

Durham Police Department
2015 First Quarter Report
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The Durham Police Department has six performance measures – violent crime, property crime, Part 1 index crime, clearance rates, response times to Priority 1 calls and staffing levels – and they are reported to the public on a quarterly basis. This report contains information about the performance measures as well as highlights from the 1st quarter of 2015.

Part 1 index crime (violent and property crime) rose 4.5 percent during the first quarter of 2015, compared to the same period in 2014. Violent crime (homicide, rape, robbery and aggravated assault) increased by 22 percent and property crime (burglary, larceny and motor vehicle theft) was up by 2 percent during the same period.

The increases were driven by spikes in robberies, aggravated assaults and larcenies. The number of reported rapes, motor vehicle thefts and burglaries dropped during the first quarter.

Police commanders noticed a significant increase in aggravated assaults/shootings during January (the highest monthly total of aggravated assaults in 13 years) and put together a 90-day initiative to focus on these crimes.

The Crime Analysis Unit gathered statistics to show the locations of these incidents so officers could direct their efforts in these areas. Officers also developed a list of names of people believed to be involved in the shootings and violence.

All officers from the Special Operations Division were split into two teams and they, along with officers from the four High Enforcement Abatement Teams (HEAT), participated in this initiative. The 90-day initiative focused on the areas of East Weaver Street/South Roxboro Street/East Cornwallis Road and McDougald Terrace. It was later expanded to areas of Liberty Street.

Community responses were held on February 5 in the East Weaver Street/South Roxboro Street/East Cornwallis Road community and on February 19 in McDougald Terrace. Citizens went door-to-door with officers to distribute flyers in advance of the 90-day initiative and to explain why officers were in their communities.

During the 90-day initiative, officers arrested more than 25 of the targeted individuals on various charges including murder, robbery with a dangerous weapon, 2nd degree kidnapping, drug trafficking, weapons violations, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, breaking and entering and probation violations.

Preliminary Statistics from the 90-Day Initiative:

- Target Area Activities – 862
- Search Warrants – 58
- Knock and Talks – 300
- Community Projects/Meetings – 45
- Directed Patrols/Foot Patrols – 545
- Traffic Stops – 515
- Felony Charges – 213
- Traffic Citations – 453
- Misdemeanor Charges – 520
- Warrants/Summons Served – 159
- Firearms Confiscated – 39
- Drug Arrests/Charges – 174

