



# CHARLOTTE-MECKLENBURG POLICE DEPARTMENT

## ON THE BEAT

### RESPONSE AREA MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

February 2012

Response Area One Residents,

Here are our current crime statistics – as of 1/29/2012.

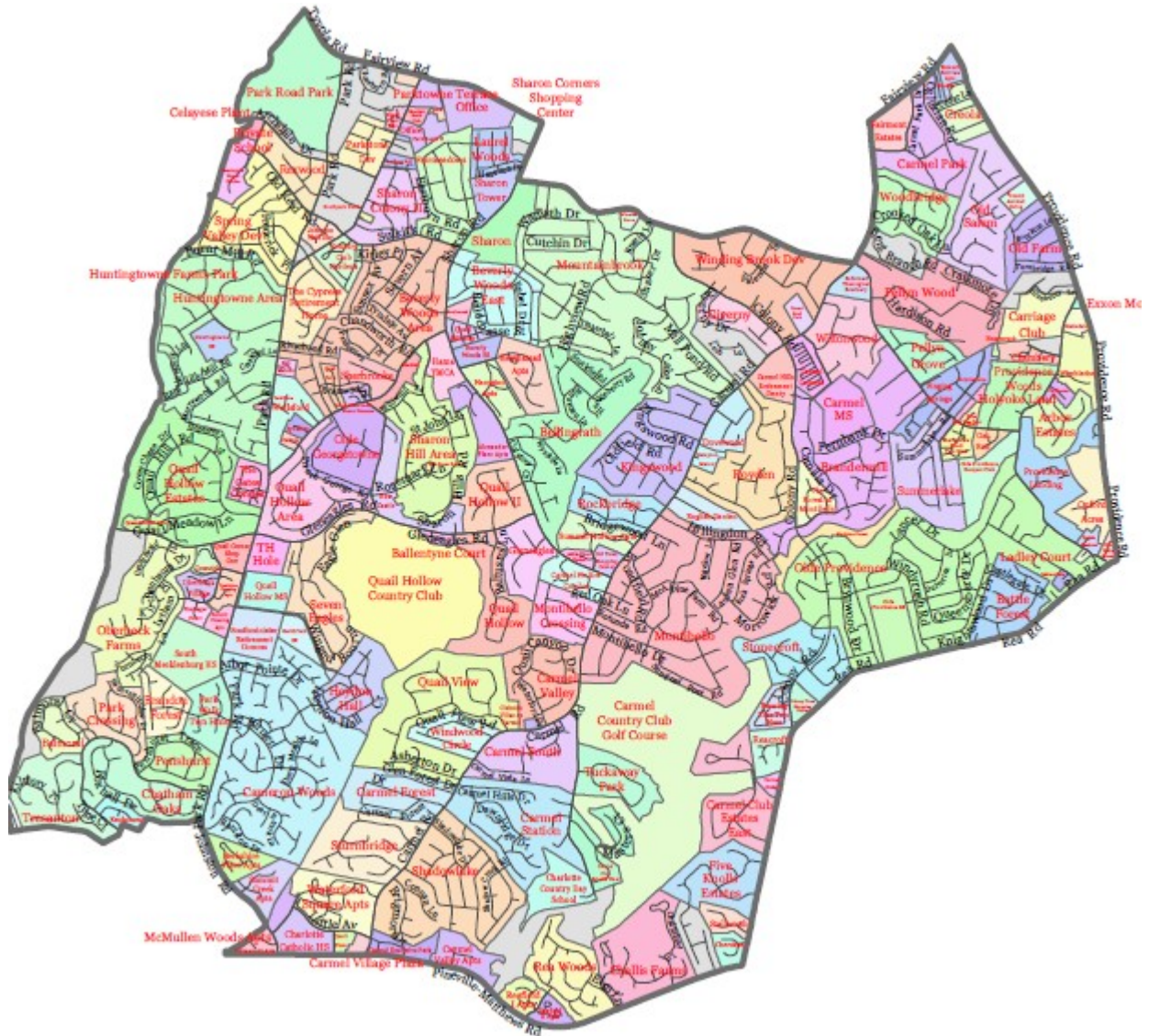
( Through week ending 1/29/2012 )

