

**Durham Police Department
2020 4th Quarter Report
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The Durham Police Department reports on five measures – Part 1 Violent Crime, Part 1 Property Crime, Clearance Rates, Sworn/Non-Sworn Staffing and Priority 1 Call Responses – every quarter. The report also includes significant arrests and activities, community events and outstanding performances during the quarter.

Part 1 violent crime (homicide, rape, robbery and aggravated assault) was up by 20 percent during 2020 compared to 2019. Part 1 property crime (burglary, larceny and motor vehicle theft) was up slightly compared to 2019. Property crime comprised 81 percent of all Part 1 crime and larcenies made up more than half – 60 percent – of Part 1 crime.

Part 1 Violent Crime – January through December

Part 1 Violent Crimes	3-Year Avg	2018	2019	2020	2019-20 % Change
Homicide	36	32	38	37	-3%
Rape	120	138	106	116	9%
Robbery	647	718	611	613	Slight Rise
Aggravated Assault	1,322	1,073	1,250	1,642	31%
Violent Crime	2,215	1,961	2,005	2,408	20%

Statistics provided by the Police Department's Crime Analysis Unit

Part 1 Property Crime – January through December

Part 1 Property Crimes	3-Year Avg	2018	2019	2020	2019-20 % Change
Burglary	1,964	2,226	1,851	1,816	-2%
Larceny	7,399	6,671	7,835	7,688	-2%
Motor Vehicle Theft	785	801	677	878	30%
Property Crime	10,149	9,698	10,363	10,382	Slight Rise

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Part 1 Clearance Rates

Crime Category	DPD 2020	DPD 2019	FBI 2019
Homicide	32.43%	68.4%	51.5%
Rape	31.90%	33.7%	25.6%
Robbery	19.58%	25.9%	23.8%
Aggravated Assault	23.93%	32.1%	41%
Violent Crime	23.34%	31%	35.1%
Burglary	10.46%	12.6%	11.2%
Larceny	13.05%	18.2%	13.5%
Motor Vehicle Theft	8.31%	13%	10.7%
Property Crime	12.19%	16.9%	12.8%

*Statistics provided by the Police Department's Crime Analysis Unit
FBI statistics are for cities with 250,000 to 499,999 populations*

Priority 1 Call Responses

The average response time to Priority 1 calls during 2020 was 5.75 minutes, which was better than our target average of 5.8 minutes. It was an improvement over the 6.02 minutes average response time during 2019.

During 2020, 55.57 percent of Priority 1 calls were answered in under five minutes. That was less than our target of 57 percent, but it was an improvement over the 54.08 percent average during 2019.

Staffing Levels

The DPD's sworn staffing was at 90 percent (500/556) at the end of December 2020. Our non-sworn staffing was at 94 percent (118/125) at the end of December 2020.

Adult Misdemeanor Diversion (October 2015- December 2020):

*Adult MDP was 18-21 until February 2019 when DPD did expansion to include up to age 26 and older adults at officer discretion

There have been 361 participants enrolled to date with a 100% completion rate. There are six still enrolled and on track to complete.

More than 350 participants have completed the program and only 16 participants re-offended within one year of completion.

Demographics: 58% African-American; 24% Caucasian; 16% Hispanic; and 2% AS/PI

Referral Sources for this CY: 100% DPD

Referrals to Wrap-Around Services (253 total referrals): Wrap around services include: education services, employment assistance, mental health evaluations/treatment, mentoring, substance use evaluations/treatment and housing. During COVID-19, the program also provided community resources for food, financial resources and other community resources to all MDP participants. All services and wrap around services are offered in English and Spanish.

Part 1 Domestic Violence Crimes (January-December)

Part 1 Violent Crime	2018	2019	2020
Murder	4	4	3
Rape	23	21	24
Robbery	15	14	23
Aggravated Assault	187	248	261
Totals	229	287	311
Part 1 Property Crime			
Burglary	52	42	40
Larceny	72	45	68
Motor Vehicle Theft	6	3	5
Totals	130	90	113
Part 1 Index Crime Totals	359	377	424

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Juvenile Offenses for January-December 2020

Offense/Age	12	13	14	15	16	17	Grand Total
Aggravated Assault			1	2	2	6	11
All Other Offenses	1	2	10	13	15	19	60
Burglary	2	4	3	2	5	4	20
Driving While Impaired						1	1
Drug Violations			3	8	7	4	22
Embezzlement					1	3	4
Fraud		1			1		2
Larceny	1		7	24	7	15	54
Non-Reportable Offenses				2			2
Prostitution						2	2
Rape					2		2
Robbery			1	6	6	1	14
Sex Offenses						1	1
Simple Assault				5	3	7	15
Stolen Property		2	9	11	18	12	52
Vandalism			1	4	2	3	10
Weapon Violations			2	4	12	16	34
Grand Total	4	9	37	81	81	94	306

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Part 2 Offenses (January to December)

Offense	2018	2019	2020
Arson	30	39	38
Disorderly Conduct	29	50	39
Driving While Impaired	293	360	296
Drug Violations	689	1,147	766
Embezzlement	130	172	108
Extortion/Blackmail	0	21	22
Forgery/Counterfeiting	132	156	62
Fraud	1,387	1,962	1,524
Liquor Law Violations	20	11	6
Obscene Material/Pornography	25	30	20
Offenses Against Family	70	50	51
Prostitution	26	2	2
Sex Offense	134	107	100
Simple Assault/Intimidation	1,890	3,371	2,784
Stolen Property	53	61	85
Vandalism	1,520	1,803	1,905
Weapons Violations	187	173	169

Statistics provided by the Police Department's Crime Analysis Unit

Note: Because of changes that occurred on October 1, 2018 in the state/local agency's reporting practices, 2020 4Q figures are not comparable to previous years' data.

