

# Durham Police Department 2014 Annual Report





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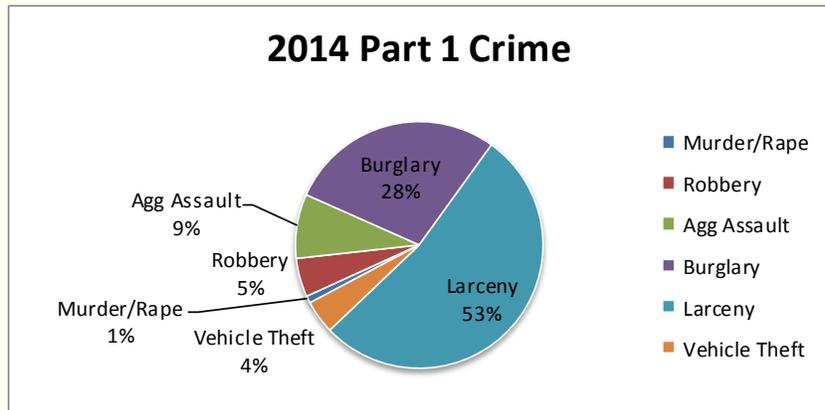


**Overall Part 1 Index Crime**

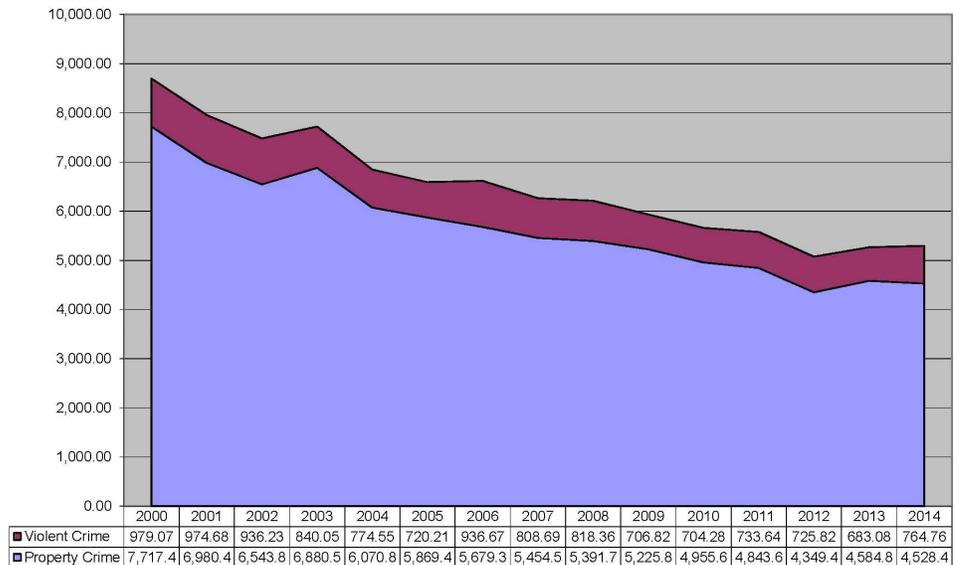
**Part 1 Index Crime** – Part 1 index crime is the total of reported violent (murder, rape, robbery and aggravated assault) and property crime (burglary, larceny and motor vehicle theft). There were decreases in homicides, rapes and motor vehicle thefts in 2014 compared to 2013.

**2014 Part 1 Crime Breakdown**

Property crimes accounted for approximately 85 percent of all Part 1 crimes in 2014. Larcenies made up more than half – 53 percent – of the total Part 1 crime.



Index Crime Rate per 100,000 Population by Year





**Part 1 Violent Crime**

Part 1 violent crime incidents increased by 15 percent in 2014. Part 1 violent crime includes homicides, rapes, robberies and aggravated assaults. The increase was driven by rises in the number of reported aggravated assaults and robberies. There were decreases in the number of homicides and rapes.

Violent crimes made up 15 percent of all Part 1 crimes reported in Durham in 2014.

<i>Part 1 Violent Crime</i>	<i>3-Year Avg</i>	<i>2012</i>	<i>2013</i>	<i>2014</i>	<i>2013-14 % Change</i>
<i>Homicide</i>	24	21	30	22	-27%
<i>Rape</i>	92	73	102	101	-1%
<i>Robbery</i>	627	622	607	657	8%
<i>Aggravated Assault</i>	994	1005	886	1090	23%
<i>Violent Crime</i>	1739	1721	1625	1870	15%

**Part 1 Property Crime**

Part 1 property crimes (burglary, larceny and motor vehicle theft) made up 85 percent of all Part 1 crime reported in Durham in 2014. Larcenies alone accounted for more than half of all Part 1 crimes. There were increases in the number of reported larcenies and burglaries. Reported motor vehicle thefts were the lowest since 2000.

