


Swansboro
Police
Department
2024 Annual Report



A photograph of the Swansboro Police Department Public Safety Facility. The building is a single-story structure with a gabled roof and a central entrance. A large American flag flies on a tall pole to the left of the building. In the foreground, a dark blue police SUV is parked on a paved area. The SUV has "POLICE" written on its side. A sign in front of the building reads "Town of Swansboro PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY".

The Swansboro Police Department provides 24-hour law enforcement services to the residents, businesses, and visitors within the jurisdiction of the Town of Swansboro.

Mission

- It is the mission of the Swansboro Police Department to professionally serve our community with Respect, Fairness, Honesty, and Integrity. We are committed to working with the community to maintain and improve the quality of life for everyone and ensure that Swansboro is a place where people can work and raise a family within a safe and caring community.

Core Values

- Our core values are Commitment, Service, Integrity, and Excellence.

Department Organization

The Swansboro Police Department is composed of 13 full-time sworn law enforcement officers and four reserve officers. In addition, the department is supported by a civilian Administrative Assistant. The department maintains thirteen police vehicles that are equipped with mobile data terminals and speed enforcement equipment. All officers are issued body worn cameras which record all interactions.

All officers have received and maintain their certification as a law enforcement officers through the NC Training and Standards Division. Within the department, three officers have earned their Advanced Law Enforcement Certification, and one has received their Intermediate Law Enforcement Certification.





Reportable Incidents

The department responds to a variety of calls throughout the calendar year. Not every call for service the department responds to requires a report to be generated. The FBI Uniform Crime Report provides guidelines for the type of incident that requires a report to be generated.

Patrol Events

The Patrol Division performed 47,323 total events for the calendar year. Patrol events include reportable and non-reportable calls for service, foot patrols, business checks, escorts, neighborhood patrols, and any other activity an officer performs while on duty.





Calls For Service

In 2024, the department responded to a total of 6,901 calls for service. The tables on the next few pages detail the main types of calls officers responded to for the calendar year.

Calls for service are requests received from the public which initiate a response from the department. Not all calls for service require a written report.

2024 Calls for Service

• 911 Hang Up	30
• Alarm/Open Door	207
• Animal Complaint	48
• Assaults (Felony)	29 (3)
• Assist OCSO	247
• Assist Fire/EMS	147
• Assist Parks & Rec (Bathrooms/Dock)	1,465
• Assist NC SHP	13
• Break & Enter	10
• Civil Disputes	49
• Communicating Threat	12
• Crisis Intervention	81
• Death (Suicide)	10 (1)
• Disputes/Disturbances	79
• Domestic	61
• Drug Offenses (Felony)	28 (7)
• Drug Overdose (Fatal)	11 (1)

2024 Calls for Service

• DWI	33
• Fingerprint Requests	89
• Fraud	33
• Funeral Escorts	11
• Juvenile Issue	15
• Larceny (Felony)	85 (17)
• Lost/Found Property	47
• Missing Person	7
• Noise Complaint	7
• Property Damage	109
• Residence Checks	64
• Resist, Obstruct, Delay	6
• Sex Offense (Felony)	2
• Shots Fired	2
• Suspicious Incident/Vehicle/Person	270
• Town Ordinance Violations	63

2024 Calls for Service

• Traffic Complaints	131
• Traffic Control-No Wreck	15
• Transport	83
• Trespassing	39
• Unavailable to Respond to Call	112
• Vehicle Unlocks	93
• Warrant Service	41
• Welfare Check	55
• Traffic Enforcement (Citation; V/W Warn)	2,186
• Wrecks	265
• Total Calls for Service:	6,901
• Reportable:	2,019

Arrests Statistics

The Swansboro Police Department made 182 physical arrests in 2024. The next few slides show what crimes arrests were made for and the number of arrests for each crime.



Arrests

Felony Arrests

• Possession w/Intent to Sell, Manufacture & Deliver:	2
• Fleeing to Elude:	2
• Possession of Cocaine:	1
• Assault on Public Officer/Serious Bodily Injury:	1
• Assault:	1
• Obtaining Property by False Pretenses:	1
Total:	9

Misdemeanor

Warrant Service

Arrests made by Warrant Service: 41

Warrant Service arrests are made when officers encounter an individual, either through a traffic stop or call for service, and the individual has a warrant for their arrest.



