



		<p>On behalf of all the members of the Swansboro Police Department, it is my pleasure to present our 2025 Annual Report. The information contained in the following pages reflects the outstanding work of our dedicated staff and officers. This report highlights the services we provide, the accomplishments achieved throughout the year, and statistical information related to crime, traffic, and our community partnerships.</p> <p>Every day, the Department works to keep our community protected and our streets safe. Traffic safety, community engagement, and employee development remain top priorities as we continue to deliver the highest quality of police services possible. Despite the thousands of visitors who pass through our Town each year, Swansboro continues to maintain a low crime rate—a testament to the collaborative efforts between our officers and the community.</p> <p>Community engagement remains central to our mission, and our patrol officers are consistently accessible and actively involved in Town events. In 2025, we hosted or participated in numerous programs, including National Night Out, Shop-with-a-Cop, Law Enforcement Cadet Program and Summer Camp, Touch-a-Truck, the Halloweenie Roast, SantaFest, and many others. Our officers also take part in Career Day at several area schools and provide security for events held at the Rotary Civic Center, local businesses, and religious institutions.</p> <p>We are truly grateful for the strong community support that allows us to reinforce established relationships and work together to solve problems as they arise.</p> <p>I want to thank all the members of the Swansboro Police Department for their outstanding work and extend a special thank you to the Swansboro community for your continued trust and support. It is an honor to serve you.</p> <p><i>Dwayne Taylor</i> Dwayne Taylor Chief of Police</p>
<p style="text-align: center; background-color: #004d40; color: white; padding: 10px;">Letter from the Chief of Police</p>		

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.



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## The Town of Swansboro

- Within the jurisdiction of the town, the SPD is responsible for patrolling 25 housing subdivisions, 8 multi-unit housing areas, 208 businesses, 4 schools within the patrol area, 2 assisted-living facilities, and more than 50 surface miles of roads. Also, W Corbett Avenue (NC Hwy 24) is a major east-west roadway that approximately 30,000 vehicles pass daily.



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# Department Organization

- The Swansboro Police Department is composed of 13 full-time sworn law enforcement officers and 2 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 officer through the NC Training and Standards Division. Within the department, four officers have earned their Advanced Law Enforcement Certification.



# 2025 Statistics

## 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.



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## Patrol Events

The Patrol Division performed 51,462 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.



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## Calls For Service

In 2025, the department responded to a total of 7,265 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.

## 2025 Calls for Service

• 911 Hang Up	29
• Alarm/Open Door	164
• Animal Complaint	42
• Assaults (Felony)	35 (5)
• Assist OCSO	249
• Assist Fire/EMS	113
• Assist Parks & Rec (Bathrooms/Dock)	720
• Assist NC SHP	17
• Break & Enter	14
• Business Request Assistance (non-crime)	1,188
• Business Closing Standby	189
• Civil Disputes	70
• Communicating Threat	14
• Crisis Intervention	47
• Death (Suicide)	9 (2)
• Disputes/Public Disturbances	81
• Domestic	57
• Drug Offenses (Felony)	54 (21)
• Drug Overdose (Fatal)	6 (1)

## 2025 Calls for Service

• DWI	29
• Fingerprint Requests	98
• Fraud	39
• Funeral Escorts	30
• Juvenile Issue	14
• Larceny (Felony)	108 (17)
• Lost/Found Property	43
• Missing Person	1
• Noise Complaint	18
• Property Damage	118
• Residence Checks	680
• Resist, Obstruct, Delay	3
• Sex Offense (Felony)	5 (2)
• Shots Fired	5
• Suspicious Incident/Vehicle/Person	239
• Town Ordinance Violations	79

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## 2025 Calls for Service

• Traffic Complaints	216
• Traffic Control-No Wreck	26
• Transport	47
• Trespassing	61
• Unavailable to Respond to Call	65
• Vehicle Unlocks	99
• Warrant Service	61
• Welfare Check	53
• Traffic Enforcement (Citation; V/W Warn)	1,749
• Wrecks	281
• <b>Total Calls for Service:</b>	<b>7,265</b>
• <b>Reportable:</b>	<b>2,073</b>

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In 2025, the Investigations Division investigated 109 felonies.