<i>Part 1 Property Crimes</i>	<i>3-Year Avg</i>	<i>2012</i>	<i>2013</i>	<i>2014</i>	<i>2013-14</i>
<i>Burglary</i>	3443	3298	3373	3657	8%
<i>Larceny</i>	6658	6305	6818	6851	Less than 1%
<i>Vehicle Theft</i>	657	691	716	565	-21%
<i>Property Crime</i>	10758	10294	10907	11073	2%



#### **4th Quarter Homicide Arrests**

**Kenneth Covington Homicide Arrest** - Kenneth Bernard Covington, 26, of Durham was shot as he drove on Carver Street during the early morning hours of December 3. Chan Thomas, 35, of Durham was arrested in January in Burlington and charged with murder. The incident did not appear to be random, according to investigators.

**Willie Sadler Homicide Arrests** – Two teens were arrested in connection with the October 22 beating death of 43-year-old Willie Shon Sadler in the 3000 block of Weaver Street. Investigators arrested Myquan Deshun Spears, 16, of Durham on November 18 and charged him with murder. A 15-year-old male was arrested on January 7 and charged with murder. Investigators said this does not appear to be a random incident.

**Jawad Razai Homicide Arrest** – Jarrion Hood, 18, of Durham was arrested and charged with the October 28 murder of Jawad Ali Razai, 18, of Raleigh. Officers were dispatched to a shooting call in the 900 block of Pebblestone Drive shortly before 7:30 p.m. When they arrived, they found two males who had suffered gunshot wounds. Razai was taken to the hospital, where he was pronounced dead a short time later. Investigators said it appears he was shot during an attempted robbery. Hood suffered a gunshot wound to the leg and was taken to the hospital for treatment.

**Daniel Guerrero Cold Case Homicide Arrest** - Edgar Arellano Sanchez was arrested in Kiowa County, Kansas in December and charged with murder in the 2003 death of 27-year-old Daniel Guerrero on Garrett Road. A second man - Marcos Arellano Sanchez (age unknown) – has been charged, but not yet arrested..

Guerrero was fatally stabbed and another man was injured as they were leaving a party in an apartment complex at 4230 Garrett Road on June 22, 2003. According to witnesses, there was an argument at the party and two males followed Guerrero out of the apartment. During the argument Guerrero was stabbed several times in the torso. He died later at UNC Hospitals in Chapel Hill. The second man was stabbed when he attempted to help Guerrero. He has recovered from his injuries.



### ***Significant 4th Quarter Robbery Arrests***

**Robbery Arrests** – Investigators charged two men – Anthony James Ballard, 17, and Brandon Louis Dent, 21, both of Durham – with robbing five Durham businesses at gunpoint during November. The two were arrested on November 13 and charged with robbing two Kangaroo convenience stores at gunpoint earlier that morning.

The first robbery was reported at 12:48 a.m. at the Kangaroo, 3301 Guess Road. Two males entered the business, pointed a gun at an employee and demanded money. They fled with cash, cigars, food and drinks. Approximately 30 minutes later, officers were dispatched to an armed robbery at the Kangaroo, 4835 Hope Valley Road. Two males matching the descriptions of the suspects in the robbery on Guess Road entered the business and robbed it at gunpoint. They fled with cash, cigarettes, phones, food and drinks.

A short time later, officers spotted a car with its door open and a bag of money inside on Copper Ridge Drive. They also received reports of suspicious activity at another nearby apartment complex. The officers searched for two hours and located Dent and Ballard at an apartment complex in the 7200 block of NC 751 shortly after 4 a.m. They recovered cash and several items stolen during the two robberies. They also recovered a handgun, which had been reported stolen in Charlotte.

Investigators later charged Dent and Ballard with the following robberies:

- November 3 armed robbery of R&J Tobacco Shop on Avondale Drive. Two males entered the business around 10:15 p.m. and robbed the business at gunpoint. The males took watches, cash, cigarettes and other items. They also stole an employee's vehicle.
- November 12 armed robbery at the BP convenience store at 801 Broad Street. Two males armed with a gun entered the business shortly after midnight and took cash, cigars and cigarillos.
- November 10 armed robbery at the Kangaroo convenience store on Leonardo Drive. Two males armed with a gun entered the business shortly before midnight and took cash, tobacco products and phones.



### ***Significant 4th Quarter Robbery Arrests***

**Pizza Robbery Arrests** - Durham police arrested two men on robbery charges in November after a pizza deliveryman was robbed at gunpoint on East Pilot Street. The two men were also charged with two additional armed robberies of pizza deliverymen during October.

The two were arrested after officers were dispatched to a robbery call in the 400 block of East Pilot Street. The pizza deliveryman told officers two males wearing bandanas over their faces and armed with guns approached him as he was getting out of his vehicle to make a delivery. The men took cash and a phone from the victim and hit the victim in the face with a gun.