Police Recruit Applicants Tested During the 4th Quarter 2020

2020 4th Quarter	Number of Applicants	Failed Written Test	Failed Physical Test	Durham Residents Total	Durham Residents Failed Test
White Male	9	0	1	2	1
White Female	4	0	1	1	0
African-American Male	11	5	0	3	0
African-American Female	2	1	0	0	0
Latino Male	4	2	0	1	1
Latino Female	2	1	0	0	0
Asian Male	1	0	0	0	0
Asian Female	0	0	0	0	0
Other Male	0	0	0	0	0
Other Female	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	33	9	2	7	2

Statistics provided by the Durham Police Department's Training Division

4th Quarter Recruiting Unit Job Fairs and Open Houses - The Recruiting Unit was unable to hold in-person recruiting activities during the 4th Quarter due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Recruiting officers attended nine “virtual open houses” from the following locations during the 4th Quarter – John Jay College, Fayetteville State University Career Fair, Texas Woman’s University, Johnson C. Smith Regional Schools Career Fair, Carolina HBCU Talent Showcase, Appalachian State Criminal Justice Virtual Career Fair, Recruit Military Virtual Fair, Durham Public Schools Virtual Fair and Wake Tech BLET Night Class.

Our Recruiting Unit has continued to work during the pandemic and accept applications. Potential applicants were encouraged to apply through the City website and contact DPD recruiters via email.

2020 Traffic Fatalities

	Date	Location	Number of Units Involved	Total Number Killed
1	01/06/20	Parking lot at 6118 Farrington Rd	2	1
2	01/20/20	I-40 East	2	1
3	02/06/20	US 70	2	1
4	03/15/20	NC 55/Odyssey Dr	2	1
5	04/14/20	NC 55/Delchester Ct	2	1
6	04/20/20	North Roxboro St/Monk Rd	1	1
7	04/25/20	US 15-501 North	2	1
8	05/03/20	3500 Block of Fayetteville St	1	1
9	05/10/20	Rochelle St near Woodcrest St	2	1
10	06/06/20	US 15-501 South	1	1
11	06/13/20	Duke St/Horton Rd	2	1
12	06/16/20	US 70 near Cheek Rd	3	1
13	07/11/20	South Miami Blvd near Cornwallis Rd	2	1
14	07/15/20	Junction Rd/Ross Rd	2	1
15	07/18/20	Holloway St/North Hyde Park Ave	2	1
16	08/27/20	Duke St/I-85 South off-ramp	3	1
17	09/02/20	TW Alexander Dr near Weck Dr	2	1
18	09/04/20	1-40/NC 751	2	1
19	09/12/20	3600 Block of Guess Rd	2	1
20	09/18/20	Fayetteville St/Stratford Lakes Dr	2	1
21	09/20/20	Renaissance Pkwy/Rolando Dr	2	1
22	9/21/20	Hebron Rd/Danube Ln	2	1
23	09/25/20	Holloway St/Lynn Rd	2	1
24	10/10/20	University Dr/Westgate Dr	2	1
25	10/31/20	East Club Blvd/Cascadilla St	2	1
26	11/3/20	Fayetteville St/Cook Rd	4	1
27	12/25/20	400 Block of West Lakewood Ave	1	1

There were 27 fatal crashes in Durham in 2020, which was a five-year high and 23 percent higher than in 2019. Six crashes involved pedestrians. There were no fatal crashes involving bicyclists.

Three were hit-and-run crashes. Impairment was a factor in eight of the fatal crashes and excessive speed was a factor in seven crashes.

4th Quarter Above and Beyond

(These are just a few examples of the many above and beyond actions by Durham Police Department employees during the 4th Quarter of 2020)

Lifesaving Efforts

Fire Rescue - In December, members of the Vice-Narcotics Unit observed smoke coming from the eaves of a house on Fayetteville Street and called for the Fire Department. Investigators T.J. Douglass and B.S. Jones located the fire and made forced entry into the residence but were unable to search the interior of the house due to heavy smoke. As the fire spread through the house, the investigators were able to alert two residents on the second floor by shouting through an open window. Neither resident was aware of the fire and they were able to safely exit the residence onto the second story roof. The Durham Fire Department arrived on scene and assisted the victims down to safety. The investigators assisted the Fire Department with their investigation and then cleared from the scene.

Lifesaving Medical Assistance - One of our newest officers, Squad 2-D Officer B.N. Vasquez, resuscitated a woman at a medical call in early December. Officer Vasquez was dispatched to assist at a call about a woman possibly suffering from a severe asthma attack. The victim told 911 telecommunicators that she could hear Officer Vasquez at the door, but then the woman became silent and stopped responding before Officer Vasquez could enter the residence.

Officer Vasquez, realizing the woman needed help immediately, acted quickly and found an unlocked window. She climbed through the window and found the victim not breathing and unresponsive on her bed. Officer Vasquez began doing chest compressions and the woman started to breathe again. The woman was later transported to the hospital for further treatment.

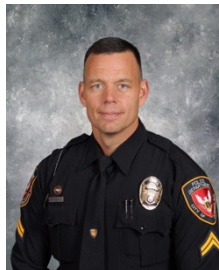
4th Quarter Awards and Honors

Flame of Hope Crystal Torch - The Durham Police Department received the Flame of Hope Crystal Torch for exceptional fundraising results in Special Olympics North Carolina's (SONC) first-ever Virtual Torch Run in 2020. Employees raised \$7,446.75. Officials and ambassadors from SONC officially presented the Flame of Hope on October 27 at DPD Headquarters.

The award ceremony was followed by a pizza pick-up lunch sponsored by SONC to express thanks to DPD employees. Officers R.L. Gurley and R. Knelson and Sgt. J.B. Butler were recognized for their outstanding individual efforts in supporting the outreach campaign.

Police Athletic League (PAL) Mentor Awards - In December, the DPD's Police Athletic League (PAL) celebrated its 10th anniversary by honoring two people for their work with PAL. Retired Officer Erwin Baker was recognized as the PAL Mentor of the Decade for his work in establishing the PAL program and providing athletic opportunities for thousands of Durham youth over the last 10 years. Also, in his honor, the program has established a Mentor of the Year award.

Jennifer Hinchey, a DPD Victim-Witness Services Coordinator, was honored as the 2020 PAL Mentor of the Year. She has been part of the PAL program for many years and has served as a soccer and basketball coach, chaperone and event volunteer for several activities.



