



**MATTHEWS
POLICE
DEPARTMENT**

Serving our community with pride...

**Crime & Service Report
January – June 2016**

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 or contact our Community Resource Officer at (704) 845-1651 or at communitysafety@matthewspolice.org.

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 SIX MONTHS 2016 SERVICE REPORT

	2016	2015	1-Year Change
Calls For Service	22,228	20,962	+ 6%
Community Service Events	327	318	+ 3%
Collisions Reported	1,028	1,047	- 2%
Citations Issued	1,411	1,638	- 14%
DWI Arrests	49	55	- 11%
Drug Arrests	165	308	- 46%
Total All Arrests	564	693	- 19%

Notes: 3% (733) of our calls for service during this period we considered ‘positive community calls’, those being ‘suspicious persons and suspicious vehicle calls; we continue to encourage our public to call when they observe things they believe do not look right. The significant decrease in drug arrests resulted primarily from the temporary suspension of our Targeted Enforcement Unit due to staffing turnover during this period.

FIRST SIX MONTHS 2016 CRIME REPORT

	2016	2015	1-Year Change
Murder	0	1	- 100%
Rape	3	2	+ 50%
Robbery	9	9	nc
Aggravated Assaults	10	16	- 38%
Burglary	59	39	+ 51%
Larceny	389	280	+ 39%
Auto Theft	25	16	+ 56%
Arson	4	0	+ 400%
Part 1 Offenses (Listed Above)	499	363	+ 37%
Part 2 Offenses (Not Listed)	1,024	1,024	nc
Total All Crimes	1,523	1,387	+ 10%

Notes: While our Burglary rate has increased, it should be noted that only 26 of those were break-ins of homes, as compared to the estimated 8,000 ‘single family units’ (residential) units in town. I do believe that one major factor in this historically low residential burglary rate is the patrols & services of our *Citizens Volunteer Corp.* We enjoy and look forward to this continued community partnership.