They fled in the victim's Nissan Cube. A description of the stolen vehicle and the two suspects was broadcast to all officers. Officer C.W. Ugolick spotted the vehicle on South Roxboro Street a short time later and attempted to stop it, but the driver sped away. Ugolick chased the vehicle on Alton Street and Dallas Street until the driver came to a dead end and crashed into a pole. The driver and passenger jumped out of the car and ran.

Officer Ugolick chased the men on foot and caught Javonta Lakeith Williams, 20, of Durham in the 200 block of West Weaver Street. K9 Officer M.D. Mues and his K9 Prinz tracked the second male to Alton Street where they found Leon Deshaun Johnson, 17, of Durham hiding in the bushes. In addition to the car, officers recovered the victim's wallet, phone and two guns.

Williams and Johnson were both charged with robbery with a dangerous weapon, felony conspiracy, larceny of a motor vehicle, possession of a stolen motor vehicle, carrying a concealed weapon and resisting, delaying and obstructing officers. Williams was also charged with possession of stolen goods and driving without a license.

Investigators also charged Williams and Johnson with two counts of robbery with a dangerous weapon, one count of larceny of a motor vehicle and one count of larceny of a firearm in connection with robberies reported on October 14 and November 8 in the 400 block of East Cornwallis Road. A man told officers he was delivering pizzas on October 14 when two males wearing bandanas over their faces robbed him at gunpoint of his vehicle and other items. On November 8, two men with guns robbed a deliveryman of a phone, cash and pizzas.



### ***Significant 4th Quarter Property Crime Arrests***

**Vandalism Arrests** - Durham police investigators arrested a man in November in connection with several vandalism cases that were reported earlier that month. Officers investigated approximately 40 incidents of vandalism to vehicles in several areas of the city. The vehicles had been damaged by what appeared to be BBs. Investigators served search warrants for a residence and a vehicle in the 2600 block of Rolling Pines Avenue. Investigators found multiple steel BBs inside the vehicle. They also located three BB guns.

Russell Hernandez, 19, of Rolling Pines Avenue was charged with four counts of injury to property, three counts of assault with a deadly weapon and one count of going armed to the terror of the public. Antonia Barbosa, 65, of Rolling Pines Avenue, was charged with feloniously altering/ stealing/destroying criminal evidence and misdemeanor conspiracy.

**Burglary Arrests** – Three men – Markessio Crowder, 22, Sheiheed Humphrey, 18, and McQuan Travon Simms, 17, all of Durham – were arrested on several burglary charges after officers were dispatched to a call about suspicious persons and a possible burglary in the area of Underwood Avenue and Duke University Road on December 29.

Officers arrested the three males and charged them with two counts of second-degree burglary, conspiracy to break and enter and possession of stolen goods. A K-9 officer found Crowder hiding in a Dumpster in the 1400 block of Chapel Hill Street. Officers discovered a break-in and an attempted break-in on Underwood Avenue and a break-in to an apartment on Duke University Road. They recovered burglary tools and stolen items including a PlayStation and a wallet.

**Burglary Arrests**—Investigators charged 37-year-old Donnyell Lofton with breaking into seven homes on Summit Street, University Drive, Stuart Drive and Hope Valley Road during the 4th Quarter. Items stolen included jewelry, television sets, firearms, computer equipment, sneakers, phones and video games. Lofton was also charged with possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.



### *Response to Priority 1 Calls*

The Police Department's target average response time to Priority 1 calls is 5.8 minutes. The department had a 5.9 minute average response time in 2014.

Our 2014 goal was to respond to at least 57 percent of Priority 1 calls in under five minutes. The department responded to almost 54 percent of Priority 1 calls in under five minutes.



### *Staffing Levels*

The Durham Police Department's 512 sworn positions were 99 percent staffed at the end of 2014. The Police Department's civilian positions were 90 percent staffed with 108 out of 120 positions filled at the end of 2014.



Durham Police Department 2014 Training Staff



**Part 1 Crime Clearance Rates**

During 2014, the Durham Police Department’s clearance rates were above the FBI clearance rates for cities our size in all Part 1 crime categories with the exceptions of aggravated assaults and violent crime. DPD’s clearance rates improved in all property crime categories in 2014. (The FBI clearance rates are for cities the size of Durham with populations of 100,000 to 250,000).

Crime Category	DPD 2014	DPD 2013	FBI 2013*
Homicide	68.2%	60%	61.3%
Rape	39.6%	66.7%	34.2%
Robbery	32.7%	34.4%	28.9%
Agg Assault	51.3%	58.2%	54.8%
Violent Crime	44.3%	49.9%	45.2%
Burglary	15.6%	12.3%	11.8%
Larceny	25.7%	24.6%	21.2%
Vehicle Theft	20.2%	15.5%	10.7%
Property Crime	22.1%	20.2%	18.2%

*Information provided by the Police Department’s Crime Analysis Unit*



### 4th Quarter Training & Recruiting Activities

**BLET #41** - The Recruiting Unit hired 30 new recruits for Basic Law Enforcement Training (BLET) Academy 41, which started in February 2015.