Corporal Joseph King, CIT Partner of the Year - DPD Corporal Joseph King was honored as the Durham CIT Partner of the Year at the annual CIT banquet in December. He became the corporal of the Crisis Intervention Unit, Victim Services Unit and Liaisons in January of 2018. He is a graduate of N.C. State University with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and is a 10-year veteran of the department.

According to his nomination, Corporal King has shown his compassion to help those who are in need, whether it is related to mental illness or life itself. He works tirelessly to assist the homeless by educating them about services that are available to improve their quality of life. He is on the committee for the Bull City Fresh Start, which is a day dedicated to providing services for the homeless after the federally mandated Point In Time Count that occurs in January of every year.

Corporal King continued to show his compassion for people this past Christmas when he decided to assist a mother whose husband had completed suicide a year prior. Corporal King wanted to help her provide a memorable Christmas for her three children. With the help of other members of the unit, Corporal King coordinated a shopping trip for the children at a local Target, and even added additional funds of his own to ensure they were happy and got what they wanted. These are just some examples of the type of character that Corporal King has exhibited.

Officer Douglas Beckett, DPD Crisis Intervention Officer of the Year -

Officer Beckett, a member of the Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Unit, was recognized as the 2020 DPD CIT Officer of the Year.



Officer Beckett's nomination said, "Even in these very trying times, Officer Beckett still conducts proactive outreach, through follow-ups and referrals, to protect and serve Durham's unsheltered population, panhandlers, and individuals who are impacted by mental illness. He continues to seek out and engage vulnerable populations by distributing care packages, traffic vests, hand sanitizer, and providing assistance to unsheltered citizens looking for housing, and those facing the eviction process. It is second nature for Officer Beckett to show others, even strangers, that he cares about their well-being. Volunteering to give CIT presentations outside of the agency, assisting with events like the federally-mandated Point in Time Count and the Bull City Fresh Start event, and role playing for CIT and Responding to Victims classes, are also demonstrations of his passion for the work of CIT.

In March 2020, Officer Beckett, along with his corporal, joined a multidisciplinary team known as the Unsheltered Group - a collaborative team of mental health providers and advocates. As a team member, Officer Beckett continually stands in the gap for the underserved, by using his voice to ensure they receive benefits they are due. For example, in a recent meeting Officer Beckett made it known that it was important to him personally to ensure that all eligible citizens receive their stimulus checks. Out of this discussion, an Economic Impact Payment flyer was created, providing step-by-step directions on how citizens could receive payment. Furthermore, Officer Beckett went out to the community, visiting homeless camps and panhandlers, to make sure they were aware of their eligibility for stimulus payment and how they could receive it. Officer Beckett has been an asset to the CIT Unit since 2016. He always goes above and beyond when it comes to actualizing CIT ideals. He gives 110% to the CIT Unit, even when facing tough times and adversity in his own life."

Officer Beckett was born and raised in Chester, England and moved to the United States in January 2000. He joined the DPD in 2011 as a police recruit, having switched careers from the automotive and motorsport industry. "Coming from an automotive background, I always thought that I would end up on the traffic unit. I found that working in the downtown area gave lots of opportunity to interact with people including Durham's homeless population. I found that I was drawn to working with them to see what I could do to make their lives better in any way that I could. My patrol sergeant at the time recognized this in me and encouraged me to take the department's 40-hour CIT class, which I did, and this was when I knew that I wanted to become a CIT investigator, a position that I am extremely proud to hold," Officer Beckett said.

December Employee of the Month

Analytical Services - Carolyn Wolfsie, Crime Analysis Unit - Crime Analyst Carolyn Wolfsie was recognized by her supervisors for her work with the recently formed Violent Crime Task Force, which focuses on shooting cases throughout the city. Since the task force was initiated on September 1, Carolyn reviewed 126 shooting-related aggravated assaults in three months. In addition, she reviewed over 100 other crime types that primarily included vandalisms and weapon violations where a gun was discharged. Carolyn, with help from her CAU coworkers, generated new reports and created new mapping products and methods for tracking shooting-related details in cases. Carolyn has expanded her role working with other jurisdictions and she has a knack for keeping track of names and details to relate cases together.

“Given the volume of shootings that have occurred, she has stayed on top of her casework, consistently produced timely and useful notes for the weekly CAB meetings and shown her competence with one of the most important jobs of an analyst, which is to facilitate information sharing,” her supervisor said.

November Employees of the Month

District 5 - Officer A.P. Ramos, Slide Unit - Officer Ramos was recognized for his investigation into multiple vehicle break-ins in the Nichols Farm neighborhood. Officer Ramos responded to calls about a suspicious person in the neighborhood. A few minutes later, Officer Ramos located a man matching the description of the person. The man was in the street and was pulling a suitcase.

During an investigatory stop, several stolen items were located in the possession of the individual including family heirloom pearls worth more than \$8,000. Officer Ramos performed a canvass of the neighborhood and found additional victims. In total there were at least four vehicles broken into and an attempted residential break in. Officer Ramos, who was supposed to get off at 10 p.m., stayed until 2 a.m. processing the individual and returning property to victims. Officer Ramos then voluntarily returned to work prior to his shift to canvass the neighborhood during the daylight, which resulted in the discovery of additional clothing items the suspect was wearing. He also canvassed and obtained video of the incident.

Criminal Investigations Division - Investigator M.J. Adams, Special Victims Unit – Investigator Adams was recognized for his outstanding work on a domestic violence kidnapping/sexual assault call. The suspect was arrested on charges of first-degree forcible rape, first-degree kidnapping, first-degree forcible sexual offense, breaking and entering with the intent to terrorize and communicating threats.

“Investigator Adams worked diligently on this case, demonstrated empathy to the victim, and understood the importance of attempting to apprehend this suspect quickly. Investigator Adams will continue to be a model of quality throughout the organization,” according to his supervisor.

