

NEW CASTLE POLICE DEPARTMENT 2017



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POLICE DEPARTMENT



2017 ANNUAL REPORT

LAW ENFORCEMENT CODE OF ETHICS

As a law enforcement officer, my fundamental duty is to serve the community; to safeguard lives and property; to protect the innocent against deception, the weak against oppression or intimidation and the peaceful against violence or disorder; and to respect the constitutional rights of all to liberty, equality and justice.

I will keep my private life unsullied as an example to all and will behave in a manner that does not bring discredit to me or to my agency. I will maintain courageous calm in the face of danger, scorn or ridicule; develop self-restraint; and be constantly mindful of the welfare of others. Honest in thought and deed both in my personal and official life, I will be exemplary in obeying the law and the regulations of my department. Whatever I see or hear of a confidential nature or that is confided to me in my official capacity will be kept ever secret unless revelation is necessary in the performance of my duty.

I will never act officiously or permit personal feelings, prejudices, political beliefs, aspirations, animosities or friendships to influence my decisions. With no compromise for crime and with relentless prosecution of criminals, I will enforce the law courteously and appropriately without fear or favor, malice or ill will, never employing unnecessary force or violence and never accepting gratuities.

I recognize the badge of my office as a symbol of public faith, and I accept it as a public trust to be held so long as I am true to the ethics of police service. I will never engage in acts of corruption or bribery, nor will I condone such acts by other police officers. I will cooperate with all legally authorized agencies and their representatives in the pursuit of justice.

I know that I alone am responsible for my own standard of professional performance and will take every reasonable opportunity to enhance and improve my level of knowledge and competence.

*I will constantly strive to achieve these objectives and ideals, dedicating myself before God to my chosen profession... **LAW ENFORCEMENT.***

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Citizens of New Castle,

On behalf of the men and women of the New Castle Police Department, I would like to take a moment to thank all of the community for their continued support of our officers and the duties they carry out on a daily basis. Policing in the 21st century is more important and visible than ever.

The mission of the New Castle Police department is to safeguard the lives and property of those we serve, to reduce the incidence of crime and community problems, and to enhance public safety while working with our community to improve the quality of life for everyone.

I have two main goals for the New Castle Police Department. The first is to continue building upon the strong relationship we have with the members of the community we serve. The New Castle Police Department is committed to fair, unbiased, and constitutional policing and our relationships with the community we serve are a testament to that.

The second is to make the New Castle Police Department a place where people want to work and remain for their law enforcement careers. Being a police officer in the City of New Castle is a true honor and our officers are the best at what they do. The New Castle Police Department will be investing in its officers by providing more training to our officers. Additionally the New Castle Police Department will be using new recruitment strategies to attract even more educated, qualified, and dedicated officers to the force.

I would like to thank all the sworn members and civilian employees of the New Castle Police Department for the hard work, dedication, and professionalism they bring to the New Castle Police Department every day. I would also like to thank all of our neighborhood and community partners for their support throughout this year and look forward to continuing our work in this next year. Working together, we can continue the progress we have made and continue making the City of New Castle a model city for policing.

Respectfully,

Matt Schofield

Chief of Police



NCPD RANK STRUCTURE

ADMINISTRATION

Chief-Matt Schofield

Asst. Chief Justin Wardlow

UNIFORM DIVISION STAFF

Lt. Jim Heffernan-Day Shift Commander

Sgt. Chris Radcliff-Day Shift Sergeant

Cpt. James Nicholson-Afternoon Shift Commander

Lt. Aaron Strong-Afternoon Shift Lieutenant

Sgt. Neil Sealover-Afternoon Shift Sergeant

Cpt. Brad Flynn-Night Shift Commander

Lt. Adrian Darling-Night Shift Lieutenant

Sgt. Josh Hedges-Night Shift Sergeant

DETECTIVES DIVISION STAFF

Cpt. Scott Ullery-Investigations Commander

Sgt. Andrew Hood-Detective Sergeant

Sgt. Chase Hightower-Detective Sergeant

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IN MEMORIAM

After serving 28 years with the New Castle Police Department; Chief Brad Catron passed away unexpectedly following complications from a hospital stay. Chief Catron became ill during a New Castle basketball game and was hospitalized shortly thereafter. Chief Catron was briefly released from the hospital; however, he was re-admitted the next day and passed away a short time later.

