



# MATTHEWS POLICE DEPARTMENT

*The members of the Matthews Police Department strive to promote a safe community by preventing crimes and reducing the fear of crime, while treating all individuals fairly and with respect.  
Our members will demonstrate honesty, professionalism and integrity while building the partnerships necessary to enhance the safety of our community.*

The purpose of this report is to keep you informed of what is happening within our community.  
For questions or additional information, please visit [www.matthewsnc.gov](http://www.matthewsnc.gov) or contact our Community Resource Officer at (704) 845-1651 or at [communitysafety@matthewspolice.org](mailto:communitysafety@matthewspolice.org).

**Chief Rob L. Hunter**  
**January 12, 2015**

## 2014 ANNUAL SERVICE REPORT

Activities	2014	2013	1-Year Change
<b>Calls For Service</b>	38,900	34,752	+ 12%
<b>Collisions Reported</b>	2,185	2,077	+ 5%
<b>Citations Issued</b>	4,359	4,259	+ 2%
<b>DWI Arrests</b>	146	139	+ 5%
<b>Drug Arrests</b>	565	458	+ 23%
<b>Total All Arrests</b>	2,320	1,686	+ 38%

2014 revealed some interesting trends: while we experienced an increase in the number calls received, included in that is an increase (+34%) of the number of security checks requested & completed. We did experience an increase in traffic collisions for the fourth straight year, also resulting in an increase (+12%) in injuries from those crashes. We will heighten our focus on impaired & unsafe drivers in the coming year.

## 2014 ANNUAL CRIME REPORT

Index (Part 1) Crimes	2014	2013	1-Year Change
<b>Murder</b>	0	1	- 100%
<b>Rape</b>	1	3	- 67%
<b>Robbery</b>	21	21	0%
<b>Aggrv. Assaults</b>	31	31	0%
<b>Burglary</b>	109	100	+ 9%
<b>Larceny</b>	657	731	- 10%
<b>Auto Theft</b>	32	35	- 9%
<b>Arson</b>	2	5	- 60%
<b>Index Crimes Listed</b>	<b>853</b>	<b>927</b>	<b>- 8%</b>
<b>Total All Crimes</b>	<b>2,594</b>	<b>2,314</b>	<b>+ 12%</b>

While we are pleased to report that we experienced a decline for a second straight year of the most serious (Part 1 Index) crimes, further reductions will continue to be our focus. I do believe that our heightened presence in the community, assisted by our fantastic *Citizens Volunteer Corp*, has aided in these reductions. This week will begin our department's 4<sup>th</sup> *Citizens Police Academy*, and while we look forward to the opportunities to learn from these citizens how we can better serve our community, we offer that invitation to all – as community safety is a shared responsibility.