## Investigations



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## Arrests Statistics

- The Swansboro Police Department made 266 physical arrests in 2025. The next few slides show what crimes arrests were made for and the number of arrests for each crime.



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## Felony Arrests

Conspiracy to Commit a Felony	1
Embezzlement	1
Elder Abuse	1
Fleeing to Elude Arrest	1
Narcotics Possession	19
Obtaining Property by False Pretenses	1
Possession of Stolen Property	1
Possession with Intent to Manufacture Sell & Deliver	2
Uttering a Forged Instrument	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>28</b>

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## Misdemeanor Arrests

Aid & Abet DWI	1
Animal Cruelty	2
Assault	6
Breaking & Entering	1
Carry Concealed Weapon	1
Child Abuse	1
Consuming Less than 21 Years of Age	1
Defraud the Innkeeper	1
Disorderly Conduct	1
Domestic Assault	3
Driving While Impaired	29
Elderly Abuse	1
False Imprisonment	1

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## Misdemeanor Arrests

File False Police Report	1
Injure/Tamper with Vehicle	1
Larceny	33
Maintain Vehicle for Selling Narcotics	2
Misuse 911	1
Narcotics Possession	20
Open Container in Vehicle	2
Possession of Stolen Goods	2
Property Damage	7
Resist, Delay, Obstruct Public Officer	3
Traffic related not DWI	42
Trespassing	14
<b>Total</b>	<b>177</b>

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## Warrant Service

### Arrests made by Warrant Service: 61

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

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## Admin Assistant

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- For the calendar year 2025, the Admin Assistant:
- Answered 3,520 phone calls.
- Assisted 1,670 walk in requests for assistance.
- Took 772 requests for copy of reports.
- In addition to those above, the Admin Assistant assists the Chief, Deputy Chief, Lieutenant, Detective, and Patrol Staff with the everyday operation of the department.

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# The Swansboro Police Department Participated in 24 Community Events throughout 2025

- Tiny Trekkers
- Touch-a-Truck
- Pirate Fest
- Memorial Day Ceremony
- SHS Seniors Parade
- Arts by the Sea
- Independence Day Celebration
- Safety Town
- Tunnel to Towers 5k
- National Night Out
- Moving Mullet 5k
- Mullet Festival
- Halloweenie Roast
- 3-Trunk-or-Treat Events
- Veteran's Day Ceremony
- Swansboro by Candlelight
- Swansboro Christmas Flotilla
- Thanksgiving Day meals distribution
- Operation Deployed Santa
- Shop-with-a-Cop
- Santa Parade around Town

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Touch-a-Truck



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Tiny Trekkers

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Cadet Summer Camp

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## Cadet Summer Camp

- The Cadet Summer Camp is a weeklong program that immerses the cadets in a Police Academy environment. Cadets go through numerous classroom and practical exercises that gives the cadets an experience as a police officer.

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## Tunnel to Towers 5k Run

- SPD Officers participate in the Tunnel to Towers 5k Run each year.



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## National Night Out

- On September 19, the Swansboro Police Department held our first ever National Night Out. The event was quite a success with 35 vendors and approximately 1,000 patrons for the two-hour event. Thank you to our business sponsors, the vendors, and, especially, to the community for making the event successful.

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# Halloween Decorations Contest



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## Shop with a Cop

- A great time for officers and the children. Thanks to our corporate sponsors and to the residents who donated to make this a joyous occasion for these children

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## Official drop-off point for Letters to Santa

Kids could drop off a letter for Santa Clause.



Santa Clause left his reply which was delivered to the child.