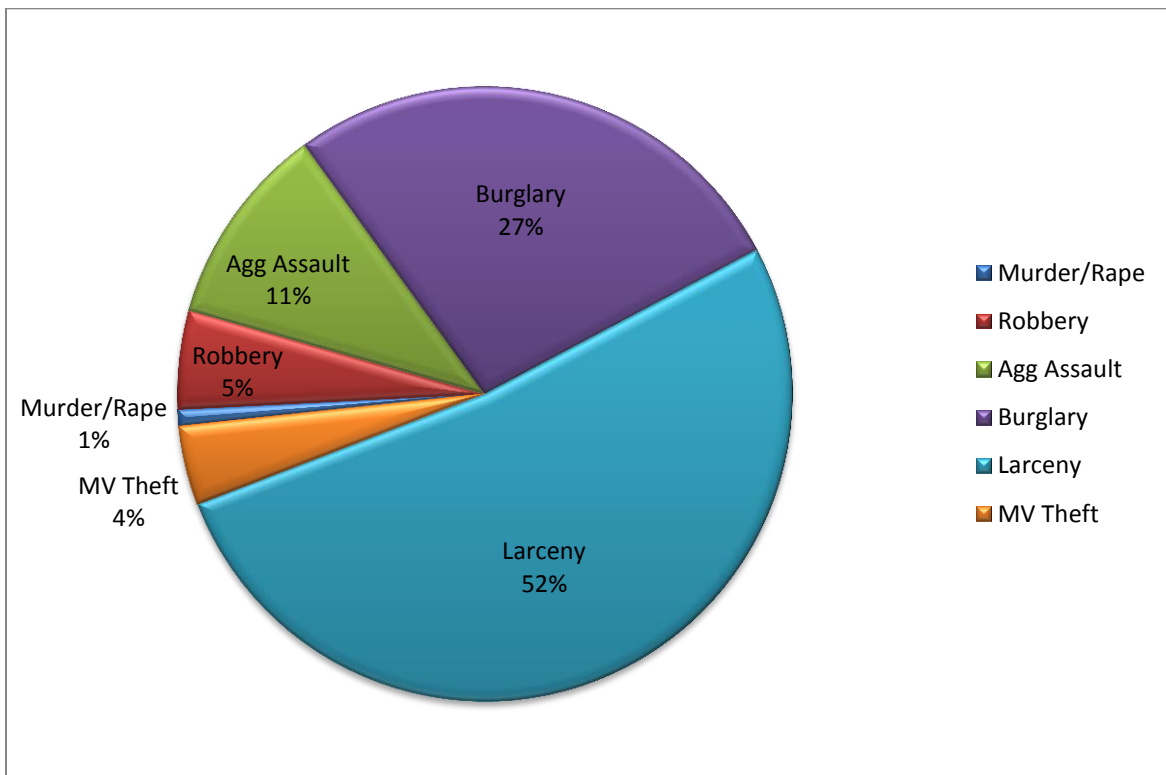
Part 1 Violent Crime – 1st Quarter

<i>Part 1 Violent Crime</i>	<i>3-Year Avg</i>	<i>2013</i>	<i>2014</i>	<i>2015</i>	<i>2014-15 % Change</i>
<i>Homicide</i>	7	4	6	10	67%
<i>Rape</i>	24	30	25	17	-32%
<i>Robbery</i>	139	125	134	158	18%
<i>Aggravated Assault</i>	243	149	254	325	28%
<i>Violent Crime</i>	412	308	419	510	22%

Part 1 Property Crime – 1st Quarter

<i>Part 1 Property Crime</i>	<i>3-Year Avg</i>	<i>2013</i>	<i>2014</i>	<i>2015</i>	<i>2014-15 % Change</i>
<i>Burglary</i>	807	712	877	831	-5%
<i>Larceny</i>	1479	1379	1474	1585	8%
<i>Motor Vehicle Theft</i>	154	186	150	127	-15%
<i>Property Crime</i>	2440	2277	2501	2543	2%

2015 1st Quarter Part 1 Crime Percentages



Part 1 Crime Clearance Rates

Crime Category	FBI 2013*	DPD 2014	DPD 2015 1Q
Homicide	61.3%	68.2%	50%
Rape	34.2%	39.6%	47.06%
Robbery	28.9%	32.7%	26.5%
Aggravated Assault	54.8%	51.3%	33.23%
Violent Crime	45.2%	44.3%	31.96%
Burglary	11.8%	15.6%	11.07%
Larceny	21.2%	25.7%	22.27%
Motor Vehicle Theft	10.7%	20.2%	20.47%
Property Crime	18.2%	22.1%	18.52%

*The FBI clearance numbers are for cities population 100,000-250,000

Priority 1 Response Times

The department did not meet our target of responding to 57 percent of Priority 1 calls in under five minutes (52.3 percent were under 5 minutes). During the 1st Quarter we did not meet our 5.8 minute average response time target (the average response time was 6 minutes).

Staffing Levels

The Police Department's sworn ranks were completely staffed at the end of the first quarter. Ninety five percent of the non-sworn positions were filled at the end of the first quarter (115 of 121 positions).

Domestic Violence Part 1 Crimes

	<i>2013</i>	<i>2014</i>	<i>2015</i>
<i>Murder</i>	0	0	2
<i>Rape</i>	8	3	2
<i>Robbery</i>	2	2	2
<i>Aggravated Assault</i>	49	55	68
<i>Violent Crime</i>	59	60	74
<i>Burglary</i>	11	10	18
<i>Larceny</i>	39	22	31
<i>Motor Vehicle Theft</i>	4	1	1
<i>Property Crime</i>	54	33	50
<i>Part 1 Index Crime</i>	113	93	124

Statistics provided by the Police Department's Crime Analysis Unit

1st Quarter Part 2 Crime Offenses

Offense	Total
All Other Offenses	166
Arson	4
Disorderly Conduct	9
Driving While Impaired	115
Drug Violations	292
Embezzlement	35
Forgery/Counterfeiting	49
Fraud	385
Liquor Law Violations	3
Obscene Material/Pornography	3
Offenses Against Family	25
Prostitution	3
Sex Offense	21
Simple Assault	403
Stolen Property	9
Vandalism	381
Weapon Violations	75

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Youth Arrests (16-17) and Juvenile Petitions (<16) for Jan-March 2015

Offense/Age	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	Grand Total
Aggravated Assault						1	1	1	3
All Other Offenses					1	3	5	17	26
Burglary					1	1		8	10
Disorderly Conduct								2	2
Driving While Impaired								1	1
Drug Violations							2	8	10
Fraud				1				1	2
Homicide								1	1
Larceny			1		4	14	6	13	38
Non-Reportable Offenses				1		1	2	1	5
Offenses Against Family							1		1
Robbery		1	1	1		3		2	8
Simple Assault	1				1	1	2	7	12
Stolen Property					2		2	4	8
Vandalism								1	1
Weapon Violations						1	1	6	8
Grand Total	1	1	2	3	9	25	22	73	136