**Open Houses and Job Fairs** – The Recruiting Unit held nine open houses and participated in six job fairs throughout the state. The Recruiting Unit also participated in events at Duke University, Wake Technical Community College, Jordan High School and the Battle of the Bands at Durham County Stadium.

**Fair and Impartial Policing Training** – Dr. Lorie Fridell, a national expert, taught a Fair and Impartial Policing class to members of the executive command staff in October. The class was also taught to all supervisors during the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter.

### 4th Quarter Recruit Applicants

	Number of Applicants	Failed Written Test	Failed Physical Test	Durham Residents Total	Durham Residents
White Male	25	2	1	4	0
White Female	3	0	0	0	0
African-American Male	14	6	0	7	6
African-American Female	2	0	1	1	0
Latino Male	2	1	0	0	0
Latino Female	1	0	0	1	0
Asian Male	1	0	0	0	0
Other Male	2	1	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>6</b>

*Information provided by the Police Department's Recruiting Unit*



**Part 2 Crime Statistics**

**2012-2014**

Part Two Crimes	2012	2013	2014
ALL OTHER OFFENSES	670	683	648
ARSON	63	32	25
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	85	84	15
DRUG VIOLATIONS	1783	1624	1403
DRIVING WHILE IMPAIRED	488	408	472
EMBEZZLEMENT	125	117	133
FORGERY	137	36	97
FRAUD	1266	1553	1571
LIQUOR LAW VIOLATION	48	61	18
OFFENSES AGAINST FAMILY	114	86	120
PROSTITUTION	43	62	55
SEX OFFENSE	170	111	136
SIMPLE ASSAULT	1822	1513	1649
STOLEN PROPERTY	41	52	46
VANDALISM	1835	1821	1768
WEAPONS VIOLATION	303	237	249
Grand Total	8993	8480	8405

*Information provided by the Police Department's Crime Analysis Unit*



2014 Juvenile Arrests/Petitions

2014 Juvenile Arrests/ Petitions by Age/Crime												
2014 Arrests/Petitions/Ages	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	Grand Total
Aggravated Assault			1	1	2	1	4	5	3	11	14	42
All Other Offenses					1	2	19	22	25	39	81	189
Arson	1				1							2
Burglary			1		1		10	16	20	22	22	92
Disorderly Conduct							1	1		5	3	10
Drug Violations								1	5	21	25	52
Embezzlement											1	1
Forgery/Counterfeiting											2	2
Fraud							1	2	1	1	3	8
Homicide										1	1	2
Larceny					8	5	20	31	28	44	56	192
Liquor Law Violations									1	1		2
Non-Reportable Offenses							2		7	1	5	15
Offenses Against Family											1	1
Robbery							1	9	7	12	18	47
Sex Offenses								3	2			5
Simple Assault			2	1	1	3	6	10	6	20	23	72
Stolen Property					3		10	18	15	9	24	79
Vandalism			1	1	2	1	14	8	8	12	17	64
Weapon Violations				1	1	2	2	3	3	6	21	39
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>916</b>

Information provided by the Police Department's Crime Analysis Unit



	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>
<b>Homicide</b>	4	3	3
<b>Rape</b>	13	18	22
<b>Robbery</b>	15	13	13
<b>Aggravated Assault</b>	274	257	280
<b>Violent Crime</b>	306	291	318
<b>Burglary</b>	58	42	71
<b>Larceny</b>	108	122	113
<b>Vehicle Theft</b>	9	12	9
<b>Property Crime</b>	175	176	193
<b>Index Crime</b>	481	467	511

*Statistics provided by the Durham Police Department's Domestic Violence Unit*



**Traffic Fatalities**

The number of fatal traffic accidents dropped from 17 in 2013 to 13 in 2014. Two people were killed in one accident in 2014. Three accidents involved pedestrians and two involved bicyclists.

DATE	LOCATION	# UNITS	PRIMARY CAUSE
03/25/2014	NC 147/US 15-501	2	Wrong way driver
04/13/2014	Duke Street/Horton Road	2	Speed/impairment
06/02/2014	US 15-501/MLK Parkway	1	Speed/impairment
07/15/2014	NC 55/Allendown Drive	2	Pedestrian
08/25/2014	3500 block of Dearborn Drive	2	Pedestrian
08/26/2014	I-85/NC 147	1	Ran off road/hit bridge
09/10/2014	NC 147/Chapel Hill Street	1	Ran off road/hit guardrail
09/16/2014	Old Oxford Highway/Danube Lane	3	Pedestrian
10/18/2014	Duke University Road/Chapel Hill Road	2	Bicyclist
11/03/2014	I-85/Sparger Road	1	Speed/impairment (two killed)
11/15/2014	North Roxboro Street/Old Farm Road	2	Bicyclist (hit-and-run)
11/26/2014	NC 147/Mangum Street	1	Speeding/careless & reckless
12/22/2014	Erwin Road/Morreene Road	4	Red light