Traffic Enforcement

NC 24 is a major east-west travel artery in North Carolina. At last count, more than 35,000 vehicles pass through Swansboro daily. The department tries to ensure that each patrol officer is Radar Operator certified within the first year.

The department, also, participates in the NC Governor's Highway Safety Program. Participation in the program allows the department free access to valuable equipment that can be used for traffic enforcement. For the calendar year 2024, the department issued 555 citations and gave 1,657 verbal/written warnings.



Radar Speed Sign

A radar speed sign was placed along W Corbett Avenue. A second was placed downtown. The sign alerts drivers to their speed. An onboard computer collects traffic data such as, number of vehicles, fastest speed, slowest speed, average speed and median speed. SPD looks to get a couple of more to place along W Corbett Avenue, or a portable unit that can be moved around town.





Community Involved

The Swansboro Police Department emphasizes community involvement by its officers. The department has started several programs to get its officers more community oriented. The Police Cadet Program, Coffee-with-a-Cop, and Shop-with-a-Cop are just a few of the well-known programs. Officers are, also, encouraged to lend a helping hand in the community. Like removing an alligator from a local daycare center.

Community Involvement

School kids get a tour of patrol vehicle.



Community Involvement

Participating in annual Touch-a-Truck event.





Community Involvement

Getting dunked at Military Appreciation Day at Hammocks Beach State Park.

Community Involvement

9/11 Ceremony held at the Public Safety Building.



Community Involvement

Mr. and Mrs. Clause making citizens feel appreciated by handing out meals on Thanksgiving Day.



Admin Assistant

For the calendar year 2024, the Admin Assistant:

- Answered 3,503 phone calls.
- Assisted 1,580 walk in requests for assistance.
- Took 680 requests for reports.
- In addition to those above, the Admin Assistant assists the Chief, Lieutenant, Detectives, and Patrol Staff with the everyday operation of the department.





Admin Assistant

- Other important business the Admin Assistant provides:
- Shop-with-a-Cop planning.
- Golf Cart registration/renewal.
- Fingerprinting scheduling.
- Tracking Purchase Orders and Invoices.
- Posting on social media.
- Administrator for all reporting software/programs.

ADMIN

Officer of the Year

Congratulations to Officer Michael Stutes. His outstanding work ethic and dedication to the residents, businesses, and visitors of Swansboro earned him Officer of the Year honors for 2024.



Chief's Award

Congratulations to Mayor John Davis. His commitment to support the mission of the Swansboro Police Department earned him the 2024 Chief's Award.



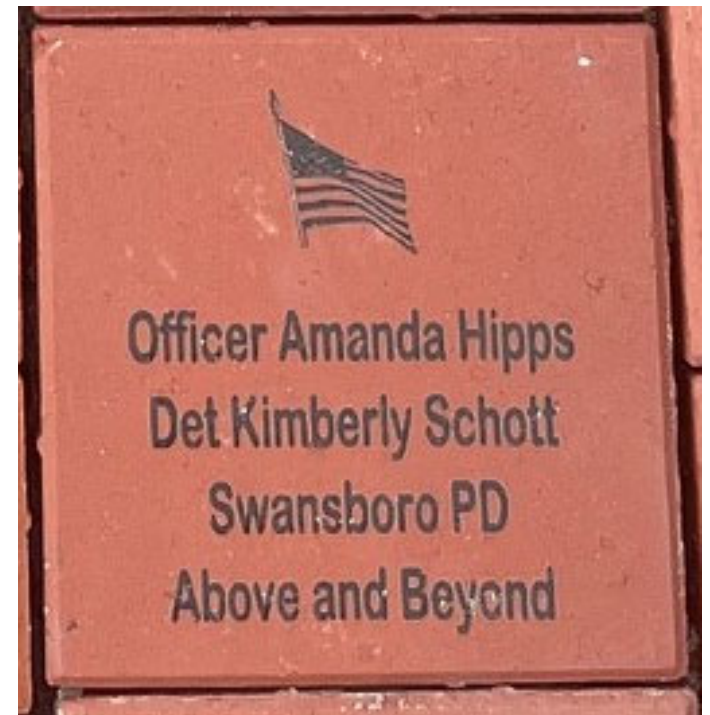
Outstanding Service Award

Congratulations to Detective Kimberly Schott for being presented with the Outstanding Service Award, for service and dedication to the Swansboro Police Department.