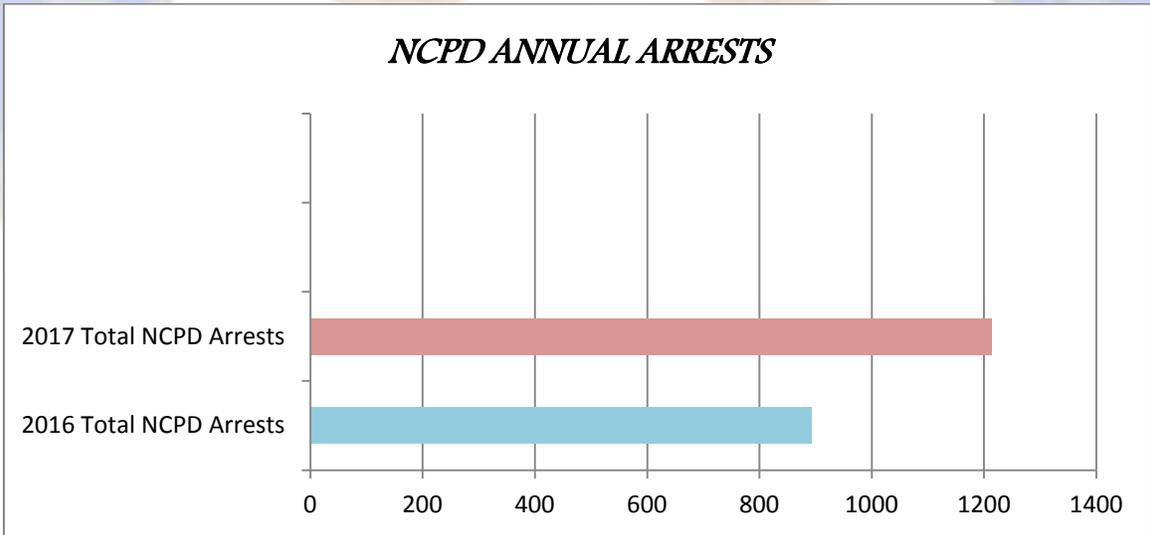
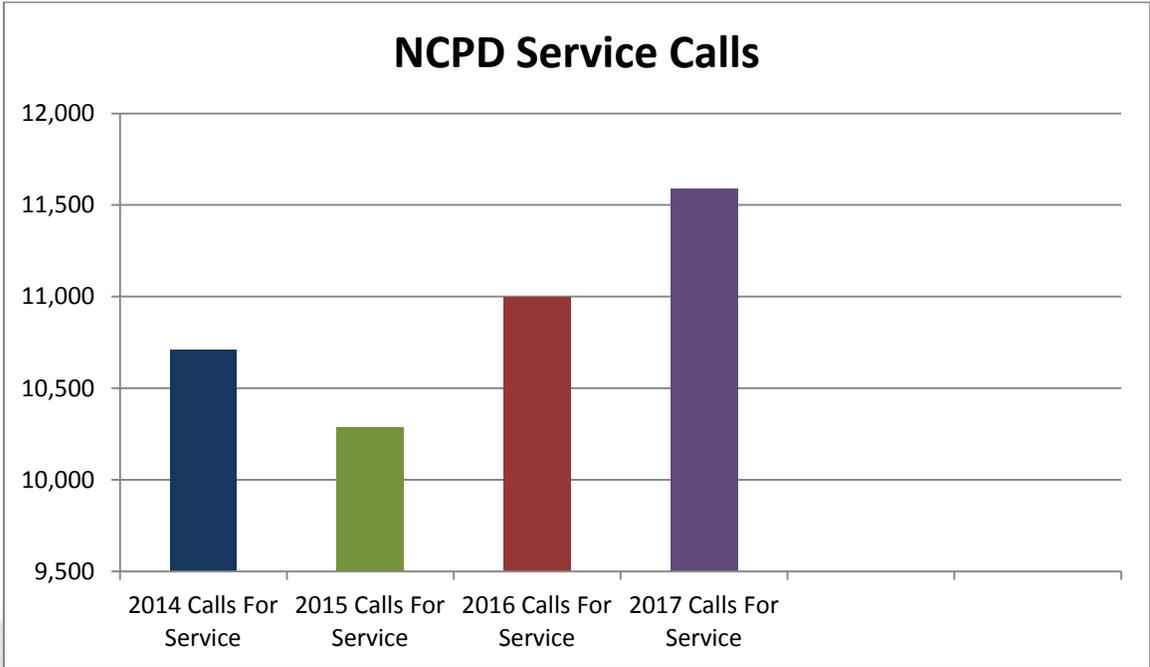
Chief Catron was appointed to the New Castle Police Department on May 14, 1989 where he continued to serve until his death on December 18, 2017. Over his 28 year career Chief Catron held the ranks of Patrolman, Investigator, Lieutenant, Captain, Assistant Chief, and Chief of Police.