*Information provided by Durham Police Department Traffic Services Unit*



### *Special Operations Division (SOD) 2014 Activities*

- Eleven prostitution operations
- Seven drug buy-busts
- 589 drug interdictions
- 225 long-term drug investigations
- 155 raids/search warrants
- 707 knock and talks
- 51 firearms seized
- 842 grams of crack cocaine seized
- 858.3 grams of powder cocaine seized
- 2,689.5 grams of heroin seized (more than prior three years combined)
- 400 pounds of marijuana seized
- 1,525.8 grams of methamphetamine seized
- 10,563.9 dosage units of other drugs seized
- 1,620 pounds of medicine collected through Operation Medicine Drop
- 6,045 warrants served





### ***Significant 4th Quarter Drug Arrests***

**Operation Bah Humbug** - On December 19, investigators concluded Operation Bah Humbug, which was a six-month undercover operation targeting mid-level heroin dealers throughout the city. Fourteen people were charged with a total of 94 felonies and 23 misdemeanors. Six of the 14 people face heroin trafficking charges.

Three of the 14 people were on federal probation and two were on state probation when the charges were filed. Officers seized 100.2 grams of heroin, 17.2 grams of cocaine and two grams of marijuana.

**Drug Market Intervention Operation** - During the last week of November, the Interdiction Unit concluded a six-month long undercover Drug Market Intervention operation, which targeted street level drug dealers and drug houses and resulted in felony drug charges against 13 people. Charges were suspended against nine other people who were given the opportunity to participate in a diversion program.

These nine non-violent offenders with no prior felony drug convictions participated in a “call in” in December. The participants were put on notice that if they get arrested on any felony or serious misdemeanor charge in the next year, the charges against them from the drug market intervention operation will be activated and they will be arrested. The charges from the operation will eventually be dropped if they do not get arrested for one year. In addition, the “call in” participants were directed to resources to help them with issues such as addiction, jobs and education.

**Heroin Trafficking Arrest** - On December 19, investigators concluded a long-term narcotics investigation and arrested Jamil Royster, 41, of Durham. Investigators charged Royster with eight counts of trafficking heroin and nine other drug charges. This investigation resulted in the seizure of approximately 8.2 grams of heroin and 15 grams of cocaine.

**Heroin Trafficking Arrest** - On December 19, investigators concluded a narcotics investigation and arrested Latisha Scarlett, 37, of Durham. Investigators seized 17.4 grams of heroin and one gram of cocaine. Scarlett was charged with trafficking heroin, possession of a controlled substance within 1,000 feet of a school and four other drug charges.



### ***Significant 4th Quarter Drug Arrests and Operations***

**Drug Trafficking/Weapons Arrest** – HEAT 2 officers served a warrant at 3112 Dearborn Drive on December 18 and confiscated three firearms (one stolen), marijuana and trafficking amounts of cocaine. Deandris Lamar Saunders, 25, of Durham was arrested and charged with trafficking in cocaine, possession of a stolen firearm, possession with the intent to manufacture, sell or deliver cocaine and marijuana, maintaining a dwelling for the sale or delivery of controlled substances and possession of drug paraphernalia.

**Drug Trafficking Arrest** – HEAT 3 officers served a search warrant for an apartment on Sherwood Drive on November 24 and confiscated heroin and marijuana. Jonathan Thomas, 45, of Durham was arrested and charged with trafficking heroin and four other drug charges. He was also wanted on a felony probation violation on a marijuana distribution charge from Georgia. Officers confiscated 19.1 grams of heroin and 7.2 grams of marijuana.

**Heroin Trafficking Arrest** – Juvontae Gooch, 29, of Durham was arrested in December on numerous drug violations following a long-operation. Gooch was charged with three counts of trafficking heroin, two counts of manufacture, sell or deliver controlled substances within 1,000 feet of a school and six other drug charges.

**Heroin Trafficking Arrest** - On October 24, the Major Crimes Unit concluded a long term narcotics investigation and arrested 55-year-old Reginald Haskins. Investigators seized 11.6 grams of heroin and 36 dosage units of Suboxone. Haskins was charged with five counts of trafficking heroin, possession of a controlled substance with the intent to sell or deliver near a day care, possession of a controlled substance with the intent to sell or deliver near a park and five other charges.

**Heroin Trafficking Arrest** – Charles Howard, 52, and Gary McCrae, 53, both of Durham, were arrested after investigators concluded an investigation of drug activity on North Driver Street. Howard was charged with trafficking heroin and three other charges. McCrae was charged with possession of heroin with the intent to sell or deliver and two other drug charges. Officers seized 22 grams of heroin, one gram of powder cocaine, one Methadone pill and two grams of marijuana.