Street Miles: 187

CRIME STATISTICS through 1/29/2012														
	2011 Avg Per Week	2012 Avg Per Week	Curr 7 Days 1/23/2012 - 1/29/2012	Prev Yr 7 Days 1/23/2011 - 1/29/2011	% Change	MTD 1/1/2012 - 1/29/2012	Prev Yr MTD 1/1/2011 - 1/29/2011	% Change	QTD 1/1/2012 - 1/29/2012	Prev Yr QTD 1/1/2011 - 1/29/2011	% Change	YTD 2012	YTD 2011	% Change
VIOLENT CRIMES														
HOMICIDE	0.0	0.0	0	0	n.c.	0	0	n.c.	0	0	n.c.	0	0	n.c.
RAPE	0.0	0.0	0	0	n.c.	0	0	n.c.	0	0	n.c.	0	0	n.c.
ROBBERY	0.2	0.0	0	0	n.c.	0	0	n.c.	0	0	n.c.	0	0	n.c.
Commercial Robbery	0.0	0.0	0	0	n.c.	0	0	n.c.	0	0	n.c.	0	0	n.c.
Personal Robbery	0.2	0.0	0	0	n.c.	0	0	n.c.	0	0	n.c.	0	0	n.c.
Home Invasion	0.1	0.0	0	0	n.c.	0	0	n.c.	0	0	n.c.	0	0	n.c.
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	0.4	0.2	0	0	n.c.	1	1	0%	1	1	0%	1	1	0%
ADW-GUN	0.1	0.2	0	0	n.c.	1	0	n.c.	1	0	n.c.	1	0	n.c.
Gunshot Cases	0.0	0.0	0	0	n.c.	0	0	n.c.	0	0	n.c.	0	0	n.c.
TOTAL VIOLENT	0.6	0.2	0	0	n.c.	1	1	0%	1	1	0%	1	1	0%
PROPERTY CRIMES														
RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY	2.4	3.4	1	4	-75%	14	9	56%	14	9	56%	14	9	56%
Storage Shed Burglary	0.1	1.0	0	0	n.c.	4	0	n.c.	4	0	n.c.	4	0	n.c.
COMMERCIAL BURGLARY	0.4	0.0	0	0	n.c.	0	0	n.c.	0	0	n.c.	0	0	n.c.
AUTO THEFT	0.4	0.5	0	1	-100%	2	1	100%	2	1	100%	2	1	100%
LARCENY	9.1	8.0	8	4	100%	33	24	38%	33	24	38%	33	24	38%
Larceny from Auto	4.5	4.3	4	0	n.c.	18	9	100%	18	9	100%	18	9	100%
Shoplifting	0.5	0.7	1	1	0%	3	3	0%	3	3	0%	3	3	0%
Vehicle Tag Stolen	0.2	0.2	0	0	n.c.	1	0	n.c.	1	0	n.c.	1	0	n.c.
TOTAL PROPERTY	12.3	11.8	9	9	0%	49	34	44%	49	34	44%	49	34	44%
TOTAL PART I CRIMES	12.9	12.1	9	9	0%	50	35	43%	50	35	43%	50	35	43%
ARREST STATISTICS through 1/29/2012														
	Pr Avg Week	Avg Week	Curr 7 Days	Prev Yr 7 Days	% Change	Curr Month	Prev Yr Month	% Change	Curr Qtr	Prev Yr Qtr	% Change	YTD 2012	YTD 2011	% Change
PART I CRIMES														
HOMICIDE	0.0	0.0	0	0	n.c.	0	0	n.c.	0	0	n.c.	0	0	n.c.
RAPE	0.0	0.0	0	0	n.c.	0	0	n.c.	0	0	n.c.	0	0	n.c.
ROBBERY	0.1	0.0	0	0	n.c.	0	0	n.c.	0	0	n.c.	0	0	n.c.
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	0.4	0.7	1	1	0%	3	3	0%	3	3	0%	3	3	0%
BURGLARY	0.1	0.5	0	0	n.c.	2	0	n.c.	2	0	n.c.	2	0	n.c.
AUTO THEFT	0.0	0.0	0	0	n.c.	0	0	n.c.	0	0	n.c.	0	0	n.c.
LARCENY	0.4	0.2	0	0	n.c.	1	1	0%	1	1	0%	1	1	0%
TOTAL VIOLENT	0.5	0.7	1	1	0%	3	3	0%	3	3	0%	3	3	0%
TOTAL PART I CRIMES	1.0	1.4	1	1	0%	6	4	50%	6	4	50%	6	4	50%
ARR W/ DRUG CHARGES	0.7	0.7	0	0	n.c.	3	6	-50%	3	6	-50%	3	6	-50%
ARR W/ POSS STOLEN VEH	0.0	0.0	0	0	n.c.	0	0	n.c.	0	0	n.c.	0	0	n.c.
ARR W/ B&E VEH CHARGES	0.1	0.0	0	0	n.c.	0	0	n.c.	0	0	n.c.	0	0	n.c.
TOTAL ARRESTS	5.4	5.3	7	8	-13%	22	25	-12%	22	25	-12%	22	25	-12%