CHIEF OF POLICE
BRADLEY M. CATRON
09/25/1965 - 12/18/2017
APPOINTED TO THE DEPARTMENT
05/14/1989
NC#155



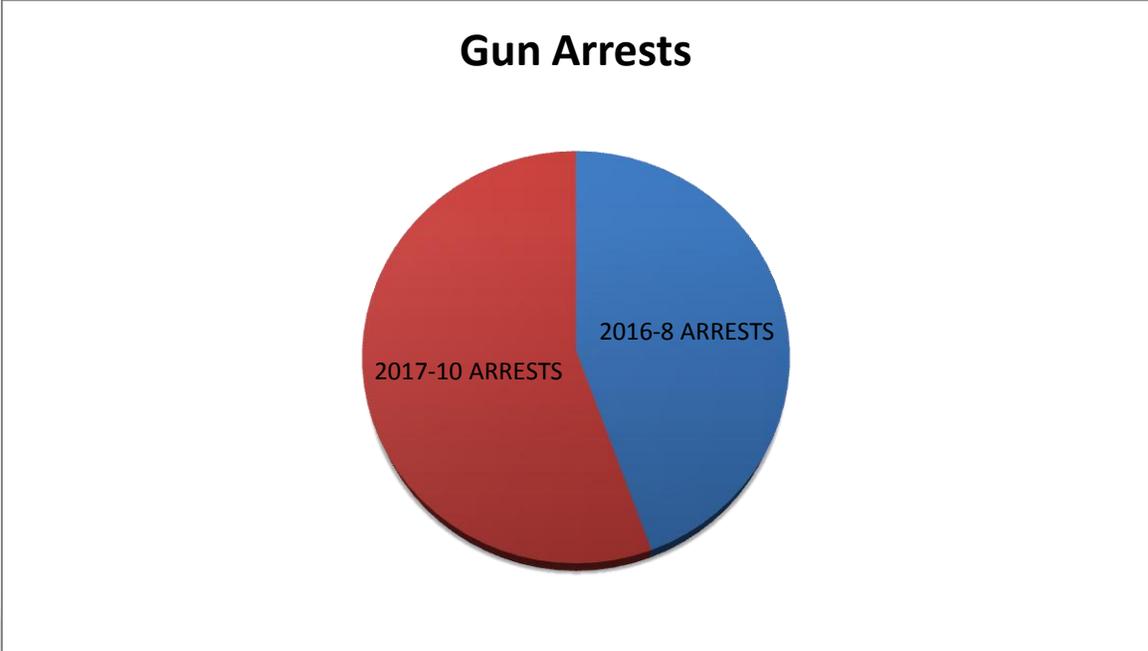
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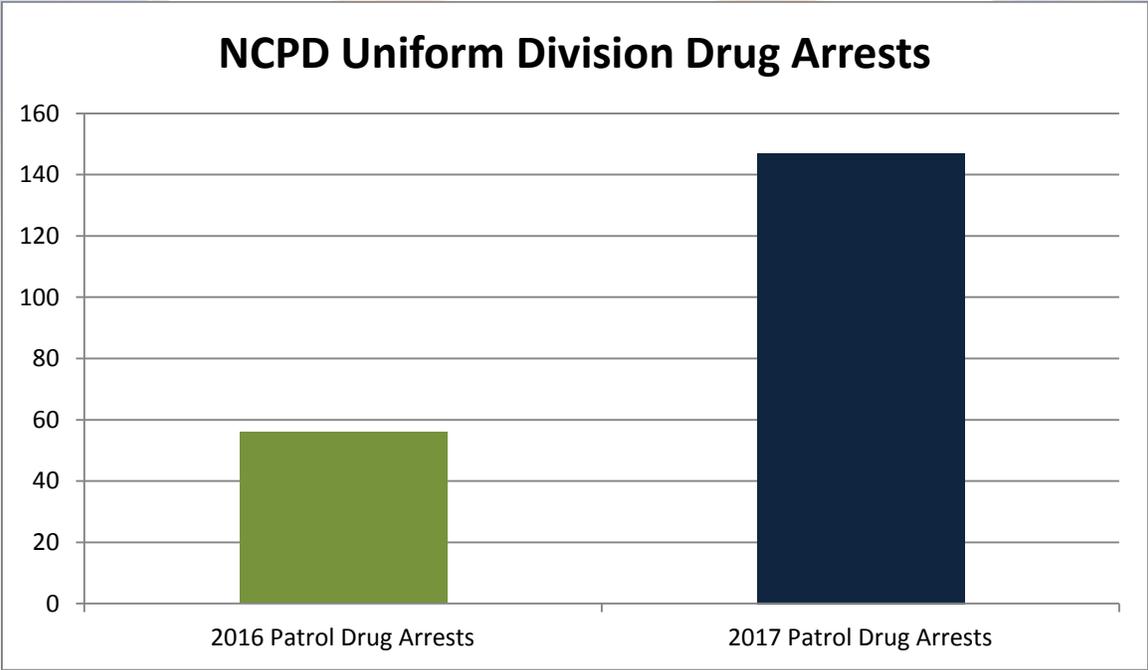
2016 Total NCPD Incidents Cleared by Arrests – 891