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# Christmas in the Boro

Santa pays a visit to the Friendly City By the Sea



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# Off-Duty Details

- SPD Officers were hired by numerous civic groups and businesses to perform security duties at 36 events throughout 2025.

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# Awards and Achievements



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# Our Biggest Supporters

- Huge shoutout to our spouses and family for their constant support. Without that support this profession would be even more difficult. You all have the hardest jobs and we thank you!

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## Officer of the Year

Congratulations Officer Eric Mason

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## Chief's Award

Congratulations Police Admin  
Tom Peluso

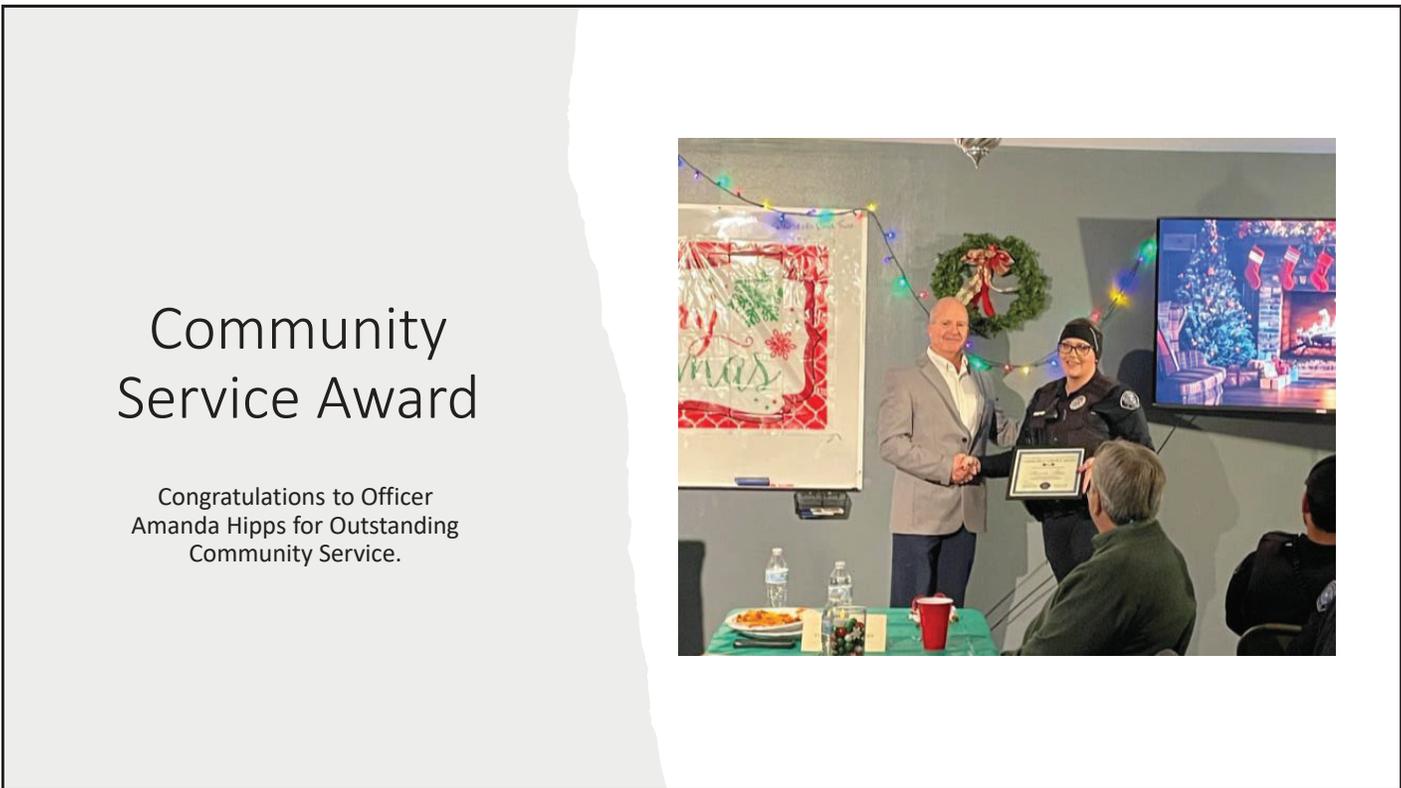
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## Cadet of the Year

Congratulations Cadet Telesforo Seymour.