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1st Quarter 2015 Training Division Activities

Police Recruit Applicants Tested During the 1st Quarter 2015

	Number of Applicants	Failed Written Test	Failed Physical Test	Durham Residents Total	Durham Residents Failed Test
White Male	32	1	0	5	0
White Female	4	0	0	0	0
African-American Male	21	5	3	10	5
African-American Female	3	1	1	1	1
Latino Male	1	1	0	0	0
Latino Female	1	0	1	1	1
Asian Male	2	1	0	0	0
Other Female	1	0	0	0	0
Totals	65	9	5	16	7

Statistics provided by the Durham Police Department's Training Division

1st Quarter Violent Crime Arrests

Homicide Arrests

Homicide Arrest - Durham police investigators arrested Cathy Martin, 56, of Durham and charged her with stabbing her husband – 57-year-old Anthony Martin – to death on February 17. Officers were dispatched to the 300 block of North Driver Street and found Martin stabbed to death inside the house. Cathy Martin was arrested at the scene.

Homicide Arrest - Brian Lamont Davis, 40, of Durham was arrested and charged with murder in the January 19, 2015 death of 63-year-old Charles Hinnant of Durham. Officers responded to a townhouse in the 3000 block of Colony Road and discovered a male dead inside the residence.

Davis, who was Hinnant's housemate, was arrested in South Carolina. In addition to murder, Davis is facing charges of felony larceny, felony larceny of a motor vehicle, obtaining property by false pretense and possession of stolen goods.

Homicide Arrest – Kelton Breshon Fox, 17, of Durham was arrested on March 31 and charged with murder in the stabbing death of 17-year-old Tierra Hall of Durham. Hall's body was found behind a house in the 4100 block of Trotter Ridge Road on March 28. Fox was identified as Hall's ex-boyfriend.

2014 Homicide Arrest – Chan Thomas, 35, was arrested in January in Burlington and charged with murder in connection with the December 3, 2014 shooting death of 26-year-old Kenneth Bernard Covington of Durham.

Officers responded to a shooting call in the 200 block of West Carver Street at 12:41 a.m. on December 3. Upon arrival, officers found Covington inside a vehicle. He was pronounced dead at the scene. Investigators believe Covington was shot as he drove on Carver Street and then wrecked his vehicle. The incident did not appear to be random, according to investigators.

In addition to murder, Thomas was charged with shooting into an occupied vehicle in connection with the December 3 incident. He is also charged with felony fleeing to elude law enforcement officers, reckless driving and driving while his license was revoked on January 8 when Durham police investigators attempted to stop Thomas in the area of Trinity Avenue and Geer Street.

Homicide Arrest - Willie Poole, 55, of Durham, was arrested on April 26 and charged with murdering 30-year-old Mark Peaks in January on East Main Street. Durham police responded to a call in the 900 block of East Main Street around 2 a.m. on January 6. When officers arrived, they found Peaks dead behind an apartment complex. Peaks had multiple gunshot wounds.

Traffic Fatality/Second Degree Murder Charge – Daryl Brooks, 41, was arrested on April 9 on Kent Lake Drive on a second-degree murder charge stemming from a fatal traffic accident on March 11. The accident happened shortly before 8 p.m. on March 11 when a vehicle driven by Brooks hit the back of a vehicle driven by Kelwin Biggs, 53, of Durham, causing Biggs' vehicle to collide with an oncoming vehicle driven by Nyasia Clifton, 20, of Durham. Brooks and Biggs were driving southbound on Fayetteville Road when the accident occurred, according to investigators. Biggs was pronounced dead at the scene. Brooks, Clifton and a passenger in Clifton's vehicle – 21-year-old Katherine McKoy – were taken to the hospital for treatment.

Brooks was charged on March 11 with driving while impaired and driving while his license was revoked. In addition to the murder charge, Brooks was indicted in April on charges of felony death by vehicle, careless and reckless driving, felony serious injury by vehicle and driving while his license was revoked.

Robbery Arrests

Robbery Arrests - On March 15, Squad 1-D officers caught two robbery suspects before the robbery had even been reported. The officers were out on a call around 3:25 a.m. when they heard a gunshot near Gilbert and Spruce streets and saw several people running. Officers chased three people on foot and caught two – Javonte Green, 19, of Durham and a 15-year-old male juvenile.