## ***Forensics Services Division (FSD) 2014 Highlights***

### **CLU (Crime Lab Unit):**

#### Digital Forensics Section:

- 566 exams completed
- 6,897 photographs taken
- 137 video analyses completed
- 322 cell phones analyzed
- 30 computers analyzed
- 220 videos retrieved
- 111 other types of media analyzed
- 47 field responses
- Second Digital Specialist hired in August 2014
- Preparing for accreditation by 10/2015

#### Firearms Section:

- 320 cases completed
- 370 examinations completed
- Second Firearms Analyst hired in June 2014
- Passed first year accreditation audit

#### Latent Print Section:

- 3,109 cases completed
- 4,676 prints entered into databases
- 928 identifications made
- 27,000+ prints manually examined
- Second LPE hired January through August 2014; currently vacant
- Passed first year accreditation audit

### **CSU (Crime Scene Unit):**

- 2,484 calls for service answered
- 24 community presentations given
- 449 lab requests completed
- Passed first year accreditation audit

### **PEU (Property and Evidence Unit):**

- 40,052 items received into the unit
- 1,150 firearms received by the PEU
- 1,979 items released to persons
- 14,641 items destroyed
- 345 items auctioned resulting in \$10,620.99 donated to the Durham Public School System
- Over 1 million dollars in cash submitted to the PEU by department employees
- 6,243 items were submitted to the North Carolina state crime lab for various testing





### ***Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Unit Activities***

**Crisis Intervention Team**— The Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) unit addresses calls for service with a mental health or substance abuse nature. CIT partners with mental health providers to engage consumers in supportive services. In 2014, CAD reported 3,548 total calls for service that were coded to include a mental health component.

In 2014 our CIT follow up program garnered attention from other departments in the state who are recognizing that our model of operation garners success. Deputies from the Wake County Sheriff's Office met with our unit in December of 2014 to review options on starting their own version of CIT training. Initial reports have shown that our intervention model can reduce 911 calls by more than 60% from those that have been contacted by the unit.

**CIT Training** - In 2014, four 40-hour CIT training classes were jointly held by first responder partners, resulting in 98 first responders being trained. Twenty four front line DPD officers completed the training in 2014.

Students represented the following agencies:  
Durham Police Department, Durham County Sheriff's Office (Detention and Patrol Divisions,) North Carolina Central University Police Department, Duke University Police

Department, Durham Technical Community College Police Department, Veterans Affairs Police Department, Durham City Fire Department and Durham County Emergency Medical Services. Additional trainings were conducted with various community partners to heighten understanding of crisis intervention techniques.





## 2014 Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN)

**Global Scholars Academy**—Through PSN, three DPD officers met monthly with primary grade students at Global Scholars Academy to discuss bullying prevention and life skills.



**Juvenile Call-Ins**—Project Safe Neighborhoods continued to conduct Juvenile Call-Ins for young people who are on Durham Juvenile Justice diversion plans. The referred youth receive messages of guidance and support from law enforcement, the school system, juvenile justice, and community members. Additionally, parents have an opportunity to learn about available resources from local agencies that serve youth and their families. Representatives from Central America, through the FBI's Central American Community Impact Exchange (CACIE), were able to attend a Call-In in the spring of 2014.

**CitizenStrong Durham**—*CitizenStrong Durham* was a 2014 community-wide awareness campaign to educate residents about simple strategies they could practice to reduce violent crime. Information was shared through newspaper columns, community listservs, and a billboard.

**FaithActs**—Project Safe Neighborhoods wrapped up the formal portion of *FaithActs*, which was a three-year initiative to build and maintain relationships between DPD officers and Durham's spiritual leaders. Executive and district commanders provided presentations to local congregations, made themselves available for community discussion, and enjoyed fellowship with participating





### ***K-9 Unit 2014***

- \* 1,500 canine deployments
- \* Recovered approximately \$276,652 worth of cash and drugs
- \* Assisted other agencies on 79 occasions
- \* Recovered 65 handguns used in crimes or discarded by fleeing suspects
- \* Recovered property valued at over \$25,190
- \* Located 90 suspects on tracks and searches
- \* Presented 98 programs/demonstrations



### ***Examples of K9 Unit's 2014 Significant Apprehensions***

- \* The K9 Unit assisted and located a knife that was used during an aggravated assault and an armed robbery. They also tracked and located the suspect hiding in a nearby apartment.
- \* The K9 Unit assisted with a foot pursuit and located two suspects that were fleeing on foot along with a book bag containing two stolen handguns, a stolen AK-47, ammunition and gun magazines.
- \* The K9 Unit tracked and located one suspect in the woods after responding a foot pursuit resulting from an armed carjacking.
- \* The K9 Unit assisted with an armed robbery of a business. They tracked and located two suspects in a wooded area along with a bag containing money and other property taken from the business.



#### ***4th Quarter Operations and Initiatives***

During the 4th quarter, officers conducted several operations focusing on traffic and pedestrian safety near schools throughout the city.