October Employees of the Month

(Awards from earlier in the year were presented during the October Employees of the Month awards ceremony)

District 2 2020 Employees of the Month

February: Officer P.J. Finch - Squad 2B - During the month of February, Officer Finch conducted 23 traffic stops and recovered four stolen firearms. He also volunteered to assist the Gang Unit multiple times on his days off in an effort to increase his knowledge of police work and to help them with various operations. Officer Finch has a great work ethic and continues to be a valuable asset to the team.

March: Sergeant C.R. Johnson - District 2 Criminal Investigations Division - During the month of March, Sergeant Johnson spearheaded the district’s effort to respond to the malware attack by ensuring patrol squads had all the supplies they needed to complete paper reports. He also created and managed a system of collecting, assigning and tracking cases from patrol to investigations.

April: Officer M.A. Zapata - Squad 2A - Officer Zapata was recognized for his outstanding work in April, which included recovering numerous pieces of stolen property on several separate occasions.

- On April 2, he apprehended a person who had stolen an air compressor from a yard.
- On April 10, Officer Zapata arrested two people who were stealing lumber from a construction site. The suspects were charged with felony larceny.
- On April 13, while on routine patrol Officer Zapata observed a break-in to a lawn equipment trailer in progress. He was able to recover three weed eaters, two backpack blowers and a chainsaw that had been stolen. On that same call he was also able to recover a laptop that had been stolen from another jurisdiction and he arrested two people.

Due to his motivation to patrol his beat and respond to calls in a timely manner, Officer Zapata was able to prevent and solve several crimes within the district, according to his supervisors.

May: Officer B. K. Johnson - Squad 2B - Officer Johnson was on patrol when he heard the sound of shots. He responded quickly and located an unconscious 17-year-old suffering from a gunshot wound. Officer Johnson used his own first aid kit to apply a tourniquet and packed the victim's wound to control the bleeding. By the time EMS arrived the victim had regained consciousness. EMS credited Officer Johnson's quick action on a chaotic and stressful scene with saving the victim's life.

June: Cpl. J.H. Wagstaff - Squad 2B - In June, Cpl. Wagstaff renewed his partnership with Durham Neighborhoods United, the Durham County Misdemeanor Diversion Program, Duke University and the Duke University Police Department to continue the Disruptive College Party Initiative he created last year to address quality of life issues that often surround off-campus college housing. This year he expanded the operation to include Districts 3 & 5.

July: Officer J.C. Hann - Squad 2B - In July Officer Hann received two commendations, one from a fellow officer and one from a community member, in reference to his handling of a crisis call. Officer Hann responded to a call where a young female was severely depressed, had not been eating and was having suicidal thoughts. The female initially refused to get treatment.

According to the commendations, Officer Hann handled the situation with professionalism and empathy. He quickly developed a rapport with the female and even purchased her a meal on her way to Duke Hospital after she made him aware that she was hungry.

August: Officer L.E. Martinez - Squad 2A - In August Officer Martinez received a commendation from an EMS supervisor for his response to a cardiac arrest call. Officer Martinez found an unresponsive male with no pulse and immediately began CPR. EMS responded and transported the male to the hospital. Later in the day, the EMS supervisor called Officer Martinez's supervisors to tell them that he felt that the CPR performed by Martinez saved the man's life.

September: Officer B.N. Vasquez - Squad 2D - In response to a series of robberies targeting Hispanic victims, Officer Vasquez completed a crime prevention initiative in various communities that have a large Hispanic population. She handed out safety flyers printed in Spanish, both on and off-duty, and spoke to several neighborhood groups within these communities.

District 4 2020 Employees of the Month

February: Officer C.R. Gonzales - Squad 4A - Officer Gonzales was recognized for his consistently high level of productivity. In addition to responding to calls for service, Officer Gonzales seeks out opportunities for self-initiated activity, according to his supervisors.

March: Senior Patrol Officer H.L. Davis - Squad 4B - Senior Patrol Officer Davis was recognized for being a leader on his squad. He assists in the ongoing training of new officers, and he shares his knowledge and experience with other members of the squad.

April: Officer J. Cholula - Squad 4C - Officer Cholula was recognized for his consistently high level of productivity. In addition to responding to calls for service, Officer Cholula focuses his patrol efforts on strategic areas within the district.

May: Officer E.D. Heib - Squad 4D - Officer Heib was recognized as a conscientious officer who is consistently up to date on the needs of the district and areas requiring police attention. As an example of his work, Officer Heib, focusing on gunfire in the area of Penrith Drive, conducted a traffic stop that resulted in the arrest of an offender and the seizure of two firearms.

June: Officer L.J. Swanson - Squad 4A - Officer Swanson was recognized for her consistently high level of productivity. In addition to responding to calls for service, Officer Swanson seeks out opportunities for self-initiated activity in strategic areas within the district.

July: Officer D.E. Warren - Squad 4A - Officer Warren was recognized for his selfless contribution in volunteering for a temporary assignment within District 4.

August: Investigators A.M. Harton, C.N. Walker and J.S. Harris - District 4 Criminal Investigations Division - Investigators Harton, Walker and Harris of District 4 Investigations were recognized for their tremendous efforts in managing an ever growing caseload. These investigators consistently responded to the needs of the district, demonstrated incredible teamwork and produced high quality investigative work in a wide array of cases.

September: Officer J.M. Thomas - Squad 4D - Officer Thomas was recognized as a conscientious officer who is consistently up to date on the needs of the district and areas requiring police attention. As an example of his work, Officer Thomas, focusing on motor vehicle thefts in the district, developed information that generated leads for investigators in several cases.

District 5 - Investigator J.A. Bell, Traffic and Crash Team (TACT) - Investigator Bell was recognized for his outstanding work during September when there were an unusually high number of fatality and serious injury wrecks. The TACT investigators typically average one fatality wreck a month and Inv. Bell was assigned two as well as a serious injury hit-and-run.