Officers discovered that two males had been walking near Gilbert Street when they were approached by three males who robbed them of their shoes and phones at gunpoint. The suspects fired a shot as the victims fled after the robbery. Officers recovered the stolen items belonging to the victims. They charged Green and the juvenile with robbery with a dangerous weapon.

Robbery Arrest - Officers from Squad 3-B responded to a robbery call on Palmer Street on March 14. A teen told officers he was robbed at gunpoint of his clothes and phone after he went to make a payment on a phone he was purchasing. The victim escaped by jumping from a balcony. Officers located a 15-year-old suspect and a police dog found the victim's phone. The 15-year-old male was charged with robbery with a dangerous weapon, second-degree kidnapping, possession of a handgun by a minor and assault by pointing a gun.

Robbery/Assault Arrests – Quadarius Evans, 21, was arrested during the first quarter in connection with three separate incidents. Evans and Brandon Oneal Rich, 19, were arrested and charged with robbing and assaulting a 20-year-old male at a bus stop in the 1000 block of North Miami Boulevard on December 27. The victim was hit and kicked numerous times and knocked unconscious. Both were charged with common-law robbery, assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury and felony conspiracy.

Evans was also charged with robbery with a dangerous weapon in connection with a January 6 armed robbery on Park Avenue. A 50-year-old male told officers at least two people entered his rooming house and robbed him at gunpoint. The victim was assaulted during the robbery and jumped out of a window to escape.

Evans was also charged in connection with a shooting on January 13 on Melbourne Street. A 40-year-old male told officers he was wiping down his vehicle when a male approached him and asked for a cigarette. The two then tussled and the victim was shot in the leg. Evans was charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill inflicting serious injury and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

Evans was arrested on January 26 by an off-duty officer on Meriwether Drive. At that time, he was also charged with possession of a stolen firearm, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, carrying a concealed weapon and possession of marijuana.

Robbery Arrests - Erik Sheahan, 41, and Brian Chance Wilson, 39, were arrested and charged with a February 28 robbery. A 23-year-old male told officers he was walking on Fifteenth Street near West Main Street around 12:45 p.m. on Feb. 28 when two males came up behind him. One male pulled a knife and they demanded the victim's prescription medication. They took the victim's phone and fled. Both men were arrested a short time later and charged with robbery with a dangerous weapon.

Robbery Arrest – Officers went to an apartment on Seven Oaks Road on January 17 to try to locate a male wanted on an armed robbery charge. The suspect – 18-year-old Rasheen Moore – slammed the door on an officer's hand and ran, according to officers. He was caught after a foot chase. Moore was arrested and charged with robbery with a dangerous weapon, assault on a law enforcement officer, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and resisting arrest. Moore was charged with robbing a 17-year-old male at gunpoint on November 12 on Guess Road.

Officers also found several stolen items in the apartment. Isaiah Fard, 18, and Marquan Williams, 18, were each charged with three counts of possession of stolen property. Two other people were arrested on outstanding warrants.

Robbery Arrest - On February 10, investigators from the Special Operations Division conducted a traffic stop on Wabash Street. The driver of the vehicle – 26-year-old Mario Davis – was wanted on robbery charges.

Davis was charged with the September 15, 2014 armed robbery of the Academy Quick Stop on Academy Road. Two males wearing ski masks and armed with guns robbed the store and employees of cash and phones. He was also wanted on charges of conspiracy to commit armed robbery, assault by pointing a gun, simple assault and misdemeanor injury to property.

Robbery Arrests – Christopher Gonzalez, 27, was arrested and charged with committing four business armed robberies during March. All four robberies were committed with guns. In some cases, a second suspect who has not been identified was involved in the robbery.

Gonzalez is charged with the following robberies:

- March 7 – Boost Mobile, 902 Fayetteville Street
- March 18 – Gold Assay, 7001 Fayetteville Road
- March 27 – Cricket, 3600 North Duke Street
- March 30 – Verizon, 1541 Glenn School Road

Robbery Arrest – Officers responded to a robbery and assault call March 9 on Corporation Street near Mangum Street. A 45-year-old woman told officers she had been walking from a store when a male grabbed her purse from behind, punched her several times in the face and knocked her to the ground. The male fled when a passing motorist honked his horn several times to scare him away.

K9 Officer M.D. Mues spotted a male matching the description of the suspect a short distance away. Mues and his K9 Prinz caught the male on Hazel Street after a foot chase. Deshon Monquat Carrington, 20, was arrested and charged with common-law robbery and assault on a female. Carrington was also charged with breaking into a house on Northwood Circle on March 2 and stealing laptops, watches and a bookbag.