2017 Total NCPD Incidents Cleared by Arrests – 1,212

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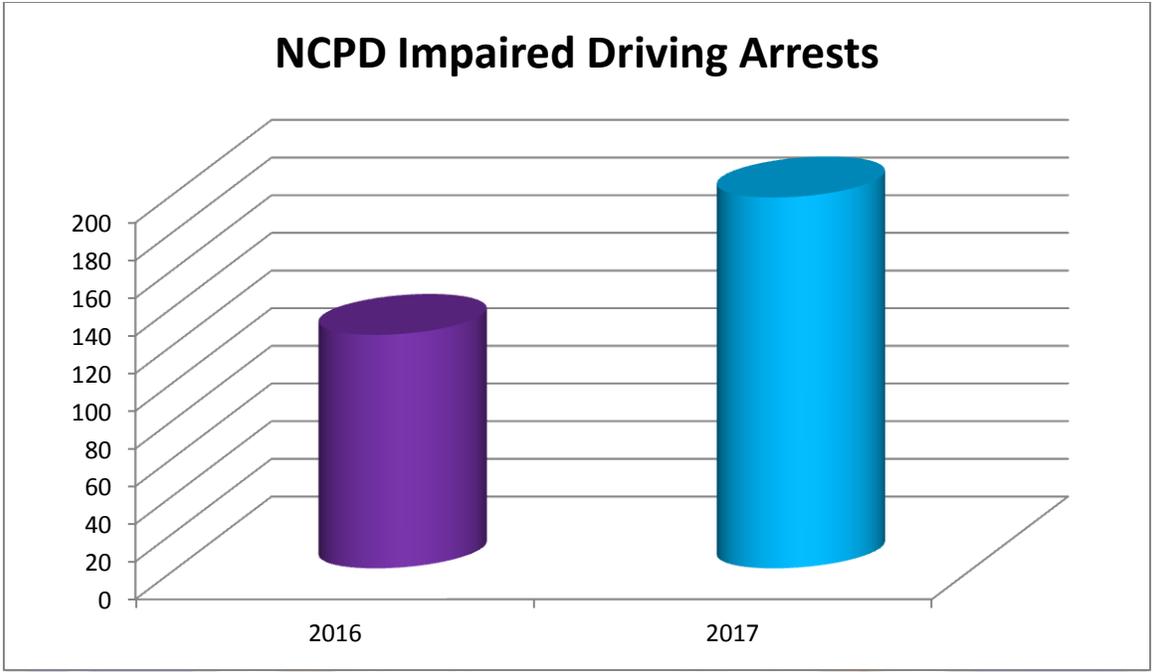
This is strictly arrests for illegal gun possession and does not factor incidents where legal guns were involved. Example-DUI arrests where the suspect was in possession of a legal gun.



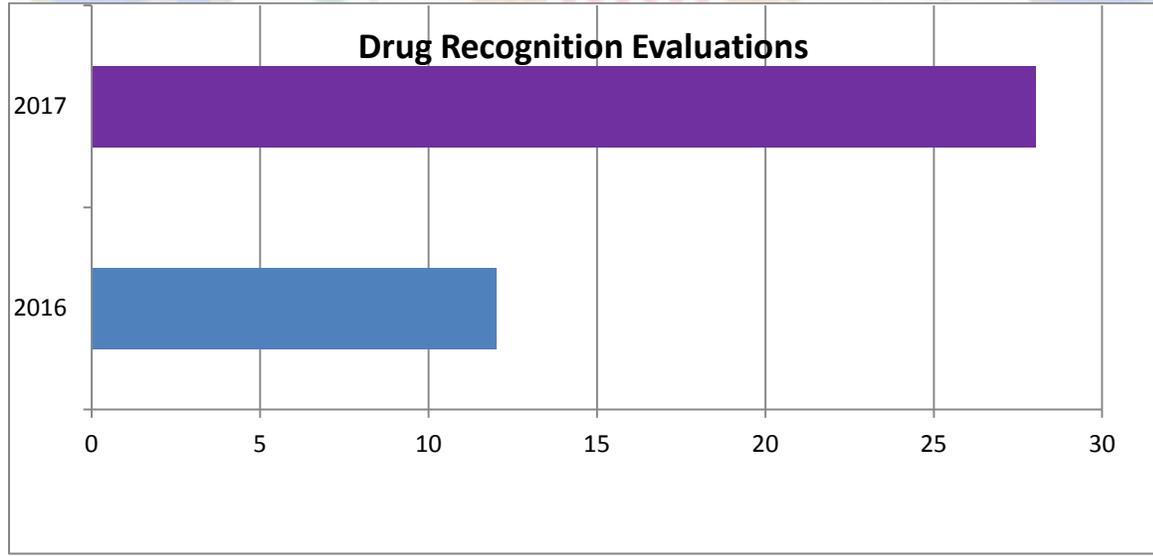
2016 NCPD Uniform Division Drug Arrests - 56

2017 NCPD Uniform Division Drug Arrests - 147

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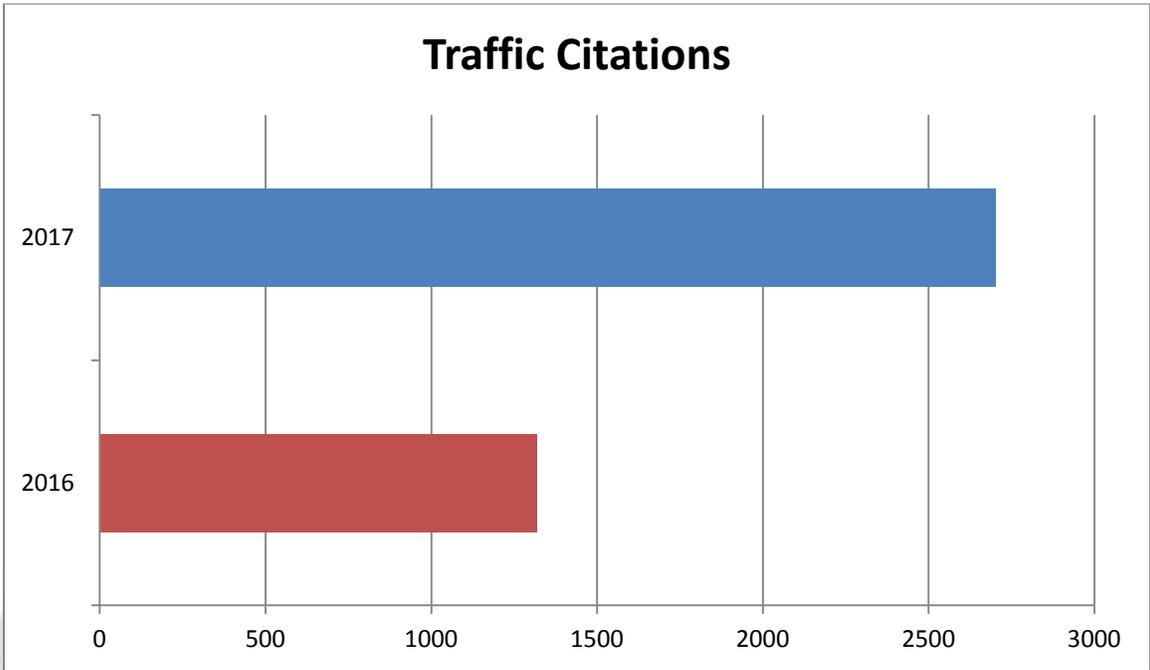