Investigator Bell spent over 120 hours investigating these wrecks and ensuring all evidence was collected. The hit-and-run suspect was identified through Investigator Bell's use of several police databases. A search warrant was also obtained, and Investigator Bell was able to match evidence from the scene to the suspect vehicle. The charges for the driver were obtained and he received a \$10,000 secured bond. In addition to investigating these wrecks, Investigator Bell also participated in other traffic enforcement activities. During the month of September, he conducted 28 traffic stops which resulted in 19 citations and nine warnings.

Training and Recruiting Division - Sergeants L.A. Kirkman and D.A. Ferrell - Sergeants Kirkman and Ferrell were recognized for their work at keeping the division focused on critical activities while enduring COVID 19 shutdowns. Sergeant Ferrell kept recruiting efforts focused at a time when recruiting numbers began suffering due to the pandemic and other high profile events around the country. Despite these issues, Sergeant Ferrell led his team in the continuation of hiring qualified applicants for Basic Law Enforcement Training (BLET) Academy 52.

Sergeant Kirkman managed BLET Academy #51 during the same events, all while handling significant scheduling issues, complying with Durham Tech and state training standards, organizing their graduation ceremony and pre-planning for the next academy.

"Together these two sergeants led efforts to ensure continuity in times of a pandemic and focused efforts on maintaining high standards for both of their respective divisions," according to their supervisors.

Training and Recruiting Division - Sergeant Q. D. Tait - Sergeant Tait was nominated for her efforts in revamping the department's Police Training Officer (PTO) program to meet the requirements for recruits to be able to continue their training with all the COVID 19 restrictions that had caused the program training to be temporarily suspended.

She restructured the PTO program, shortening it from 17 weeks to 11 weeks, by coming up with the idea to allow recruits to receive a portion of their required training such as report writing and communication skills while working in the Telephone Response Unit out of District 1.

This allowed recruits to resume their training after a mandated pause of the PTO program. The recruits were able to gain valuable and continuous training in lieu of the suspended in person/ride along training with their assigned PTO. They were able to complete some modules of their PTO training due in part to Sergeant Tait and her thoughtful idea and ingenuity.

Community Services Division - Officer M.L. Walkowe - Officer Walkowe was recognized for his above and beyond service to the DPD Explorer Program and his quick response to finding new and creative ways to engage Explorer youth while stay-at-home orders were in place during the COVID 19 pandemic. Officer Walkowe did not let this get in the way of staying engaged with youth via email and telephone, and eventually Zoom. He spent about two weeks developing 16 lesson plans using youth mentoring resources that focus on topics such as self-respect, discipline, leadership, teamwork and many other valuable life skills. He meets virtually with the Explorers to instill these lessons, but also to give Explorer youth an opportunity to share their experiences and concerns as they adapt to life during the COVID 19 pandemic. He also takes the time to call and check on the Explorers who cannot make the weekly Zoom meeting. Officer Walkowe has also delivered toilet paper and cleaning supplies for Explorer families who were unable to leave their home or who hadn't been able to locate any at local stores.

Officer Walkowe's commitment to the community goes beyond just his service to the Explorer program. In April, he was working off duty and was approached by a single mother who stated that her vehicle had broken down and she was in a desperate need for help because she was broke and stranded in Durham. She stated that she had recently lost her job and she had spent her savings on new tires so she could deliver flowers until she found a new job. Officer Walkowe offered to help and realized the radiator was broken. He bought her a new radiator and coolant and installed it on the roadway. The vehicle started and they soon found that the broken radiator had caused further damage that he was unable to repair. He assisted her in having it towed to a nearby mechanic and continued to check on her welfare afterward.

His supervisors said, "Like many others, Officer Walkowe has had to adapt to changes due to COVID 19, especially when it comes to virtual tools of engagement and collaboration. Even he will tell you that technology is not his strongest asset, but he's open to trying new things and willing to go outside of his comfort zone so that he can continue providing high quality programs for Durham youth. His focus is always on how he can help the community, and he will go out of his way to make sure it's done with kindness and compassion."

Community Services Division - Officer D. Beckett, Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) - In March of 2020, Officer Beckett and Corporal J.B. King joined an unsheltered group, consisting of mental health providers and advocates for mental health and the unsheltered population in Durham. During a meeting the topic of stimulus checks came up. Officer Beckett quickly spoke up about

how we needed to make sure that the unsheltered population could also get their stimulus check. Officer Beckett then spoke about his idea for a flyer and about questions that could be asked. He also spoke about why doing this was important to him. Out of this discussion, the Economic Impact Payment Flyer was created. Officer Beckett has since gone out and visited homeless camps and panhandlers, to make sure they were aware that they were eligible for stimulus payment and how they could receive the payment.

Community Services Division - Officer R.D. Taylor, Community Engagement Unit (CEU) - Officer Taylor was recognized for helping to save two lives in September. Officer Taylor responded to an overdose call and found a male who was unresponsive and did not have a pulse. Officer Taylor then began CPR on the male until EMS arrived. The male regained a pulse and was then transported to the hospital.



Four weeks later, Officer Taylor responded to a cardiac arrest call. The female victim was unresponsive, had no pulse and an unknown person was already administering CPR when Officer Taylor arrived. Officer Taylor then took over administering CPR until EMS arrived. Once EMS arrived, Narcan was administered to the female. The female then became responsive and was later transported to the hospital.

In both instances, Officer Taylor's quick actions and the use of his training enabled him to assist in the saving of lives.

Community Services Division - Corporal R. Andrzejewski, Community Engagement Unit (CEU) - Corporal Andrzejewski left a supervisor's meeting at substation 1 and on his way home he decided to make a quick stop at a fast food restaurant in Cary. When he entered the restaurant, he found a frantic situation. A man had overdosed and was unresponsive and in cardiac arrest. Corporal Andrzejewski quickly jumped into action without hesitation. He had someone call 911 while he positioned the man on the floor and began CPR. Corporal Andrzejewski relayed information to emergency responders while he continued CPR. He applied life-saving measures until he was relieved by EMS. The patient was transported in stable condition to a local hospital thanks to the quick reaction of Corporal Andrzejewski and the Wake County EMS team. Corporal Andrzejewski exemplifies the "always on duty" motto of the first responder.

