

The seal of the Matthews Police Department is centered in the background. It features an eagle with spread wings at the top, a shield in the center with a scale of justice, and the words "MATTHEWS POLICE DEPARTMENT" around the perimeter.

# MATTHEWS POLICE DEPARTMENT

*Serving our community with pride...*

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**  
**March 15, 2016**

The members of the Matthews Police 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.

## FIRST QUARTER SERVICE REPORT

	2016	2015	1-Year Change
<b>Calls For Service</b>	11,650	10,072	+ 16%
<b>Traffic Crashes Reported</b>	502	498	+ 1%
<b>Citations Issued</b>	885	911	- 3%
<b>DWI Arrests</b>	29	38	- 24%
<b>Drug Arrests</b>	88	192	- 54%
<b>Total All Arrests</b>	282	440	- 36%

While the first quarter of 2016 revealed an increase in ‘Calls for Service’, there were many positive causes for that increase – a majority of the increase can again be attributed to ‘pro-active’ public calls: calls for suspicious persons or vehicles, calls for safety escorts for businesses & calls for home security checks; and a marked increase in the number of community events and other officer-initiated activities such as foot patrols & traffic radar patrols. Due to an increase in staff turnover during this period, however, the number of focused traffic enforcement operations declined, resulting in those associated declines.

## FIRST QUARTER CRIME REPORT

	2016	2015	1-Year Change
<b>Murder</b>	0	1	- 100%
<b>Rape</b>	0	0	n/c
<b>Robbery</b>	4	5	- 20%
<b>Aggrv. Assaults</b>	4	7	- 43%
<b>Burglary</b>	14	12	+ 17%
<b>Larceny</b>	148	146	+ 1%
<b>Auto Theft</b>	13	4	+ 225%
<b>Arson</b>	1	0	na
<b>Index Crimes Listed</b>	184	175	+ 5%
<b>Total All Crimes</b>	<b>707</b>	<b>717</b>	<b>- 1%</b>

We continue to experience an historic low number of crimes, especially serious offenses, within our community. We attribute that continued low incidence rate to many proactive efforts of our staff and especially our Citizen Volunteers. Their increased community presence, the increase in the number of community safety events, and the patrol officers’ heightened presence within our residential communities have paid dividends. All of these efforts shall continue.