

# LOUISBURG POLICE DEPARTMENT



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## February 2024 Council Report

Presented by Chief Jason Abbott

### 1. Employee Actions & Recognitions

Detective Travis Lincoln has been promoted to Captain.

### 2. Recruiting & Retention

Captain Cliff Stephens retired February 1. We had a retirement dinner at the Ops Center and I want to thank everyone who attended. Unfortunately we will be planning for three more retirements this year.

### 3. Complaints Against Officers and Findings

On February 2, I received a complaint of an officer being rude and making an inappropriate comment while directing traffic at Louisburg Magnet High School. After a review of the incident, there was no evidence to support the complaint.

Although this complaint is not substantiated, I still used this as a teaching moment. I have a supervisor monitoring overall behavior, interactions with the public, and I reminded the officer of the high standards that we hold here at LPD and that this behavior described in the complaint will not be tolerated.

### 4. Community Tip

Directing traffic is one of the most dangerous duties of a police officer. Close proximity to fast moving cars driven by people in disturbed traffic patterns is very dangerous. The data continually shows that too many officers are hurt or killed while directing traffic. There are more vehicles than ever on the roads and many drivers are paying attention to everything except driving. It is a demanding task and we take extra precautions like wearing hi-visibility vests, turn on the blue lights to grab drivers' attention, we watch the front tires to see where the car is going, we make eye contact with drivers to ensure they see us, we use whistles, we take a strategic position along the roadway, and we use two officers at larger, busier intersections.

With all of this said, the worst possible time to try to talk to officers is when they are actively directing traffic. They are charged with keeping the traffic flowing, all the while trying to maintain safety. Please do not try to talk, ask directions, or certainly complain to an officer

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while actively directing traffic. An officer may come across as rude when a driver stops in an intersection and tries to engage in conversation. The officer may give quick, perhaps loud, and very direct commands for you to move along. They're not intentionally being rude, they are just trying to stay safe and keep traffic moving. In fact, NC GS 20-114.1 gives an officer authority to issue a lawful order while conducting traffic control and it requires that motorists obey those orders. So, I ask the public to please be respectful of the situation that the officer is in and let the officers finish before trying to talk to them. You will be much more pleased and satisfied with the conversation, it will eliminate further risk to the officer, and eliminate the chance of you being charged with a driving offense.

## 5. Use-of-Force and Vehicle Pursuits

-None

## 6. Notable Investigations/Operations

- We continue to work with Maria Parham Franklin to meet our obligations in the process of handling Involuntary Commitment Orders to the Behavioral Unit.
- We continue to provide security for schools/college athletic events, concerts, and other events.
- We continue to work a number of reported retail thefts in our area.
- The town had a number of concrete and metal barricades stolen from the Depot Hill/Seaboard Avenue area. We have arrested two individuals and recovered most of the barricades.
- In response to a number of complaints from community members in the Justice St area regarding loud mufflers, we have stepped up enforcement in that area. We have aggressively patrolled the area and routinely set up traffic checks on Justice St to specifically target vehicles with loud mufflers and radios.
  - We have one particular location on Justice that seems to be generating the majority of the complaints. Those individuals have been issued a number of citations, with one individual receiving seven alone.

## 7. Budget Summary

- We are 58% of the way through fiscal year 2023-2024. 69% of the operating budget has been encumbered as of January 31, 2024.
- Grants: No action this month

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## 8. Training Summary

- General Instructor Training
- Speed Measuring Device Training
- Intoxilyzer Training

## 9. Community Outreach & Special Events

- No activity since our last meeting.

## 10. Monthly stats are attached

- Citations for January 2024: 173

## 11. Special requests

- None

# Activity Log Event Summary (Cumulative Totals)

## Louisburg Police Department

(01/01/2024 - 01/31/2024)

911 Hang-ups	10	Accident	31
Alarm Activation	21	Animal Complaint	2
Arrest	8	Arrest (WS)	7
Assault	2	Assist Motorist	14
Assist Other Department	2	B&E	1
Begging	5	C&R Driver	7
Chase	1	Child Custody	1
Communicating Threats	2	County Assist	1
Customer Problems	5	Damage to Property	2
Deceased Person	2	Dispute	4
Disturbance	5	Domestic	3
Drugs	2	Employee Injury	1
Escort	9	Escort (Funeral)	5
Escort (Security)	3	Fight	1
Found Property	3	Fraud	3
Information/Assistance	6	Investigate	5
Juvenile Problems	1	Larceny	10
Lost Property	7	Mental Patient	3
Missing Person	2	Noise Complaint	2
Public Service Number	20	Rape	1
Request for Service	1	Rescue	3
Serve papers	11	Shoplifting	3
Shots Fired	2	Suspicious Vehicle/Subject	20
Trespassing	2	TWO: Talk With Officer	16
Unlock car	26	Wasted OCA Number	1
Welfare Check	7		

**Total Number Of Events: 312**



# Louisburg Fire Department

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## *January 2024 Events*

### **Public Education / Events**

- January 6th - 2023 Annual LFD Banquet to honor the men and woman who serve the department. Firefighter of the Year was awarded to Firefighter Miguel Magana. The 2023 Chief's Award was presented to Lieutenant Tim Whitley. Years of Service awards went to the following:
  - 10 years of service: Miguel Magana & Tim Whitley
  - 35 years of service: Ray Patterson
  - 45 years of service: Timmy Smith
- January 8th: Assisted the Franklin County Girl Scouts chapter with delivery and distribution of the troop's cookies for this season at the station.

### **Budget Items**

- No major budgetary items this month.

### **Personnel:**

- Conducted interviews for the vacant career position.
- Chief Lanham attended a chief's training session in Petersburg, Va on January 22nd - 24th.

2024 LFD Call Type

Type of Calls	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total Calls
<b>In Town</b>													
<b>Total Calls</b>	<b>25</b>												<b>25</b>
Structure Fires / Cooking Fires	1												2
Motor Vehicle Crashes	8												8
Fire Alarms	10												10
Elec / Smoke Scare	0												0
Service / Medical / Good Intent	5												5
Cancelled Enroute	0												0
Brush Fires	1												1
Other Fires (car fire, gas leaks)	0												0
Weather Related (downed trees etc)	0												0
<b>Outside of Town</b>													
<b>Total Calls</b>	<b>20</b>												<b>20</b>
Structure Fires / Cooking Fires	2												2
Motor Vehicle Crashes	4												4
Fire Alarms	6												6
Elec / Smoke Scare	1												1
Service / Medical / Good Intent	3												3
Cancelled Enroute	0												0
Brush Fires	2												2
Other Fires (car fire, gas leaks)	0												0
Weather Related (downed trees etc)	2												2
<b>Total Calls</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>45</b>
<b>Smoke Alarms Installed</b>													
Structure Fires	4												4
Motor Vehicle Crashes	12												12
Fire Alarms	16												16
Elec / Smoke Scare	1												1
Service / Medical / Good Intent	8												8
Cancelled Enroute	0												0
Brush Fires	3												3
Other Fires (car fire, gas leaks)	0												0
Weather Related Calls	2												2
<b>Child Safety Seat Installations</b>													
Smoke Alarms Installed	0												0
Child Safety Seat Installations	3												3
Emerg Call Outs (Elec/Public Works)	3												3