



Shallotte Police Department

January 2026 Monthly Report

Highlights

- SPD had 5619 calls for service and self-initiated incidents
- 46 traffic citations
- 29 traffic accident investigations
- 134.50 volunteers hours
- Staff met with AXON (New body camera system) Body cameras are on-line and working great!
- Detective Heather Newman was selected as the SPD Officer of the Year.
- Mrs. Sally June Kuka was selected as the Volunteer of the Year.

Incident and Investigation Summary

During the month of January 2026, the Shallotte Police Department's Investigative Division remained highly proactive in safeguarding the community by successfully managing a total of 56 criminal cases.

Additionally, the division's attention to property crimes proved especially effective, as investigators handled 14 property crime and larceny cases.

Details of some of this month's newly assigned cases and one follow-up are provided below.

Summary of Major Cases

1. Larceny Cases / Property crimes – Multiple Businesses (Shallotte)

- **Incidents:** 14 reported larceny cases at various businesses in Shallotte.
- **Outcome:**
 - Detective Division has closed 3 cases with charges and recovered some property and are still working the other 11 cases.



2. Larceny of MV from Brooks Court

Details: The Detective division assisted the Patrol officers at the scene of a vehicle theft. Detectives were able to obtain video footage from a neighbor showing 3 males (possibly juvenile) getting into the unlocked vehicle with the keys in the ignition. The vehicle then is seen driving North on HWY 17 and out of camera view. Video was shown to neighbors who do not recognize the offenders. Vehicle has been entered into NCIC, Detectives still working leads.

3. Discharging a Firearm in City limits

Details: Witnessed heard several shots and thought they were coming from a car driving down Main Street, Detectives reviewed video footage but were unable to determine if a firearm was discharged or not.

4. Structure Fire / Death Investigation

On January 17, 2026, at approximately 1:47 p.m., the Shallotte Police Department and Fire Department responded to a structure fire with a person possibly trapped inside at 4730 Milliken Street.

Shallotte Police Department officers arrived on scene and observed smoke visible from the residence. Officers were able to remove one individual from the structure. That individual was transported by Brunswick County EMS to a local hospital for treatment.

During fire suppression efforts, another individual was located inside the residence and was pronounced deceased at the scene.

A Shallotte firefighter sustained an injury while combating the fire and was transported to Brunswick Novant Medical Center, where the firefighter was treated and later released.

Multiple agencies assisted in the response, including the Shallotte Fire Department, Ocean Isle Beach Fire Department, Civietown Fire Department, Sunset Beach Fire Department, Tri-Beach Fire Department, Shallotte Point Fire Department, Brunswick County EMS, Brunswick County Sheriff's Office, Brunswick and NC Fire Marshal's Offices, and the North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation (SBI)

The cause of the fire and the circumstances surrounding the incident are currently under investigation by Shallotte PD, Fire Marshal's Office and the State Bureau of Investigation. This remains an ongoing investigation.