In starting off 2012 we are faced with some challenging numbers to beat. We are going into our 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive year of crime reductions and we face an uphill battle to “beat our best” for 4 years in a row. Though the challenges will be difficult, I am optimistic about 2012. Our response area team (Officers and Citizens) has established a strong template for addressing crime. We rely on 4 key elements: Field Presence, Community Engagement, Investigations, and Innovations. The Field Presence is just that – our patrol presence in the field. The Community Engagement is the relationships and partnerships we develop with you. We rely on your information and input to make our efforts effective and efficient. The investigations element is the historical detective work. We try to find ways to improve this daily. Lastly, the innovation element includes trying to find new ways to reduce crime. The S.C.H.A.R.C. program is a prime example of this. All of these elements work together and overlap and we are constantly looking for ways to improve.

## South Division Response Area 1 Map



## South Charlotte Homeowners Against Residential Crime S.C.H.A.R.C.

*"Communities Engaging to Win against Crime"*

### Community Contest Update:

SCHARC II ended on December 30, 2011 with an overall crime reduction of 23% compared to 2010 in the areas of house break ins, vehicle break ins and auto theft. Mountainbrook won by 5 points with Beverly Woods East and Beverly Woods both tied at 2<sup>nd</sup>, Cameron Wood 3<sup>rd</sup> and Olde Providence 4<sup>th</sup>.

Congratulations to all of you!

## CONGRATULATIONS MOUNTAINBROOK!



Elizabeth McGregor accepts Trophy for Mountainbrook





## **Mountainbrook - SCHARCII WINNER**



L-Elizabeth McGregor safety chair from Mountainbrook  
R- Mary Amos Neighborhood Leader Beverly Woods East 2<sup>nd</sup>

### **Have a question for the CMPD? Check out our website**

The CMPD website at [CMPD.org](http://CMPD.org) incorporates many crime-fighting and community safety tools.

- a) Filing a crime report
  - i. go to the CMPD.org website and click on "online reporting" to determine if you can file online or if you should dial 311.
- b) To retrieve a car crash (accident) or crime report, follow the link for Crime or Crash reports.
  - i. Victims of crime will be able to get a free copy of their crime report by entering both the complaint number and their name. This service is provided under contract with CMPD by PoliceReports.US.