Aggravated Assault Arrests

Shooting Arrests – A 20-year-old male was shot several times during an argument on Sima Street on January 3. Three weeks later, investigators charged 24-year-old Kentrail Fowler with attempted first-degree murder and assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill inflicting serious injury. A 15-year-old female was also charged with felony conspiracy and assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill.

Shooting Arrest – Linwood Fred Clay, wanted in connection with a January shooting in Durham, was arrested after a standoff March 30 in the 800 block of Brye Street. No one was injured.

Investigators from the U.S. Marshals Service Violent Fugitive Task Force attempted to arrest Clay at a house on Brye Street, but Clay barricaded himself in the attic and refused to come out of the house. He surrendered to police several hours later.

Clay was wanted in connection with a shooting on January 28 on South Woodcrest Street. A male entered an occupied residence and fired several shots inside the house. No one was injured. Clay is charged with breaking and entering with the intent to terrorize, discharging a weapon into

occupied property, assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill, second-degree kidnapping and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon in connection with that case.

Clay was also wanted in Orange County for resisting, delaying and obstructing officers. He was accused of running from court officers who tried to arrest him on February 5.

Property Crime Arrests

Burglary Arrest - Officers were dispatched to a burglary in progress shortly before 2 p.m. on March 16 in the 2600 block of Stadium Drive. Officers were given descriptions of two suspects – one left in a vehicle and one left on foot.

Squad 2-A Officers chased the one on foot through the woods near Valley Drive up to Holt School Road. They caught him behind the storage units in the 3900 block of North Duke Street. Officers arrested Daquan Markee Boyd, 22, of Durham and charged him with breaking and entering, larceny after breaking and entering, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and resisting, delaying and obstructing officers. He was also arrested on two warrants from 2013 – one for robbery with a dangerous weapon and one for a felony probation violation. Officers recovered a handgun. The second suspect got away.

Burglary Arrest - Officers from Squads 3-D and 4-D responded to a call about a suspicious person on Sheridan Drive on March 19. When officers arrived, they found a male matching the description of the suspicious person and chased him on foot for several blocks before catching him. Officers also found a burglary to a house on Sheridan Drive. The male they caught – Michael Anthony Dumas, 50, of Durham – had some of the stolen items in his possession. Dumas was charged with breaking and entering, larceny after breaking and entering and possession of stolen property.

Burglary Arrests – District 2-D officers were dispatched to a burglary in progress on Wyldewood Road on March 9, just moments after being dispatched to an alarm call a few blocks away. Officer J.M. Fullam spotted a male matching the description of the suspect from the burglary in progress call and chased him. Officers apprehended the male – 17-year-old Joey Derrick Best Jr. – a few blocks away. Best was charged with attempted burglary for the call on Wyldewood Road and with breaking and entering a house on Calumet Drive. Best was arrested again on April 11 and charged with breaking into a residence on Marne Avenue.

Burglary Arrests – Michael Alton Turrentine, 28, and Princess Laisure, 23, both of Durham, were arrested and charged with breaking into numerous homes in Durham in December 2014 and January 2015. They were charged with burglaries on Long Crescent Drive, Bonaparte Way and Buckingham Road. They were also charged with stealing a package from a porch on Valley Run in December. In addition, they were charged with a burglary in Wake County.

Laisure was also charged with conspiracy in connection with an armed robbery reported on February 28 in the 3400 block of Hillsborough Road. A 26 year old male was robbed at gunpoint of his wallet and phone. His car was also taken and later recovered. William Joseph Corbitt, 30, of Durham was charged with robbery with a dangerous weapon, injury to personal property and possession of a firearm by a felon in connection with this case. Turrentine was also charged with being a habitual felon and was wanted on a probation violation.

Burglary Arrest – Officers responded to a burglary in progress at Scratch Baking on Orange Street shortly after midnight on March 30. Bicycle officers spotted a male matching the description of the suspect and chased him into a parking deck. The male – James Dockery, 47, of Durham – was arrested he jumped off the second floor of the parking deck. Officers recovered cash stolen during the burglary. Dockery was charged with breaking and entering, larceny after breaking and entering and possession of burglary tools.

Vehicle Break-Ins Arrest - Ladarriea Torrielle King, 22, was arrested and charged in connection with breaking into 20 vehicles on March 23

The vehicle break-ins were reported on Malvern Road, Livingstone Place, Pavillion Place, Garrett Road, Trotter Ridge Road, King Charles Road and Tarra Place. Several victims told officers they found their vehicles with the doors and/or trunks open. Items stolen included a pair of boxing gloves, binoculars, headphones, credit cards and computer equipment.