*In 2016 New Castle Police Department arrested 124 impaired drivers. In 2017 New Castle Police Department made 197 arrests for impaired driving. This is an increase of 73 impaired driving arrests. This was made possible in-part due to the Operation Pull-Over Grant. **New Castle Police Department would like to remind our citizens to NOT drink and drive. Drink responsibly, use designated drivers, or call a friend for a ride.***

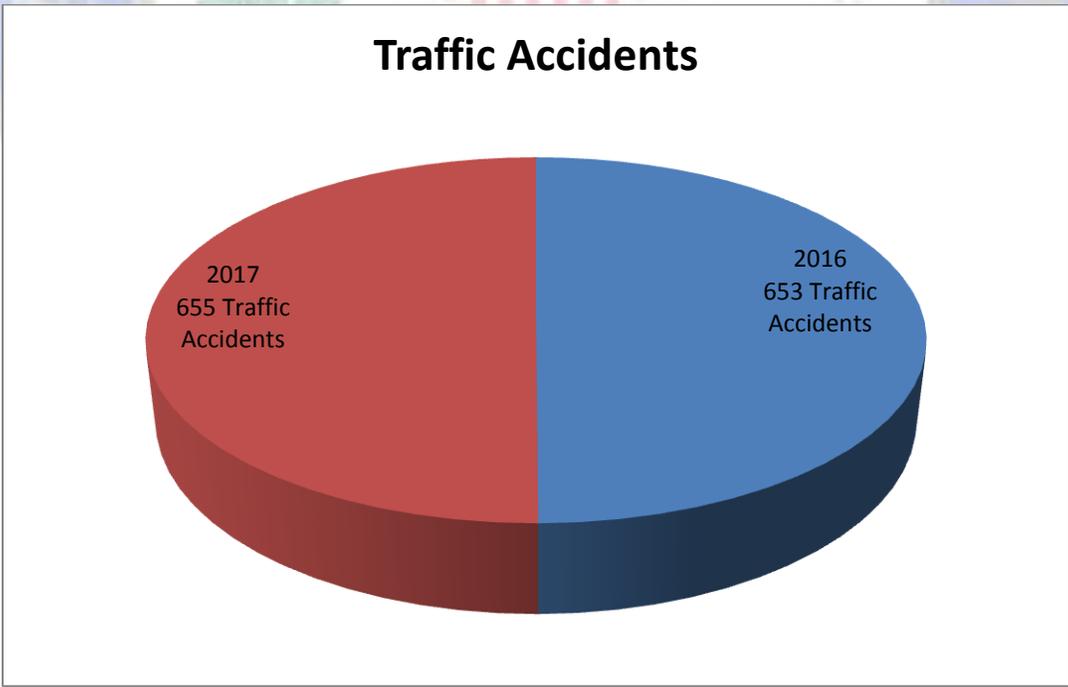


NCPD is fortunate to have two certified Drug Recognition Experts (DRE). These officers assist in investigations where drug or narcotics use is suspected. Through their training and experience these officers are able to identify what subjects are possibly impaired by and provide that information to investigating officers.

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New Castle Police Officers dramatically increased traffic enforcement during 2017 in an effort to combat impaired driving, drug/narcotics trafficking, and to mitigate traffic accidents. This was done in conjunction with the Operation Pull-Over Grant. Due to the increase of traffic enforcement NCPD officers increased impaired driving arrests, increased drug/narcotic arrests, and made the increase in traffic accidents negligible.