- ii. Due to the nature of certain crimes, however, some reports will only be available in person, including sexual assaults, domestic violence, suicides and vice and narcotics cases.
- iii. These and all other public reports can be obtained from CMPD's Records Division at either of the following locations: CMPD Headquarters at 601 East Trade Street and the West Service Area at 4150 Wilkinson Blvd.
- iv. You may also call our Records Division at 704-336-2839 to pick reports up in person.
- c) Crime mapping service
  - i. Search crime numbers around a specific address or street
  - ii. Discover the Division that patrols a specific address
- d) All requirements for our Police Academy are listed on our website under "Join the Force", or you may call (toll-free) 1-877-525-6145 or (local) 704-432-1603 to talk to a recruiter.
- e) Directives: All of our directives, policies and procedures are posted on our website.
- f) To register your house or business alarm,
  - i. click on "alarm registration/permit" under the E-Policing Resources section.
  - ii. This will take you to the alarm registration page.
  - iii. The alarm section of the website is loaded with educational information regarding alarm systems and alarm registration.
- g) Other items under our E-Policing Resources section include:
  - i. employ an off-duty officer,
  - ii. pay traffic tickets online,
  - iii. traffic accident locations,
  - iv. local ordinances of interest,
  - v. become a CMPD volunteer,
  - vi. commend an officer,
  - vii. file an officer complaint.
- h) Information about Charlotte and the CMPD can be found under "Our Organization" and "Our Response Areas".
- i) Safety tips, information about CrimeStoppers, Homeland Security, Neighborhood Watch and our ride along program are among several valuable topics found under "For Your Safety".
- j) Our Newsroom contains current and archived news about the CMPD.
- k) Also posted on the CMPD website are our "most wanted" and "missing persons" cases.

## **QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CHARLOTTE-MECKLENBURG POLICE DEPARTMENT**

- 1) **Internships** To inquire about internships, contact the Professional Development Unit at the Academy: 704-432-1631
- 2) **Noise permits** To get a noise permit, please call CMPD's Field Services Unit at 704-432-0428.

- 3) **Background checks** Local Arrest Histories are no longer provided by the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department Records Division or the West Service Area.
  - a) All requests for arrest history information are handled by the Clerk of Court at 832 E. Fourth Street where a fee is charged for the search, to be paid in cash, certified checks, or money order. No personal checks are accepted. At the time of this writing, the fee is \$25.00.
  - b) For out of town requests, the supervisor's phone number is 704-336-4388.
- 4) **Car break-ins** Car break-ins are investigated at the Division Level.
- 5) **311**
  - a) Citizens should contact 311 directly for:
    - i) Animal Control Calls
    - ii) Larceny of Vehicle Calls
    - iii) Graffiti Calls
    - iv) Parking Violations, Loitering (no criminal activity)
    - v) Truancy
    - vi) Noise/Fireworks
    - vii) Cable/Utility Threat
    - viii) Juvenile Complaints (no criminal activity)
    - ix) Abandoned Vehicles
    - x) Homeless Person (no criminal activity)
  - b) 311 can also take incident reports where a caller needs a report for insurance purposes or product replacement purposes. Examples include:
    - i) Lost Cell Phones
    - ii) Lost Tags
    - iii) Lost Passports
  - c) If you are calling from outside of Mecklenburg County, dial 704-336-7600
- 6) **911 recordings** To request a recording of a 911 call
  - a) Must come to the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department Headquarters, 601 E Trade Street.
  - b) May park between the Headquarters building and the parking deck in metered parking.
  - c) Enter the lobby and go to the Records Division window located on the lobby floor.
    - i) Ask to fill out a public records request form.
      - (1) Include as much information as possible
        - (a) Complaint number (starting with the year)
        - (b) Time
        - (c) Date
        - (d) Reason for the request,
        - (e) If you have the number the 911 call was placed from, include it also
        - (f) Your contact information.
          - (i) The call can be placed on a cassette or a CD
            1. There is a charge to cover the CMPD's cost.