King was charged with 20 counts of breaking and entering to motor vehicles, 20 counts of conspiracy, three counts of financial card theft, four counts of larceny and one count of larceny of a firearm.

Drug Trafficking Arrests

Cocaine Trafficking Arrests – District 1-D officers executed a search warrant at 1017-D Lowry Street on January 16 and confiscated two guns (one stolen), 59.2 grams of crack cocaine and cash. Officers charged Jessica Shada Bell, 24, and Willie Andre Jackson, 21, with trafficking in cocaine and other drug charges. Tevin Cox, 23, was charged with possession of a stolen firearm and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Jarell Waller, 23, charged with possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Officers also served several outstanding warrants on people in the apartment.

Drug Trafficking Arrests - Squad 5-C officers were on patrol near Peabody Street and Gregson Street on March 23 when they noticed a male riding a moped without a helmet. They stopped the male, who at first gave officers a false name, and found drugs in the console of the moped. The officers took the male to the magistrate's office to charge him with several drug possession offenses and possession of controlled substances within 1,000 feet of a school.

When officers got to the magistrate's office, they learned that the male's real name was Lateef Stokes and he was wanted on several charges from 2013. The charges included trafficking in opiates, three counts of possession of cocaine with the intent to manufacture, sell or deliver, felony possession of cocaine, maintaining a dwelling for the sale of controlled substances, conspiracy, possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Cocaine Trafficking Arrest - Officers from HEAT 2 responded to a call in the 3300 block of Dearborn Drive on February 3 and found a large gathering. Officers seized three guns, more than 36 grams of cocaine, seven grams of heroin, marijuana and cash. Brandon Nigel Allen, 23, was arrested and charged with trafficking in cocaine, felony fleeing to elude law enforcement officers and other drug charges.

Cocaine Trafficking Arrest - On January 9, investigators closed out a narcotics investigation by arresting Ryan Keyes, 47, of Durham. Approximately 32.8 grams of cocaine were seized as a result of this investigation. Keyes was charged with four counts of trafficking cocaine and four other drug charges.

Heroin Trafficking Arrest - On March 4, investigators from the Special Operations Division conducted a search warrant in the 4200 block of Ludgate Drive. As a result of the investigation, investigators seized 4.8 grams of heroin, cocaine and cash. Derrick Downey, 48, was arrested and charged with trafficking in heroin and 11 other drug charges.

Cocaine Trafficking Arrest - On March 7, investigators from the Special Operations Division conducted a narcotics search warrant at 1402 Calvin Street, Apartment A. A search of the residence revealed 29.4 grams of crack cocaine, marijuana and cash. Anthony Loan Jones Jr., 40, was charged with trafficking in cocaine and several other drug offenses.

Cocaine Trafficking Arrest – Officers from HEAT 1 stopped a vehicle on March 10 and arrested Kenneth Petty Jr., 25, for numerous outstanding warrants for larceny of vehicle parts and injury to property. Officers also found 55 grams of cocaine and a handgun. Petty was charged with trafficking cocaine, carrying a concealed weapon and possession of cocaine with the intent to sell and deliver.

Operation Medicine Drop

Operation Medicine Drop - Officers disposed of approximately 335 pounds of unused and expired medications during Operation Medicine Drop on March 21. According to investigators, the drugs included Fentanyl, Morphine, Oxycodone, Valium and others with a high potential for abuse. Officers also disposed of pet medications and various over-the-counter and prescription medications. The collected materials were destroyed in a safe and environmentally friendly manner.

This event was held at four locations in Durham Walgreens, 1812 Holloway Street; Kroger, 3457 Hillsborough Road; Triangle Pharmacy/Ace Hardware, 1700 East NC Highway 54 and Kroger, 202 West NC Highway 54.

Community Projects/Initiatives

(This is a sample of just a few of the many projects and initiatives from the 1st Quarter)

Annual Neighborhood and Community Watch Workshop - The Durham Police Department's annual Neighborhood and Community Watch Workshop was held on March 28 at the Holton Career and Resource Center at 401 N. Driver Street. Session topics included Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED); Citizen Observer Patrol; Identity Theft/Fraud Prevention; CrimeStoppers; 911 Communications; Durham Community Trail Watch; and Crime Analysis and Crime Prevention.

