	Smoke/odor removal:	<u>1</u>	Water Rescue:	<u>1</u>

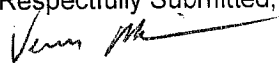
Hours Spent on Calls: 14 hours 12 minutes

Total Property Exposed to Fire:	<u>\$35,000,000.00</u>
Total Property Damaged by Fire:	<u>\$40,000.00</u>
Total Property Saved:	<u>\$34,960,000.00</u>

During the month of July full time members of the fire department averaged 36 training hours per person; part-paid members averaged 4 hours per person for the month.

Public Life & Safety:

- ~Installed 5 car seats
- ~Station tour with 7 kids 2 adults
- ~Participated in Junior police and fire academy
- ~Falling Creek summer program toured the station and had water play with 36 kids and 4 adults

Respectfully Submitted,

 Assistant Fire Chief
 Vernon McKinnon



Rockingham Police Department



W.D. Kelly, Chief of Police

To: Monty Crump

From: W. D. Kelly
WDK Chief of Police

Date: August 1, 2017, 2017

Ref: July Activity Report

On behalf of the Rockingham Police Department, I am pleased to submit this report for your consideration. The following activities have been undertaken by officers of the Rockingham Police Department.

Total Calls for the Month:	1278
Animal Control Calls:	44
Alarm Calls	159
Escorts:	75
Unlock Vehicles:	97
Charges Generating Arrest:	
Felonies:	14
Misdemeanors:	109
Drug Violations:	12
Juvenile:	2
Warrants Served:	103
Citations:	151

Accidents Reported/Investigated:

Property Damage only:	59
Personal Injury:	8

Officer Hours Spent in Court:	43
Officer Training Hours Logged	264

Items of Interest:

Our National Night Out was a great success! The weather was great and fun was had by all. The Cadets from Our Junior Police & Fire Academy were presented with their certificates for a job well done!