2. The process of filling your request may take up to a week.
  3. You will be contacted by the Records Division when the recording is ready to pick up.
    - a. The CMPD only keep recordings for 90 days
    - b. Unless you are the caller, any personal information will be edited out.
- 7) **ID Theft** If you think your identity has been stolen,
- a) File a report with the jurisdiction where the crime occurred.
  - b) If the offense occurred in Mecklenburg County, or the jurisdiction where the crime occurred will not take a report AND you live in Mecklenburg County, call the Charlotte Mecklenburg Police Department at 311 to file a police report.
  - c) OR, you can file a financial identity fraud report online
  - d) Contact one of the three (3) major credit reporting bureaus (Equifax, Experian, or TransUnion) to report the fraud.
  - e) Ask that a fraud alert be placed on your file and request a copy of your credit report.
  - f) The other two credit bureaus will automatically be notified to place a fraud alert on your credit file and all three reports will be sent to you free of charge.
  - g) Review your credit report for accuracy.
  - h) Contact the affected creditors
  - i) Advise them of the fraudulent use of your information and request that they send you a fraud dispute form.
  - j) File a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission (FTC). The FTC maintains a database that law enforcement can use to assist with their investigations.
- 8) **Traffic Hotline** The CMPD has a traffic hotline, 704-432-2120. It is not an emergency line. It will direct callers to three different areas of assistance. The caller is given the number to HITS (Highway Interdiction Traffic Safety Unit), which is 704-336-4465 or they may leave a name and number for a return call.
- a) Report a traffic violator:
    - i) Accepts information about an observed traffic violation that occurred in Mecklenburg County.
    - ii) The caller must leave the North Carolina registration plate number (out of state registrations not accepted), description of the vehicle, date, time, and location of the violation, and a detailed description of the violation.
    - iii) Although the caller's identification will not be disclosed, the caller must leave his/her name and telephone number for verification purposes.
    - iv) This call generates a letter to the registered owner of the vehicle, indicating the concern and possible consequences of the driving behavior.
  - b) Report a traffic safety concern:
    - i) Accepts information about any traffic safety concern.



- ii) If the concern is validated, it will be handled by HITS or forwarded to the appropriate patrol district. The caller may leave a name and phone number if a discussion with an officer is needed.
- c) Report an underage drinking party or talk to someone about any other traffic related matter:
  - i) If you are aware of a future underage drinking party, please report this information to the Traffic Hotline. For an event that is currently occurring call 911.
- d) The Traffic HOTLINE may be answered during business hours by the HITS investigative technician but generally will rollover to the voicemail system.

9) **Noisy neighbors**

- a) Our Nuisance Abatement Officer is Pat Barker. She says the best thing you can do is call 311.
- b) That type of call usually takes the officer about an hour to respond. If you call as soon as the problem starts, then by the time the officer arrives, the office will be able to hear the violation and handle it to his discretion.
- c) If you're concerned about your neighbors finding out that you called, you can ask that your name not be given out and make sure to tell the dispatcher that you do not want the police to come to your door.
- d) If you have any more questions pertaining to this issue, please contact Pat either via e-mail ([pbarker@cmpd.org](mailto:pbarker@cmpd.org)) or her office phone (704-432-3844).

**10) Suspicious persons or vehicles** The CMPD encourages you to call 9-1-1 anytime you feel that a suspicious person may be "casing" an area. That way, an officer can respond and speak to the person to determine if they are there legitimately.

- e) Please describe the suspicious person and vehicle, if possible, to the 9-1-1 operator so officers can locate him/her when they arrive.
- f) To report a non-emergency "suspicious vehicle" that is unoccupied, dial 311 and be prepared to give any pertinent information to the operator, such as the tag number, make, model, color, bumper stickers, cracked windows, etc; and the location of the car. A police officer will then come to the scene and run the tag.
- g) If the vehicle has been used in a crime or is stolen, the CMPD will tow the vehicle. If not, your Homeowner's Association, Business or Apartment Management will have to call a towing service to have the vehicle removed.

Tell the operator that you would like to speak to an officer when he/she arrives to discuss your options.