Southside Initiative – During the first quarter, Squad 4-C focused on the Southside due to ongoing gang and drug activity. The squad has conducted directed patrols, foot patrols and license checks and utilized the mobile command post with the hope of deterring the criminal activity by being more visible in the area. They started an on-going initiative



of meeting monthly with the city's Southside Outreach Coordinator, the Neighborhood Watch chairperson and the area residents to foster dialogue between the residents and the police. The goal is to build a rapport with each other in order to help address the neighborhood quality of life issues and concerns. 4-C officers provided Easter eggs for and participated in an Easter Egg Hunt for children on the Southside.

Bentwood Park Apartments - During the month of January, District 1-B Squad worked to further address issues in Bentwood Park Apartments on Junction Road. In addition to addressing criminal activities, B Squad officers focused on multiple concerns in the area, such as health concerns, quality of life, and living conditions.

Officer J.F. Rushton and Officer M.A. Beal worked together to document conditions in the apartment complex. Officer Rushton prepared a presentation which was presented on January 15 to other city departments, Neighborhood Improvement Services, Durham County Fire Marshal's Office and Durham County Animal Control. The meeting resulted in working toward the development of a plan to tackle the issues in this area. One result from this meeting came from Neighborhood Improvement Services who advised they are going to use clear high strength Plexiglas instead of plywood sheets on the vacant apartments, which would allow officers clear views into the vacant apartments.

“Turn Around” – Squad 1-B also started Operation “Turn Around” in the Turn Key area. During the month of February officers with B Squad worked within the Turn Key neighborhood. Officers conducted license check stations in and outside the neighborhood. Officer R.M. Benfield conducted multiple radar activities along Lynn Road and Wedgedale Drive. Officers also addressed abandoned and derelict vehicles within the neighborhood. Officers received positive responses from residents in the area.

Speeding Operation – On February 10, Officer J.A. Alcala of Squad 2-A conducted a speed patrol on Interstate 85 near U.S. 15-501 in an effort to reduce the number of collisions in the area. He wrote 16 tickets and clocked one vehicle at 100 mph in a 60 mph zone. Two vehicles were clocked at 95 mph.

License Checkpoint – District 4-D officers conducted a license checkpoint on February 20 in Revere Road at Seaton Road. Officers handed out more than 60 flyers on home safety and the Neighborhood Watch program.

HIDTA Grant

HIDTA Grant – The Police Department was awarded the 2015 High Intensity Drug Trafficking (HIDTA) Grant in the amount of \$256,000. The HIDTA program enhances and helps to coordinate drug trafficking control efforts among federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies. HIDTA works to complement and support federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies collaborating to fight drug traffic. HIDTA funding supports this joint effort between local law enforcement agencies.

Above and Beyond

Cardiac Arrest – Officers R.M. Benfield, Officer T. Fitting, and Officer E.J. Valerio from Squad 1-B responded to a cardiac arrest call on January 1. When they arrived, they found a female resident who was unresponsive and had no pulse. Officers immediately began CPR and continued to assist Durham County EMS by rotating in and out during CPR. In addition, these officers also worked to ensure EMS had a clear route to exit with the patient by moving patrol vehicles and repositioning EMS vehicles since the residential street was narrow and congested with first responder vehicles. The efforts by those first on scene brought a pulse back, which allowed for the immediate transport of the resident for continued care.

New Projects and Initiatives

Body Camera Testing – The Durham Police Department has been field-testing and evaluating the use and effectiveness of body cameras that could eventually become standard issue for all patrol officers. Police commanders want to hear from Durham citizens before the next phase of the evaluation process. The Police Department plans to hold six forums in May to give citizens an opportunity to speak about the department’s potential use of body-worn cameras.

GunStoppers Program – Durham CrimeStoppers, in partnership with Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN), launched a GunStoppers initiative to reduce gun crimes. The GunStoppers initiative focuses on soliciting information about illegal firearms in the community such as those possessed by felons, and those used in crimes. CrimeStoppers will pay up to \$500 cash for information leading to a felony arrest and recovery of an illegal gun in Durham. Posters (in English and Spanish), bus ads, and a billboard have been developed for the GunStoppers campaign.

Start by Believing Campaign - The Durham Police Department’s Special Victims Unit (SVU), in partnership with End Violence Against Women International (EVAWI), has launched the *Start By Believing* campaign to focus on providing a supportive response to victims of sexual assault.



The purpose of this campaign is to change attitudes to sexual assault, augment resources, link sexual assault victims with resources and build positive relationships and partnerships with other agencies. The Durham Police Department is the first department in North Carolina to participate in this campaign.

One of the first steps in this campaign was for SVU investigators and employees of the Durham Crisis Response Center to provide additional training to officers about how to respond to sexual assault calls. The training has been given to patrol officers, investigators and commanders.

