Sheriff’s Message

As your newly elected Sheriff, I’d like to thank you for this opportunity to learn more about our agency and how we operate. Honor, duty and service describe the excellent working relationship the Durham County Sheriff’s Office has with our vibrant community.

I am humbled and honored leading a progressive law enforcement organization staffed by skilled deputies, detention officers and civilians. Despite the fact our county and city are changing, the Durham County Sheriff’s Office has remained consistent in its enforcement of the law, responsibly maintaining the Detention Center and providing a variety of services to our residents.

As I begin my tenure, our office will always be available to the public. As we launch innovative programs to battle recidivism and address similar complex challenges, we are mindful we exist – and function - because of the people we serve. Talking to neighborhood associations and residents results in us knowing their concerns. We pledge to keep relying on these conversations for solutions, resulting in the Durham County Sheriff’s Office to better serve its community.

Sheriff Clarence F. Birkhead
AGENCY BUDGET
FY 2018/2019 $36,477,462
Vehicle Replacements $1,232,310
Capital $339,998

Detention Officers 213
Deputies 194
Civilians 83
The quality of neighborhood life, its safety and welfare comes from the commitment of each of its citizens. The Durham County Sheriff’s Office takes pride in its role as a citizen of the community; partners with its members in the delivery of quality law enforcement services.
In FY 2018-2019, the Durham County Sheriff's Office assisted with 37 Active Community Watch groups in 5 patrol areas.

**SCOPE**
Sheriff's Community Oriented Policing Effort

Through community policing, the Sheriff's Office aims to positively impact the lives of each resident from every corner of Durham County.

**SCOPE deputies organized and participated in 185 community service events.**
SCOPES

WHO ELSE CAN WE TARGET?

The Durham County Sheriff’s Office is committed to crime prevention and community awareness. Through the national gang prevention program known as GREAT, deputies teach life skills to students.

Parents seeking assistance with troubled youth can participate in the agency’s CHOICES program designed to build a stronger parent-child relationship.

Deputies serve as mentors and donate their time as volunteers with local nonprofit and social service organizations.

In 2018 the Sheriff’s Office created a Director of Community Engagement position to further its efforts to foster an atmosphere of transparency and accountability.
Juvenile Actions are responses to criminal-related incidents at a school where a School Resource Officer (SRO) has the option to take no action or dispose of a case in one of the following ways:

- Recommend school disciplinary action (e.g. suspension)
- Teen Court referral
- DSS or welfare organization referral
- Criminal court via arrest of misdemeanor citation
- Criminal action via juvenile court with juvenile petition
- Divert criminal case to Misdemeanor Diversion Program (MDP)
- Refer to other programs such as DEAC, PROUD, TRY and Project Build
We are #SOCIAL

4th Largest Facebook Community among Sheriff's Offices in North Carolina with over 12,000 followers

A community of over 4,600 Twitter followers

49% Increase in Instagram followers in the past year

@DurhamSheriff
The Durham County Detention Facility operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The facility opened in the summer of 1996 with a capacity of 576 single cells. It was designed as a direct-supervision facility.
CIVIL DIVISION
Civil process is one of the oldest documented responsibilities of the county sheriff. Deputies serve civil documents, facilitate final eviction notices, fulfill civil executions by seizing money or property, and collect back taxes owed to Durham County.

22,282 Civil Papers Served
1,182 Child Support Papers

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
Deputies in the Domestic Violence unit investigate domestic violence cases and serve domestic violence protection orders.

1115 DVPO Filings
800 Service Attempts
642 Services
UNIFORM CRIME REPORTING
Total Cases Investigated in 2018

- Aggravated Assault: 44
- Burglary: 174
- Larceny: 333
- Robbery: 19
- Murder: 1
- Rape: 5
- Arson: 3
- Motor Vehicle Theft: 47
ANIMAL SERVICES
FY 2018-2019 Calls for Service

- Calls for Service: 11,308
- Stray Animals: 3,073
- Animal Traps: 1,309
- Animal Abuse: 1,000
- Animal Bites: 615
- Rabies Cases: 2
The Communications Center is most often the public's first point of contact with the Sheriff’s Office. It is staffed with two telecommunicators at a time and is open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Telecommunicators are responsible for answering calls from the public and dispatching deputies in response to calls for service. With the help of a computer-aided dispatch system, telecommunicators manage, monitor, and provide vital information to deputies in the field throughout Durham County.

11 Communicators
Certified in Crisis Communication

114,445 Calls Processed
Investigations conducted by the professional standards division

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