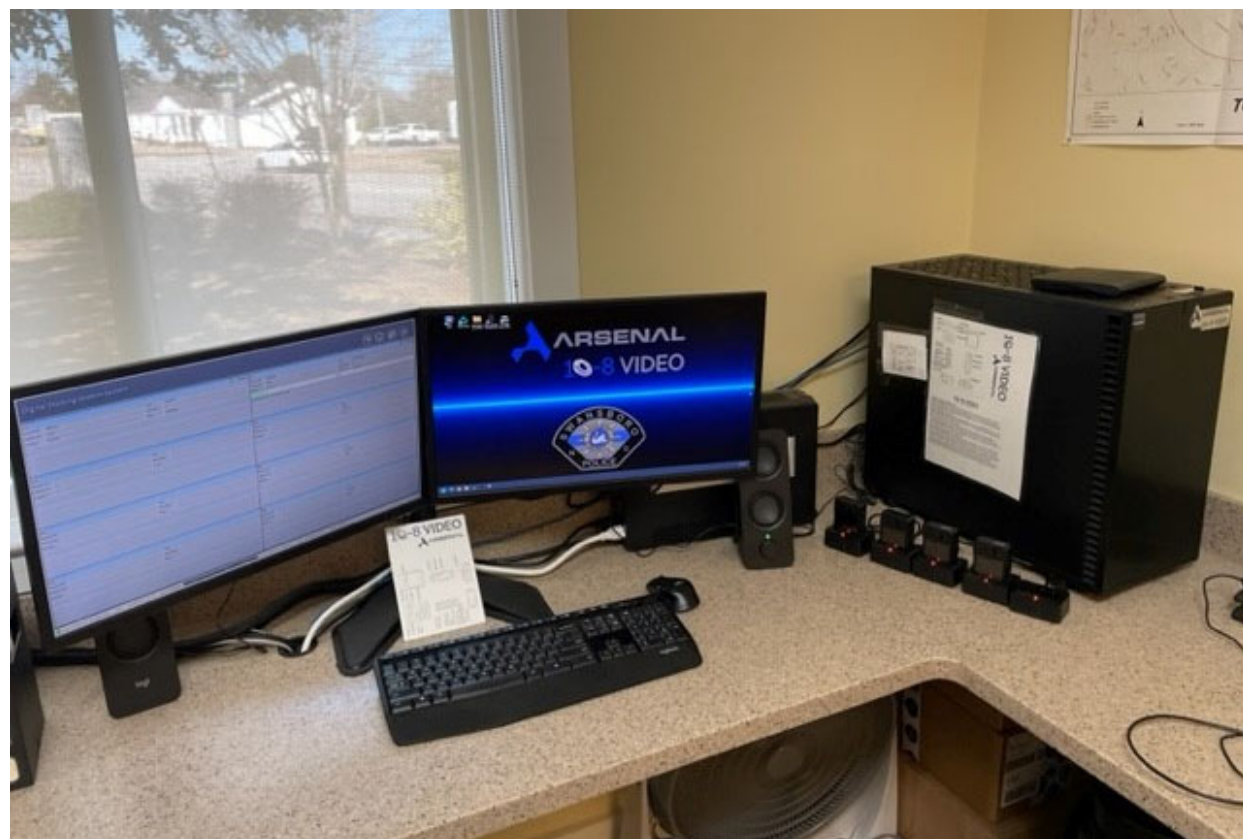
Outstanding Service Recognition

- Mrs. Ashley Danielson recognized Detective Kymberly Schott and Officer Amanda Hipps with a “Ceremonial Brick” placed at LeJeune Memorial Gardens, for their dedication to service, above and beyond, for an incident on September 7, 2024, that involved her husband, who went missing for three hours. After three hours of exhaustive searching, Schott and Hipps located Mr. Danielson.



Goals
achieved in
2024





New Body
Worn
Camera
System



MDT Replacement



New Duty
Gear

Additional Information

The department, also, offers other services to its citizens. Among the services offered by the police department are:

- Residence Checks
- RU Ok?
- Fingerprinting
- Golf Cart inspections