4th Quarter Initiatives and Activities

(These are just a few examples of the many initiatives and activities conducted by DPD employees during the 4th Quarter of 2020)

Operation Pill Drop - On October 24, investigators with the Vice-Narcotics Unit partnered with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration to conduct Operation Pill Drop at Russell's Pharmacy at 2116 Angier Avenue and Triangle Pharmacy/Ace Hardware at 1700 East Highway 54. Approximately 110 pounds of medication, which included Morphine, Fentanyl, Hydrocodone and other highly addictive substances, were collected. NC Safe Kids provided coloring books for children and other literature to educate the public about prescription drug dangers. All of the medication collected was delivered to the N.C. State Bureau of Investigation for proper disposal.

Community Engagement Unit Food and Book Bag Giveaways - During the 4th quarter, officers from the Community Engagement Unit (CEU) assisted Jamaat Ibad Ar-Rahman Mosque and the Islamic Circle of North America (ICNA) on Fayetteville Street at several events including a bookbag giveaway, several food bank events and food deliveries to residents during Ramadan.

During the officers' collaboration, more than 1,000 bags and boxes of food were given away to residents. Officers assisted by carrying boxes and bags of food to vehicles and by keeping shelves stocked so those carrying boxes to cars would have a continuous stock of supplies. Officers also helped pack bookbags with school supplies. These bags were later given away at the mosque with the assistance of officers. Approximately 300 bookbags were packed.

Outreach to the Homeless

Homeless Assistance - In October Motor Unit Officer J.S. Bell helped a homeless man get back home to Greenville, N.C. Officer Bell was working off-duty at a local fast food restaurant when he met the man and started talking to him. The man told Officer Bell that his grandmother had died, leaving him homeless and sleeping behind service stations and in the woods, while trying to collect enough money to return home to Greenville.



Officer Bell bought the man a room for the night at a local motel and told the man he would buy him a bus ticket to Greenville the next morning. When Officer Bell finished his off-duty job, he took the man to the motel. The next morning Officer Bell returned to the motel, picked up the man and took him to the bus station where Officer Bell purchased a bus ticket and assisted the man with loading his belongings on the bus. The man said he was very grateful for Officer Bell's help when he needed it most.

Cold Weather Outreach - On December 7, Squad 1A Officer C.D. Wilkins provided two jackets to a female who was homeless. The female was located outside of the Food Lion on Sherron Road.

On December 19 and 24, Squad 1A Officer A.N. Fellingham conducted foot patrols at East End Park on North Alston Avenue to see if any homeless people needed a ride to the shelter. She also handed out Hot Hand hand warmers due to the frigid temperatures.

Members of the Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Unit continued homeless outreach on days of expected below freezing temperatures, passing out blankets and advising the citizens of places where they could go for the night to escape the cold.

Panhandler Outreach - Members of the Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Unit spent the month of December reaching out to panhandlers throughout the city, passing out safety vests and flyers reference panhandling rules and regulations. Cpl. J.B. King shared the flyers with District 2A and Community Paramedics, who were doing outreach to panhandlers as well.

Operation Wild Turkey Speed Enforcement Operation - On November 25, the Durham Police Department's TACT and Motor Units, along with the Durham County Sheriff's Office and the N.C. State Highway Patrol, conducted Operation Wild Turkey which targeted speeders on Interstate 85 in Durham. The operation resulted in 151 traffic stops of vehicles exceeding the posted 60 mph speed limit. Ninety seven percent of the 151 vehicles were going 80 mph or more. The highest recorded speed was 95 mph during the operation, which was held on I-85 near Cole Mill Road and I-85 near U.S. 70. In addition to speeding citations, officers issued one drug charge, five citations for careless and reckless driving and five other traffic citations. Officers will continue to conduct speed enforcement operations to help reduce the number of serious and fatal traffic crashes in Durham.

Child Passenger Safety Seats - On December 9, the Durham Police Department's TACT and Motor Units spent the day helping to install child passenger safety seats with Safe Kids. Safe Kids is an organization that helps ensure that kids are in a child seat correctly and that every family has a child safety seat. The Safe Kids organization is taking extra precautions with dealing with Covid-19 and is following all CDC safety recommendations.

Treats ‘n Fleet Halloween Outreach Event -

The Durham Police Department’s Community Services Division hosted a Treats ‘n Fleet outreach event going from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on October 31 at Walmart on Glenn School Road. Participants were able to check out various public safety vehicles and grab a bag of sweet treats at the contact-free event. Children were encouraged to wear costumes.



National Night Out - Durham celebrated a different version of National Night Out on October 6. The Durham Police Department (DPD) kicked off a month-long observance to heighten neighborhood/community spirit and emphasize a collective resolve to cultivate positive police and community relationships. Traditionally, NNO is observed the first Tuesday in August each year. However due to the coronavirus pandemic, the National Association of Town Watch moved this year’s observance to October 6. In response to the requests of the NNO neighborhood coordinators, DPD planned some observance highlights for the month of October, which is also National Crime Prevention Month. Given unprecedented events nationally and in local communities, DPD Public Affairs created a theme for NNO 2020 – *Let’s Go the Distance, Durham!*

Holiday Cardboard Collection Sites - For the fourth consecutive year during the holiday season, the Durham Police Department, Durham Parks and Recreation and Solid Waste Management Department partnered to provide community sites where residents could dispose of cardboard boxes. There were more than 3.6 tons of cardboard boxes collected from Friday, December 18 through Friday, January 8. Dumpsters for collection of cardboard boxes were available at Old North Durham Park – 310 West Geer Street; Walltown Park Recreation Center – 1308 West Club Boulevard; and Campus Hills Park – 2000 South Alston Avenue.

Bicycle Event - On November 8, officers from the Community Engagement Unit (CEU) attended a bike event with Neighborhood Improvement Services Community Engagement Strategist Alexis John. Thirty five children, plus residents, CEU officers, Durham Bike Co-op participants and volunteers rode bikes from the Club Boulevard housing community to Oxford Manor. CEU officers rode bikes and drove police vehicles during this escort from Oxford Manor to the Lakeview Convenience Store and Lakeview Park. Finally, CEU officers escorted the bikers back to the Club Boulevard community. The residents then grilled hotdogs and provided beverages to all participants.