### **Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police “Bike to DC”**

#### **Why We Ride**

In the early morning hours of April 1, 2007, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department Officers Jeff Shelton and Sean Clark lost their lives in the line of duty. When Officers Clark and Shelton were killed, there were funerals and grieving and collections of funds to benefit the families of those officers. Yet, some people in the law enforcement community still wanted to do more. We wanted to do something *physical* in their honor – something we could DO to honor Officers Shelton and Clark. So on May 9, 2007, four cyclists from CMPD, Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office, and Charlotte Airport Police got on bicycles and headed out from CMPD Headquarters to ride 370 miles from Charlotte to the [National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial](#) in Washington DC.

We arrived at the Memorial after four days of tough riding. It was a great trip – we felt the support of communities along the way as we explained why we were cycling to honor our fallen brothers. When we arrived at the National Law Enforcement Memorial at Judiciary Square, we were greeted by families of officers who had made the ultimate sacrifice. It was an incredibly moving moment.

In 2008, eight officers representing CMPD, MCSO, and the Airport Police covered a longer route, making a 410 mile trip. We rode the last day from Richmond, VA into Washington, DC with **Bike for the Blue**, which organizes Richmond Area Law Enforcement cyclists for their ride to honor fallen officers. In 2009 our rider total increased to 18 and we covered 420 miles as we changed our route to end in Danville, VA on Day 2. In 2010 we had 25 riders and added the FBI to our roster of cyclists. By 2011 the group had grown to 62 cyclists representing Law Enforcement agencies across NC and VA...

This year (2012) we anticipate having over 100 riders from Charlotte-Mecklenburg and beyond and increased interest from the communities we ride through along the way. We will arrive in DC on Saturday May 12 and attend the evening Candlelight Vigil at the Memorial on Sunday May 13. With the tragic loss of CMPD Officer Fred Thornton (End of Watch February 25, 2011), the ride has taken on renewed meaning for every officer involved - his name will be added to the Memorial on Sunday May 13, 2012. This year the ride is **Five Hundred For Fred**.

In 2012 the ride takes place the week before [Police Week](#), a time set aside for the community to "Honor the Service and Sacrifice of American Law Enforcement." This is not an easy journey. There is little flat ground between Charlotte and DC. But each officer is committed to complete this ride in honor of not only Officers Shelton and Clark, but for all those Law Enforcement officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

Your very own Community Coordinator Officer Smith and past Coordinator Sgt. Kitchens will be riding 500 for Fred!

If you want to show your support or find out more information the link is below.

<http://www.tricharlotte.com/images/policebikeride/howyoucanhelp.htm>





## **Community Contacts and Links**

- City of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County <http://www.charmeck.org/living/home.htm>
- Mecklenburg County Sherriff's Office and jail information:
  - <http://www.charmeck.org/Departments/MCSO/Home.htm>
- Charlotte-Mecklenburg 311: 311 is the City of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County's phone number for non-emergency services and government information. Whether you're a resident, business owner, or a visitor, all the resources for city and county services are just a phone call away. CharMeck 311 is also available by email, via [webrequests@ci.charlotte.nc.us](mailto:webrequests@ci.charlotte.nc.us).
- Get more connected with government by signing up with the city subscription service. You will receive updates on city news and services as they happen, just go to <http://www.charmeck.org/Departments/Subscribe/home.htm>
- CharMeck Court Watch <http://www.charmeckcourtwatch.org/>



### **School Resource Officers in RA1**

South Mecklenburg- Officer Sutton [wsutton@cmpd.org](mailto:wsutton@cmpd.org)

Quail Hollow Middle- Officer Stone [dstone@cmpd.org](mailto:dstone@cmpd.org)

Carmel Middle School- Officer Brown [abrown2@cmpd.org](mailto:abrown2@cmpd.org)



## **COMMUNITY MEETINGS & EVENTS**

Feb 7, Char Meck Court Watch  
Feb 16, Oberbeck Farms Meeting  
Feb 20, Oberbeck Village Meeting  
Feb 21, Char Meck Court Watch  
Feb 27, Chalcombe Court Meeting

For the latest Response Area One news, crime alerts, crime trends and crime prevention tips follow us on Twitter <http://twitter.com/#!/southdiv2211>

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Best regards,  
Lieutenant Travis Pardue  
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