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## Community Service Award

Congratulations to Officer Amanda Hipps for Outstanding Community Service.

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# Congratulations Deputy Chief Ben Brim Follow in the Footsteps Award

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## Special Achievement

Congratulations Detective Kymberly  
Schott on obtaining NC Advanced Law  
Enforcement Certification



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## Special Recognition

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- Sgt. Jason Rodriguez receives the Law Enforcement Purple Heart for injuries sustained during the performance of his duties



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# New Hires

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Officer Eric  
Mason

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Officer  
Daniel  
Gregor

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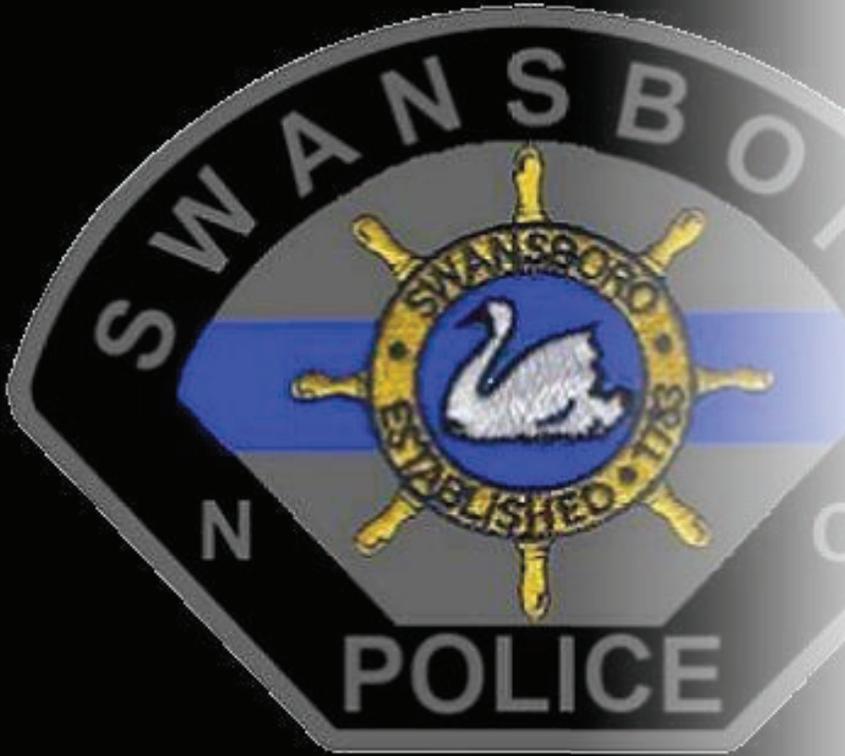
Officer  
Stephen  
Ferguson

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Miscellaneous

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## 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