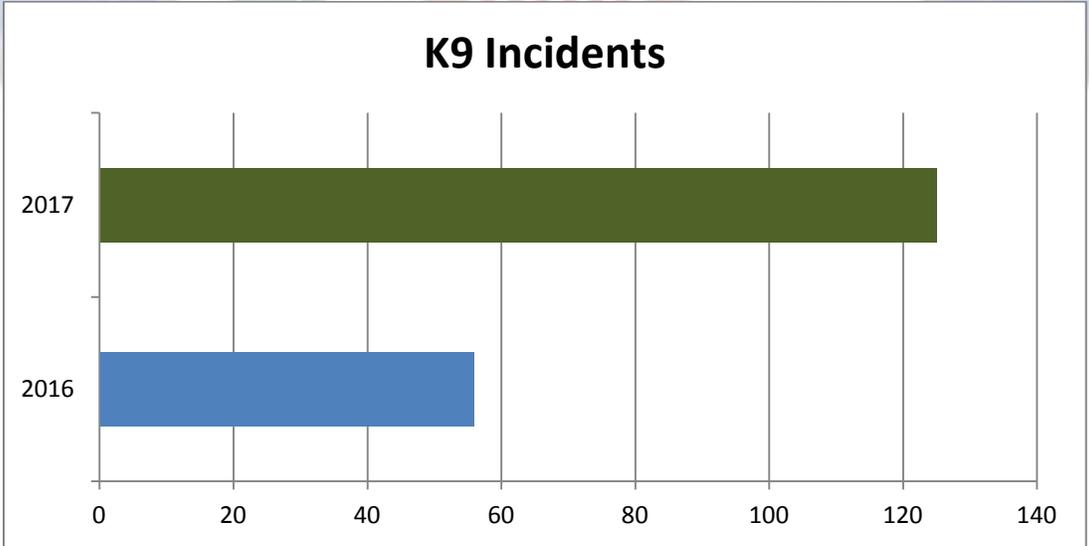


NCPD K9 PROGRAM



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The New Castle Police Department K9 Unit currently consists of one dual purpose trained Belgian Malinois named “Lex”. Lex is a dual purpose patrol/narcotics K9 who aids in tracking, apprehension, and drug/narcotics detection. Officer Brandy Pierce and Lex have been partnered for the last 6 years. Lex is 7.5 years old and was trained by Vohne Liche Kennels. Officer Pierce and Lex train continuously throughout the year to maintain their proficiency. In addition to patrol and narcotics duties Officer Pierce and Lex also make it a priority to interact with the citizens of New Castle by conducting demonstrations for various schools, organizations, and civic groups when requested.

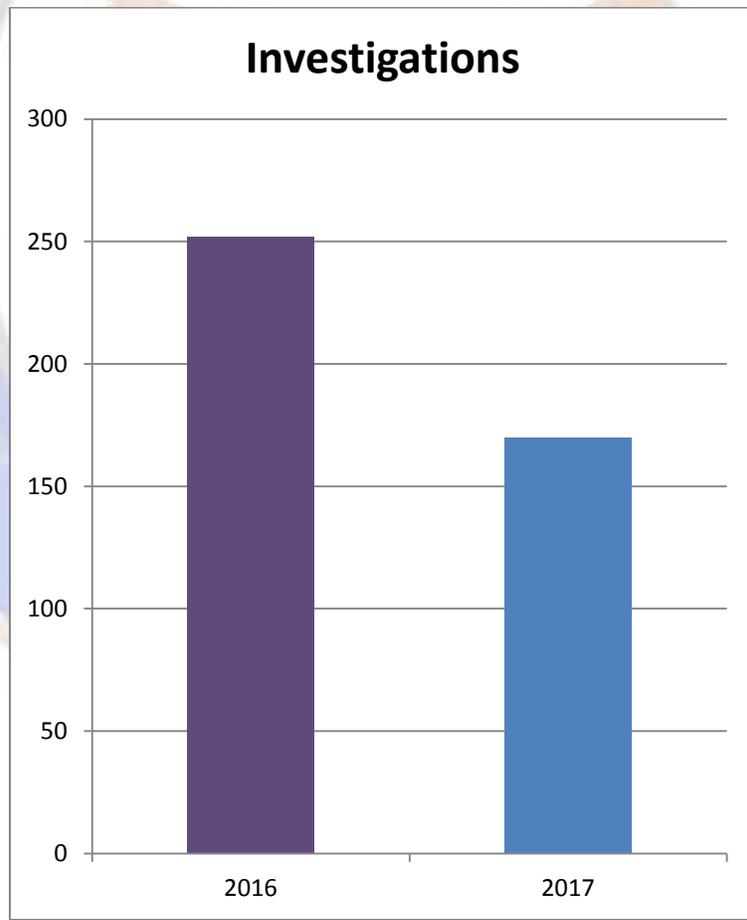


2016 K9 Incidents – 56

2017 K9 Incidents – 125

NCPD DETECTIVE DIVISION

The New Castle Police Department Detective Division conducted over 170 Criminal Investigations over the course of 2017 resulting in numerous felony arrests. Many criminal investigations are complex and require many hours of investigation. Detectives spend time tracking down leads, interviewing witnesses and suspects, and completing reports to facilitate prosecution in these investigations. Often times detectives are required to conduct investigations with very little information pertaining to who the suspects is. Our detectives spend countless hours conducting these investigations to ensure the safety and security of our citizens. This was a decrease from 2016 when NCPD Detectives were forced to investigate over 250 Criminal Investigations.