**School Zone Safety Operation** - Squad 4D conducted an operation to enforce motor vehicle laws in school zones throughout the district. Some of the targeted schools were Bethesda Elementary, Parkwood Elementary and Lowes Grove Middle School. The results of the operation:

- School zone traffic stops: 66
- School zone traffic citations: 65
- Driving while impaired (DWI) arrests: 3
- Warrants served: 6

**“What’s the Rush”? School Bus Safety Operation** - Officers wrote 37 citations on December 12 as part of a “What’s the Rush?” operation focusing on school bus safety. The operation targeted speeding violations in school zones, people passing stopped school buses and seatbelt violations.

The speed enforcement operation was held near Merrick Moore Elementary School on Cheek Road, Sandy Ridge Elementary School on Old Oxford Highway, Southern High School on Clayton Road, Maureen Joy Charter School on South Driver Street and W.G. Pearson Elementary School on Fayetteville Street. Officers had received complaints about speeding in these areas.

Officers wrote 26 citations for speeding in a school zone, one citation for driving while license revoked, two citations for having an expired registration, three citations for no operator’s license, one citation for a seatbelt violation and one citation for a car seat violation.

Officers also followed school buses from Riverside High School, Club Boulevard Elementary School, Eno Valley Elementary School, W.G. Pearson Elementary School and Lowes Grove Middle School/Bethesda Elementary School. Three citations were written for passing a stopped school bus.

Officers from the Durham Police Department’s High Enforcement Abatement Teams (HEAT) 1 and 3, Traffic Services Unit and Motor Unit, along with the North Carolina Highway Patrol and Durham County Sheriff’s Office participated in the operation.



#### ***4th Quarter Operations and Initiatives***

**Operation CAVE School Traffic Safety Operation** - The Durham Police Department, with assistance from the Durham County Sheriff's Office and the N.C. Highway Patrol, held a two-week traffic and pedestrian safety operation in and around Durham high schools in October. The initiative, Operation Crash Abatement and Violation Enforcement (CAVE), focused on violations such as speeding, seatbelt violations, texting while driving, failing to yield in a crosswalk and unsafe movement.

Officers wrote 64 speeding citations, nine speeding in a school zone citations, six seatbelt citations and 10 other traffic citations.

In addition, the operation identified areas where crosswalks are needed near Southern High School, and two crosswalks that are not utilized by students at Northern High school due to ending at a ditch. It was also noted that Southern and Hillside high schools are not marked as school zones. These shortcomings were forwarded to the appropriate agencies for review.





### 4th Quarter Activities

The Police Department conducted numerous community activities during the 4th Quarter of 2014. The following are just a few examples of these activities.

**Bicycle Rodeo**—Durham officers held a bicycle road in October at E.K. Powe Elementary School. Participants learned about bicycle safety and practiced their skills on an obstacle course.



**Pedestrian Safety Operation**— Officers conducted a pedestrian safety operation at George Watts Montessori Magnet School in October. The operation focused on safety for pedestrians and motorists.





#### **4th Quarter Operations and Initiatives**

**Police R.E.A.D.S. Program**—Thirty-four officers from the Durham Police Department and Durham County Sheriff’s Office read to more than 400 children at Merrick-Moore Elementary School during first session of the 2014-2015 Police R.E.A.D.S. program. Future sessions of the six-week program are scheduled at Eastway Elementary School and Y.E. Smith Elementary School. The Police R.E.A.D.S. program strengthens police-community relations as officers model and promote the benefits of literary and academic achievement among Durham schoolchildren.



**Eastway Elementary School Lunch**— Durham Police Officer Christopher Buytas bought a pizza lunch for 18 third graders at Eastway Elementary School and brought several of his co-workers from Squad 1-C, the GREAT Unit and the Community Resource Unit to meet with the students.



The officers talked to the students about their jobs and they discussed bullying. Community Resource Officer Curtis Knight provided ID cards for the children. Officers also did other activities with the students to build positive relationships between the students and the officers.

The event was part of Buytas’s Neighborhood Portfolio Exercise, which is the final step in a police recruit’s training.



### 4th Quarter Operations and Initiatives

**District 2 Commanders Tour**— The District 2 Commanders Tour was held during October in nine locations throughout District 2, which covers northern Durham. Commanders and officers from District 2 met with residents to discuss safety concerns and community issues in a relaxed atmosphere.

The tour included stops at Red Maple Park, Oxford Manor, Duke Park, Edison Johnson Recreation Center, Heritage Drive/Reigal Wood Drive, Thames Avenue/Marne Avenue, Treyburn, Walltown Park and Whippoorwill Park.





### 4th Quarter Activities

Officers often meet with community groups to share information about law enforcement and the jobs they do. During the fourth quarter, officers met with Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts.