Senior Olympic Challenge - Durham seniors won the 2020 Olympic Challenge! on November 5 by outscoring employees of the police department by a score of 91 to 83. Players competed individually in games like Name That Tune, Bee Feud and Jeopardy to earn points for their respective teams. The set-up, logistics and games were quite different as organizers were committed to help slow the spread of COVID 19 by following social distancing guidelines.



Durham Police Athletic League (PAL) Golf Club - Several PAL golf activities were held with DPD officers and First Tee, a program which helps youth learn to golf. The participants practiced on the driving range, played games on the putting greens and played golf baseball.

Katelynn Carroll, a PAL Golf participant, received First Tee's first ever Community Outreach Achievement Award which recognizes exceptional youth in their community outreach programs. Her coach said, "For the past three years, Katelynn Carroll has participated in our PAL Golf Club. She has consistently shown improvement each year. Her steadfastness, and drive to learn the sport of golf, has led her to seek additional golf instruction in other golf programs. We are extremely proud of Katelynn for her commitment to the PAL Golf Club, and for all that she has accomplished over the past three years." Katelynn is a sophomore in high school and attends Early College at NCCU. She wants to pursue a law degree after high school.

Durham Police Athletic League (PAL) eSports League - PAL started a new eSports League, which is a virtual mentoring and gaming community to allow officers and youth to stay connected. The first meeting was held on November 18 and participants played Among Us, which is a game where there is an imposter in the group and the group has to work together to identify the imposter. Participants have also played Roblox and Rocket League. These games are strategy games that help teach teamwork and communication.

Durham Police Athletic League (PAL) Basketball Club - The PAL basketball club met for several sessions (with appropriate COVID 19 protocols) at the Boys & Girls Club on Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway. Participants focused on shooting drills, ball handling, defensive drills, catch and shoot drills, rim attack drills and competitive relays.

Christmas Bicycle Repair Clinic - Officers from the Community Engagement Unit (CEU) participated in the 2nd annual Christmas bike repair clinic with the Durham Fire Department and Durham Bike Co-Op. The team repaired 64 bikes to be distributed by CEU and collected another 38 bikes to be fixed at the Bike Co-Op.

4th Quarter Homicide Arrests

Blacknall Street Homicide Arrest - A fourth person was arrested in November and charged with murder in the fatal shooting of 42-year-old Nathan Futrell on May 2 on Blacknall Street near Plum Street. Alexis Symon Cates, 25, of Durham was arrested on indictments charging her with murder and robbery with a dangerous weapon in connection with this case.

Michael Anthony Woods Jr., 26, of Durham was arrested October 30 on indictments charging him with murder and robbery with a dangerous weapon in this case. Investigators arrested Stuvon Aitrae Snipes, 22, of Durham on May 3 and charged him with murder, robbery with a dangerous weapon and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Investigators also arrested Queen Mosley, 19, in July and charged her with murder and robbery with a deadly weapon in the case.

Officers were dispatched to a gunshot wound call shortly before 10 a.m. on May 2. They found Futrell lying near the intersection of Blacknall and Plum streets. Futrell was taken to the hospital, where he later died. Investigators believe the shooting happened in the 200 block of Blacknall Street.

Mansfield Avenue Murder Arrest - Durham police investigators arrested Jakeyz Tyshun Giles, 22, of Durham and charged him with murder in the October 30 death of a child on Mansfield Avenue.

Officers responded to possible cardiac arrest call in the 2600 block of Mansfield Avenue. Officers arrived and performed cardiopulmonary resuscitation on the child until EMS arrived. The child was taken to the hospital, where she was pronounced dead a short time later.

Investigators arrested Giles and charged him with murder and intentional child abuse inflicting serious injury. Giles was caring for the child when the abuse allegedly occurred, according to investigators.

Atlantic Street Murder Arrest - Durham police investigators charged Jon Claude Sprauve, 60, of Durham with an October 25 murder on Atlantic Street. Officers were dispatched to check on the welfare of a resident at 506 Atlantic Street after concerned family members called 911. When officers arrived, they found Tama Ann Perry, 60, dead inside the home. Perry lived at that address. Officers took Sprauve into custody at the house. Sprauve was questioned by investigators and charged with murder. The incident was not random, according to investigators.

Significant 4th Quarter Aggravated Assault Arrests

Shooting Arrests - A 15-year-old juvenile male was charged with shooting the same 17-year-old male in two separate incidents in September and October in the area of Cook Road and Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway. Juvenile petitions were obtained charging the 15-year-old with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill, conspiracy to commit a felony, carrying a concealed weapon, possession of a handgun by a minor and discharging a firearm within the city limits.

Angier Avenue/Lodge Street Shooting Arrests - Investigators arrested Raheem Clark, 19, and charged him with shooting a man on Angier Avenue near Hoover Road on November 25. The victim was driving on Angier Avenue when shots were fired at him from the occupant(s) of a burgundy Acura TL. The victim was shot in the arm and was taken to the hospital for treatment.

A short time later, officers responded to a shooting call in the area of Scout Drive and Lodge Street. One of the two vehicles involved was described as a burgundy Acura TL, which was stopped by a DPD K9 officer. A gun was located inside the vehicle. No one was injured in the shooting, but there was damage to a vehicle and residence.

Investigators charged Clark, who was in the Acura, with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill inflicting serious injury and discharging a firearm into a moving vehicle in connection with the shooting on Angier Avenue. A 17-year-old juvenile was charged with carrying a concealed weapon, possession of a handgun by a minor, discharging a firearm within the city limits and assault with a deadly weapon in connection with the incident on Lodge Street.

Danube Lane Aggravated Assault Arrest - On December 24, officers responded to a domestic disturbance with a weapon call in the 4800 block of Danube Lane. Officers were told that a man had pulled a knife on a relative who had left the apartment and called 911. When the first officer on the scene approached the apartment, a male appeared in the hallway and fired two shots at the officer before retreating to the apartment and barricading himself inside. The officer, who was uninjured, took cover and called for assistance.