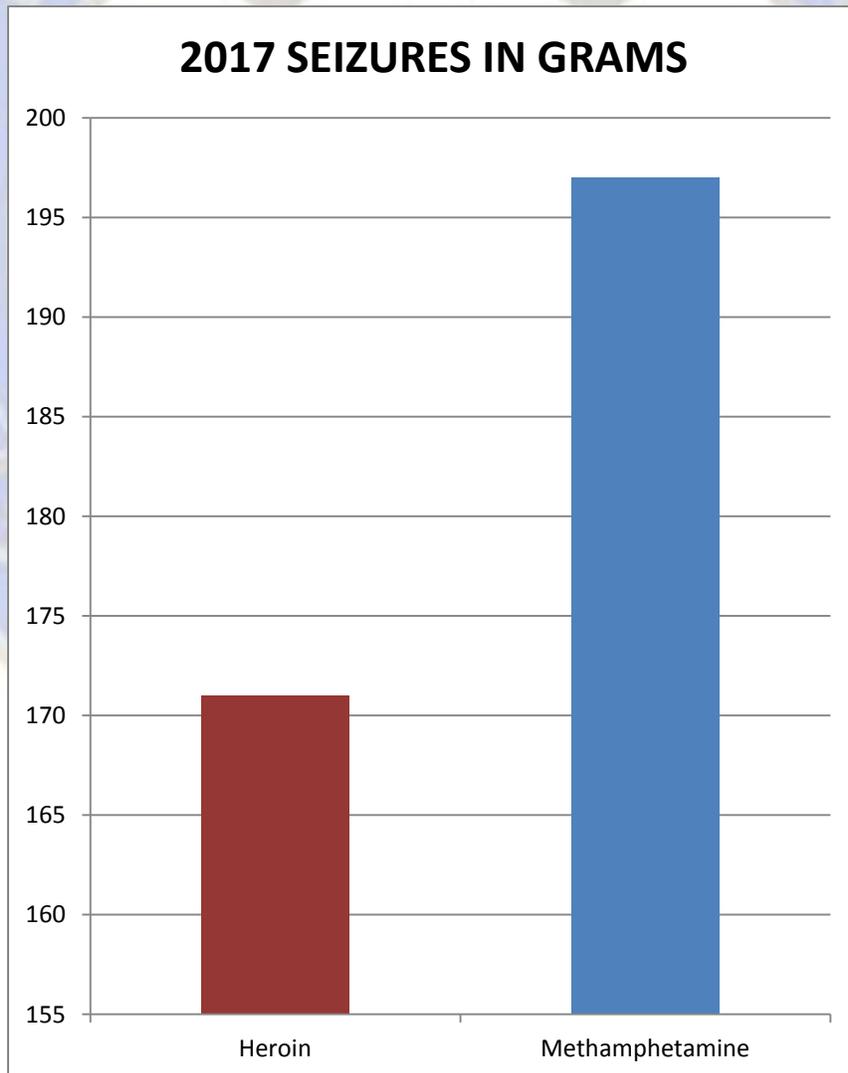


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Henry County Area Drug Task Force

New Castle Police Department contributes narcotics officers to the Henry County Area Drug Task Force. These officers conduct narcotics investigation in and around Henry County in an effort to combat the sales and distribution of illegal drugs and narcotics.

In 2017 Undercover Narcotics Officers made multiple purchases for narcotics, conducted numerous Search Warrants on residences suspected of dealing drugs/narcotics, and made over 37 arrests on suspects involved in the sale, use, or distribution of drugs/narcotics. Over the course of 2017 ADTF Investigators seized over \$20,000.00 in US Currency, 15 Firearms, 170 Grams of Heroin, and 190 Grams of Methamphetamine.



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SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS

Over the course of 2017 our SRO's were able to complete additional training to ensure the safety and security of the school campuses and children they are assigned to protect. Our SRO's are responsible for safety and security of the children and faculty at New Castle High School, New Castle Middle School, Riley Elementary School, Parker Elementary School, Sunnyside Elementary School, Westwood Elementary School, and Wilbur Wright Elementary School.

Currently, two NCPD Officers are assigned to SRO duty during school hours. These officers patrol New Castle High School and New Castle Middle School on a daily basis and respond to the elementary schools when called upon to do so.

NCPD D.A.R.E PROGRAM

In an effort to interact with the youth in our community and to instill values at a young age NCPD Officers participate in the DARE Program. DARE provides an opportunity for select NCPD officers to visit the elementary schools and work with children. Over 300 students graduated the DARE Program from New Castle Community School Corporation during the 2017 school year.

OVER 300 D.A.R.E GRADUATES DURING 2017 SCHOOL YEAR



New Castle
Community
School Corporation

The Mission of the New Castle Police Department School Resource Officers is to provide a safe, uninterrupted learning environment for students, staff and administration. Our commitment is to maintain a strong partnership with New Castle Community School Corporation.

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NCPD OFFICER TRAINING

All NCPD Officers are certified through the Indiana Law Enforcement Training Board (ILETB) within their first year of employment. This consists of 15 weeks of training at the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy. After completing that initial 15 weeks of training all officers must complete mandatory In-Service training annually.

Training our officers and staff to perform their duties safely and effectively continues to be a top priority for the New Castle Police Department. The Indiana Law Enforcement Training Board mandates that all sworn police officers complete 24 hours of annual in-service training; however, it is our goal to far surpass this minimum standard on an annual basis.