District 2 officers met with Cub Scouts in October



Officers and Scouts worked together on Veterans Day





### 4th Quarter Activities

Many Durham police employees participated in the 2014 Senior Citizens Olympic Challenge on October 21 at the Durham Center for Senior Life on Rigsbee Avenue. This event was part of National Crime Prevention Month.



Other Crime Prevention Month activities included safety presentations to various groups, crime prevention display tables at locations throughout the city, Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) presentations and Kids ID locations.





### *Above and Beyond*

**Assist Motorist/Medical Crisis** – On November 22, Officer Anthony Cisternas (Squad 2-D) was on routine patrol around 12:30 a.m. on Interstate 85 near Guess Road when he saw a disabled vehicle on the shoulder. He stopped to check the vehicle and as he approached the driver’s side he could see an elderly male slumped over who was barely conscious. Officer Cisternas opened the driver’s door and quickly determined the male was in desperate need of medical attention. He called EMS and rendered aid until they arrived. EMS personnel commented on scene that if the officer had not checked on the vehicle the driver would have died in the vehicle.

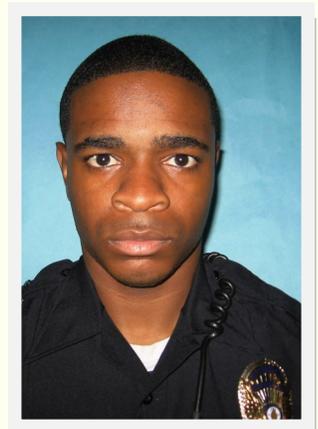
**College Ring Recovery** – A man got back his college ring that he thought was gone forever, thanks to two alert and thorough investigators from the District 2 HEAT squad.

HEAT 2 officers responded to a drug complaint call on Cozart Street in November. As HEAT 2 investigators Brock Chambers and Matt Farrell were interviewing a 29-year-old man, they noticed he was wearing a 1959 college ring. Chambers and Farrell interviewed him further about the ring and saw that it was inscribed with a man’s name. Investigator Chambers researched the name and then Investigator Farrell called the man believed to be the ring’s owner.



The man Investigator Farrell contacted was able to describe the ring from Southern University and A&M College in specific detail and told the officers it had been missing for approximately two years. The ring had great sentimental meaning to him because he had purchased it with the last bit of money he had after graduation, just before he joined the U.S. Navy. Investigator Farrell was able to return the ring to its grateful owner.

**Cardiac Arrest** - Officer Kamalee Jackson from Squad 2A responded to a cardiac arrest call on Berkeley Street in December. Officer Jackson was the first one on scene and discovered the unresponsive patient lying on the sidewalk in front of his home. Officer Jackson administered lifesaving CPR until EMS arrived and took over. Due to Officer Jackson being prepared and having a quick response, EMS was able to maintain a heartbeat and transport the patient to hospital.



Officer Kamalee Jackson



**4th Quarter Honors**

**Emergency Chaplains Hometown Hero Awards** – Officers Christopher Walker (Squad 4A) and Laurel Nuyen (Squad 2D) were honored with Emergency Chaplains Hometown Hero awards at a banquet on October 24.



Officer Laurel Nuyen



Officer Christopher Walker

Officer Walker was honored for taking lifesaving actions with a female in cardiac arrest in May. Officer Walker was the first officer on the scene and found a female who was not breathing and had no pulse. Officer Walker began CPR and continued to perform CPR until EMS arrived. He was able to get a pulse and she was taken to the hospital.

Officer Nuyen was honored for providing lifesaving aid to a gunshot victim on Glenbrook Drive in March. She responded to shooting on Glenbrook Drive where a large crowd had gathered.

The 17-year-old victim had been shot in both legs and was bleeding heavily. Officer Nuyen grabbed belts from a bystander to make tourniquets for the victim’s legs and tended to patient for five minutes until EMS arrived. A female bystander assisted by using a towel to keep pressure on the victim’s wounds.



### 4th Quarter Honors

**CIT Awards** - Two Durham Police Department officers were among first responders recognized in December for exemplary and dedicated work as members of the Durham Crisis Intervention Team. Cpl. Tracy Drinker (right) was the recipient of the Heart of CIT Award and DPD CIT Officer of the Year was Investigator Thomas Scozzafava (left).



**ASIS Law Enforcement Legion of Excellence Award Nomination** - Sgt. Nicholas Schneider of the Training Division was nominated for the ASIS International Law Enforcement Legion of Excellence Award in 2014.

He was nominated for his work in teaching Active Shooter training to law enforcement officers and members of our community. Sgt. Schneider is an enthusiastic and knowledgeable teacher who strives to constantly update his knowledge.

In 2014, Sgt. Schneider implemented and conducted training for employees in several City of Durham departments and the Durham Public Schools. Knowing that education works best with practical training, Sgt. Schneider has developed full scale drills with other public safety agencies and local businesses. He has also worked with many local organizations to help them be as prepared as possible.