Officers evacuated nearby apartments as the male continued to fire shots from inside the apartment. Shots struck two neighboring apartments, a DPD patrol car and a DCSO patrol car. No one was injured. The suspect, 26-year-old Deshawn Bolding, eventually surrendered and was taken into custody. Bolding was charged with felonious assault on a law enforcement officer with a firearm, going armed to the terror of the public, discharging a firearm within the city limits, two counts of injury to property and resisting a law enforcement official.

North Duke Street Shooting Arrest - Durham police investigators charged 23-year-old Demonte Christopher in connection with an October 16 shooting on North Duke Street near Carver Street. A 32-year-old man was driving on North Duke Street around 1:20 p.m. when several shots were fired at him by the occupant(s) of a passing vehicle. The victim was taken to the hospital for treatment of gunshot wounds that were not life-threatening.

Christopher was charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill inflicting serious injury, discharging a firearm from within an enclosure and injury to personal property.

Significant 4th Quarter Robbery Arrests

Bank Robbery Arrest - On October 5, Durham police arrested Mark Glenn Foster, 61, of Durham and charged him with robbing SunTrust Bank at 200 North Mangum Street.

A man wearing a white mask and a blue hoodie entered the bank around 9:30 a.m., approached a teller and demanded money. No weapon was seen. The man fled with an undisclosed amount of cash. Officers found a man matching the suspect's description a short time later on Corcoran Street in downtown Durham. Foster was arrested and charged with one count of common-law robbery. The money was recovered.

Pizza Driver Robbery Arrests - Four juveniles were charged with robbing a pizza delivery man at gunpoint at the Extended Stay America at 4919 South Miami Boulevard on November 12. The victim told officers he was delivering a pizza at the motel when three teens confronted him in a hallway and tried to pay with obviously fake \$20 bills. When the pizza driver wouldn't take the \$20 bills, he was robbed of cash at gunpoint.

A short time later, a wrecked stolen car which matched the description of the one used in the robbery was located near the intersection of Cornwallis Road and T.W. Alexander Drive. Three teens were found in the car and a Durham Police K9 tracked and located a fourth teen who was hiding in the woods. Investigators took out juvenile petitions charging all four juvenile teens with robbery with a dangerous weapon and conspiracy to commit robbery.

Carjacking Arrest - A Durham man was arrested on November 23 and charged with stealing a car at gunpoint earlier in the day. A female told officers she had given a man a ride. When they arrived in the 1700 block of East Cornwallis Road, he punched her in the face, pulled her out of the car and showed her a gun, the victim told officers. The man then fled in the vehicle, which was later located in the 1000 block of North Guthrie Avenue. The driver, identified as 29-year-old Kenneth Eugene Hayes Jr., was caught after a brief foot chase by patrol and K9 officers. Investigators charged Hayes with robbery with a dangerous weapon, larceny of a motor vehicle,

possession of a stolen vehicle, resisting a public official and attempted identity theft. The female victim was taken to the hospital for treatment.

Chalk Level Road Robbery Arrests - Durham police arrested two teens and charged them with robbing a man at gunpoint December 2 on Chalk Level Road. Officers responded to a robbery call in the 900 block of Chalk Level Road around 6:30 p.m. A man told them he was walking up the stairs to an apartment when two teens grabbed him and demanded his wallet. The victim told officers that one teen pointed a gun at his head and they struggled over the wallet. The teens took the victim's wallet and fled in a two-door black Honda Accord. The victim was treated at the scene for minor injuries.

A short time later, patrol officers spotted a vehicle matching the description of the one used in the robbery in a parking lot in the 800 block of Fargo Street. When officers approached the occupants of the vehicle, they ran inside an apartment and did not come out. Officers evacuated several nearby apartments for safety reasons while they spoke with the possible suspects inside the apartment. Three occupants of the apartment eventually came out and two of them – both 16-year-old males – were arrested and charged with robbery with a dangerous weapon and conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon. They both were placed in a secure juvenile facility. The third occupant was not charged in connection with the robbery. Officers recovered a firearm.

Salvone Court Armed Robberies Arrest - Durham police arrested Christian Hernandez-Estrada, 18, and charged him in connection with three robberies and attempted robberies involving four victims on Salvone Court on December 7.

The first victim told officers a man rode up to him on a bicycle, knocked on the victim's vehicle window and demanded the victim's wallet at gunpoint. When the victim refused, the suspect fired a shot in the ground and fled on the bicycle. The second victim told officers he was getting out of his vehicle when a man on a bicycle approached him, pulled a gun and took his wallet. A suspect matching the same description also attempted to rob two more men in the parking lot and fired a shot when the men refused to give him their wallets.

Officers arrested Hernandez-Estrada a few minutes later. He was charged with one charge of robbery with a dangerous weapon and three counts of attempted robbery with a dangerous weapon. A firearm was recovered.

4th Quarter Drug Trafficking Arrests

Heroin Trafficking Arrests - On October 9, investigators with the Vice-Narcotics Unit served a search warrant at 832 Ridgeway Avenue, Apt. 4 and arrested two people on heroin trafficking charges.

Investigators charged Conald Edwards, 36, and Tyesha Parker, 26, with trafficking in heroin, conspiracy to traffic in heroin and cocaine by possession and nine other drug charges.

Heroin Trafficking Arrest - On October 22, investigators from the Vice-Narcotics Unit closed out a long-term investigation and arrested 57-year-old Patrick Whitted of Roxboro on heroin trafficking charges. Officers confiscated 82.1 grams of heroin during the investigation. Investigators arrested Whitted on seven counts of trafficking heroin and 28 other felony charges.

Cocaine Trafficking Arrest - Terrance Butler, 29, was arrested on drug and weapons charges following a traffic stop near Drew Street and North Hyde Park Avenue on December 16. Officers confiscated more than 50 grams of crack cocaine and a stolen firearm. Butler was charged with two counts of trafficking in cocaine, possession of a stolen firearm, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and eight other drug and weapon charges.