Throughout the year NCPD Officers complete multiple firearms trainings, defensive tactics trainings, emergency vehicle operations training, and many other trainings to ensure that our officers are able to safely, efficiently and professionally complete their duties.

- *Average Training Hours for All Officers – 40 HRS*
- *Average Training Hours for Detectives – 45 HRS*
- *Average Training Hours for K9 Officer – 160 HRS*
- *Average Training Hours for SWAT Officers – 160 HRS*



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NCPD RECRUITING

Recruiting qualified applicants is a year round effort. NCPD is always looking for qualified applicants to participate in our competitive hiring process. During the 2016 Hiring Process the City of New Castle gave out over 50 applications to interested candidates. After completing a 6 month long hiring process the following applicants were hired:

NCPD IS PROUD TO INTRODUCE FOUR NEW OFFICERS

BRANDON EDSTENE: *Officer Edstene is 23 years old and is a native of New Castle, IN. Officer Edstene is a graduate of New Castle High School and has an Associate's Degree in Criminal Justice. Officer Edstene always wanted to be a police officer after observing his grandfather, Barry Edstene, serve as a New Castle Police Officer for over 20 years.*

ZACK MEDFORD: *Officer Medford is 35 years old and is a native of New Castle, IN. Officer Medford is a graduate of New Castle High School and has a Bachelors of Science in Philosophy. Officer Medford also served in the Indiana Army National Guard for 9 years and deployed to Iraq in 2007.*

JUSTIN FARR: *Officer Farr is 27 years old and is a native of Hagerstown, IN. Officer Farr is a graduate of Hagerstown High School and is currently attending IU East where he is pursuing a Bachelors Degree in Criminal Justice.*

DUSTIN SULT: *Officer Sult is 30 years old and is a native of Connersville, IN. Officer Sult is a graduate of Connersville High School. Officer Sult previously served with the New Castle Correctional Facility for 10 years where he held the rank of Lieutenant.*



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NCPD RETIREMENTS 2017

Jeff Marcum NC153: Lt. Jeff Marcum hired on the New Castle Police Department on April 16, 1989. Lt. Marcum served with the Uniform Patrol Division and oversaw the department's vehicle maintenance. Lt. Marcum also assisted in the training of countless new officers. Lt. Marcum held the ranks of Patrolman, Sergeant, and Lieutenant. Lt. Marcum retired as the Afternoon Shift Lieutenant on May 12, 2017. Lt. Marcum faithfully served the City of New Castle for over 28 Years.

Mick Pratt NC175: Officer Mick Pratt hired on the New Castle Police Department on April 1, 1996. Officer Pratt served with the Uniform Patrol Division and the Detective's division. Officer Pratt held the ranks of Patrolman and Sergeant over his more than 20 year career. Officer Pratt was a member of the New Castle SWAT Team and completed numerous specialized trainings. Officer Pratt retired on August 6, 2017 after faithfully serving the City of New Castle for more than 20 years.

Mark Stacy NC176: Deputy Chief Mark Stacy hired on the New Castle Police Department on January 2, 1997. Deputy Chief Stacy served with the Uniform Patrol Division, as a Juvenile Detective, and as a Criminal Detective. Deputy Chief Stacy retired on January 6, 2017 as the Deputy Chief of Police after holding the ranks of Patrolman, Sergeant, Lieutenant, and Deputy Chief. Deputy Chief Stacy was a member of the New Castle SWAT Team, the Homicide Team, and served as a firearms instructor and DARE instructor as well as attending numerous other specialized trainings. Deputy Chief Stacy faithfully served the City of New Castle for over 20 years. Deputy Chief Stacy is also a veteran of the United States Air Force.

Matt Patterson NC177: Officer Patterson hired on the New Castle Police Department on January 2, 1997. Officer Patterson served with the Uniform Patrol Division and the Drug Task Force. Officer Patterson held the ranks of Patrolman and Investigator over his more than 20 year career. Officer Patterson was a member of the New Castle SWAT Team and completed numerous specialized trainings. Officer Patterson retired on March 10, 2017 after faithfully serving the City of New Castle for more than 20 years.



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NCPD 2018 OBJECTIVES

ADMINISTRATION

- *Hire 5 new officers and return NCPD back to full strength*
- *Proceed with construction on new Police Department Headquarters*
- *Finalize and Issue new NCPD SOP's for all officers*
- *Purchase new portable radios and duty weapons for all officers*
- *Enhance recruiting and hiring process to ensure we get the best possible candidates*
- *Purchase new police vehicles as budget allows to maintain vehicle fleet*

UNIFORM DIVISION

- *Return uniform division to full strength*
- *All newly hired officers successfully complete Field Training Program and ILEA*
- *Select new K9 Handler, begin fundraising to allow for purchase of additional K9 Unit*

DETECTIVE DIVISION

- *Return detective division to full strength by promoting (1) officer to detective*
- *Initiate geographic crime tracking as necessary to facilitate criminal investigations*



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ON BEHALF OF ALL OF THE MEN AND WOMEN OF THE NEW
CASTLE POLICE DEPARTMENT, THANKS FOR REVIEWING OUR ANNUAL
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