Awards and Honors

HIDTA Outstanding Interdiction Effort Award – Durham Police Investigator Kyle York, who is a Triangle Initiative Task Force Officer with the federal Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), and Triad Initiative Task Force Officer Tim Cardwell received the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Outstanding Interdiction Effort Award on February 5 in Washington, D.C.

Task Force Officers York and Cardwell York have strived to unify criminal interdiction efforts in the state of North Carolina under the HIDTA Domestic Highway Enforcement Initiative (DHE). Prior to their endeavors, none of the state’s interdiction teams worked together. Over the past 3 years, Task Force Officers Cardwell and York have been successful in coordinating multiple surge operations, organizing yearly statewide interdiction conferences, purchasing needed equipment, training hundreds of officers, sending local officers to the U.S.-Mexico border for hands on training, and facilitating intelligence sharing among agencies. These efforts have led to a safer and more coordinated highway interdiction program in North Carolina, which would not have been possible without their determination and persistence.

FBI National Academy Graduate - Assistant Chief Rick Pendergrass graduated from the 259th Session of the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia in March. Pendergrass completed the 10-week program, which is an intensive professional development program for U.S. and international law enforcement leaders.



Pendergrass joined the Durham Police Department in 1993 and is currently the assistant chief in charge of the Investigative Services Bureau.



NC3C Award – Senior Public Affairs Specialist Kimberle Walker won an award for the Durham Police Department’s 2013 Annual Report in March at the NC3C Conference in Asheville. She won a second place award in the annual report category for the Durham Police Department’s 2013 Annual Report – Going for Gold.

NC3C stands for North Carolina City and County Communicators, which is dedicated to the professional development and networking of local governmental communications professionals.

Traffic Services Unit – Durham Police Master Officer Frank Gore and the Durham Police Department’s Traffic Services Unit were recognized during the 1st Quarter by Safe Kids Durham County for their outstanding work at keeping children safe through their work with child passenger safety.

Traffic Services officers do free inspections of child safety seats and make sure they are correctly installed. Master Officer Gore was named the 2013 “North Carolina Child Passenger Safety

Instructor of the Year” by the North Carolina Child Passenger Safety Committee, the North Carolina Governor’s Highway Safety Program and the Dorel Juvenile Group. As an instructor, Gore teaches 40-hour child passenger seat installation certification classes to law enforcement officers, firefighters, health care workers and various community groups. Gore has taught these classes to more than 1,000 people during his career.

Safe Kids Durham County is led by Duke University Children's Hospital, which provides dedicated and caring staff, operation support and other resources to assist in achieving our common goal: keeping your kids safe. Based on the needs of the community, this coalition implements evidence-based programs, such as car-seat checkups, safety workshops and sports clinics, that help parents and caregivers prevent childhood injuries.

Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) Volunteers of the Year - Jennifer Snyder, the Durham Police Department’s Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) coordinator, and members of the Durham Police Department honored the 2014 PSN Volunteers of the Year in February.

The volunteers included Ralph Thompson with Emergency Chaplains, Pattie Cloninger, Sherry Coulter, Nancy Kneepkens and Manuel Garcia. Cloninger, Coulter and Kneepkens were honored for their work with the PSN Community Responses, which are held after homicides and other significant violent crime incidents. Garcia, Thompson and Doug Scott were recognized for their invaluable contributions to the PSN program.

2015 1st Quarter Employees of the Month

January 2015

District 1 – Investigator Mark Feskanich, District 1 Investigations

District 2 – Officer Brock Chambers, District 2 HEAT

District 3 – Investigator Maria Stevenson, District 3 Criminal Investigations Division

Special Operations Division – Investigator Roy Green, Highway Interdiction Team

Administrative Services Bureau – Sallie Vaughn, Crime Analysis Unit

February 2015

District 1 – Officer Kyle Gregory, Squad 1-D

District 2 – Investigator David Kub, District 2 Criminal Investigations Division

District 3 – Officer Cody Whitfield, Squad 3-B

District 4 – Officer Jennifer Ormiston, Squad 4-D

Central District – Investigator Howard Henry, Traffic Services Unit

Criminal Investigations Division – Investigator Quincey Tait, Special Victims Unit

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District 1 – Officer Zack Starritt, District 1-B

District 2 – Officer Jonathan Fullam, Squad 2-D

District 3 – Officer Jason Holmes, Squad 3-D

District 4 – Officer Charles Strickland, Squad 4-A

Central District – Master Officer Frank Gore, Motor Unit

Forensic Services Unit – Charmaine McPhaul, Property and Evidence