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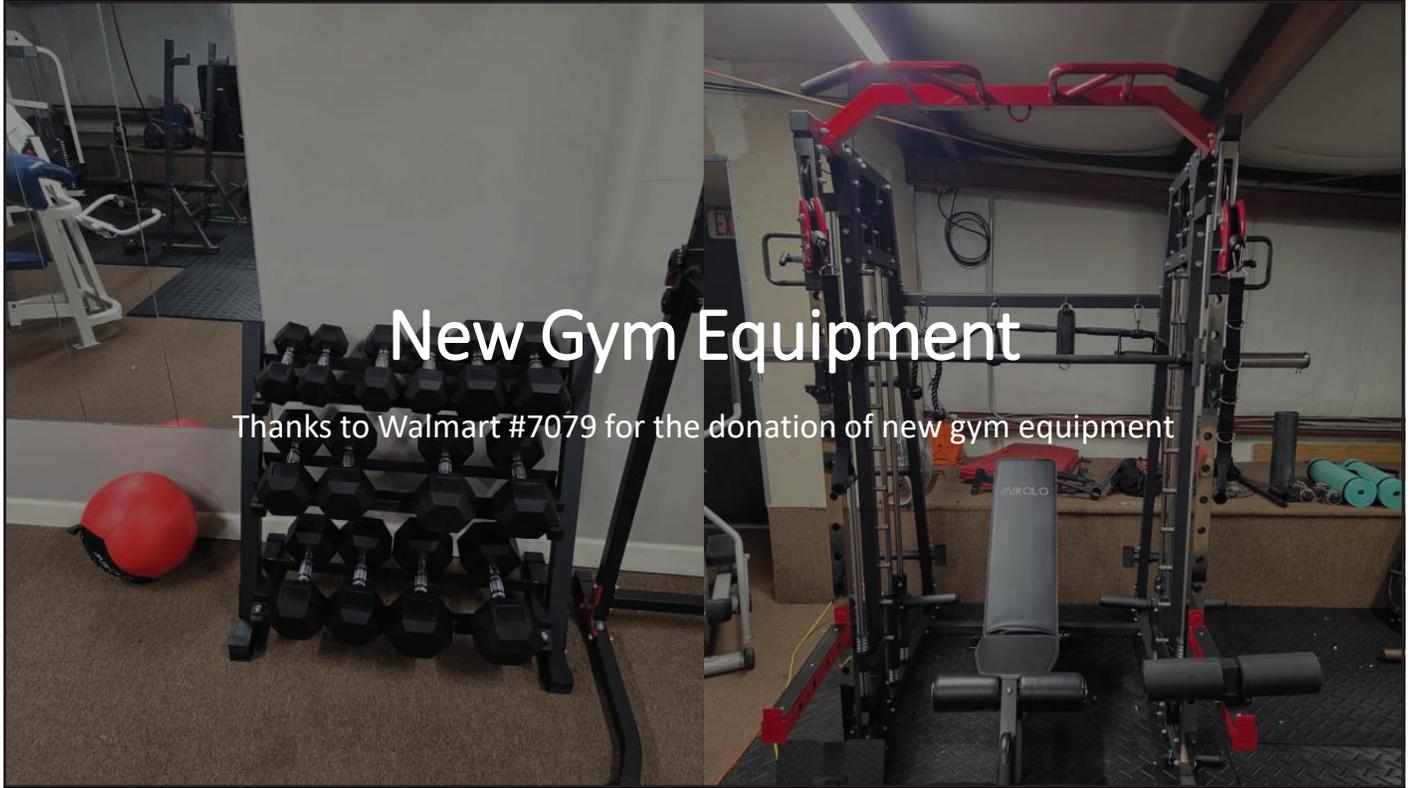
## New Patrol Car Graphics

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- Patrol vehicles will have a lightbar and white graphics for higher visibility on the roadways and in the neighborhoods.



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## Intoximeter EC/IR II

- Instrument placed in the PD will reduce amount of time officer is away from town when processing a DWI arrestee.

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## Around the PD

Completed painting project of our entry foyer and hallway.



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## Bernie

Everyone's favorite, Bernie. Bernie helps to adjust the attitude of all who meet him.



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## Departmental Goals

- Continue to recruit quality candidates.
- Work to improve retention rate. 2025 was the first positive increase in officers in several years.
- Continue with NC League of Municipality Risk Assessment.
- Apply for NC Law Enforcement Accreditation.
- Seek out more grant opportunities.
- Increase PD's online presence.
- Continue to publish quarterly statistics.
- Increase officer's community presence with outreach programs (informational presentations).
- As staffing increases, have a greater presence on W Corbett Avenue to work on traffic safety.
- Increase training opportunities for officers.