

**Durham Police Department
2021 First Quarter Report
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The Durham Police Department reports on five measures – Part 1 Violent Crime, Part 1 Property Crime, Clearance Rates, Sworn/Non-Sworn Staffing and Priority 1 Call Responses – every quarter. The report also includes significant arrests and activities, community events and outstanding performances during the quarter.

Part 1 violent crime (homicide, rape, robbery and aggravated assault) was down by eight percent during the first quarter of 2021 compared to the first three months of 2020. Part 1 property crime (burglary, larceny and motor vehicle theft) was down significantly by 17 percent compared to the first quarter of 2020. Part 1 property crime comprised 83 percent of all Part 1 crime and larcenies made up more than half – 63 percent – of Part 1 crime.

Part 1 Violent Crime – January through March

Part 1 Violent Crimes	3-Year Avg	2019	2020	2021	2020-21 % Change
Homicide	9	12	7	7	No Change
Rape	31	33	28	31	11%
Robbery	146	153	167	118	-29%
Aggravated Assault	263	199	292	299	2%
Violent Crime	449	397	494	455	-8%

Statistics provided by the Police Department's Crime Analysis Unit

Part 1 Property Crime – January through March

Part 1 Property Crimes	3-Year Avg	2019	2020	2021	2020-21 % Change
Burglary	447	454	494	394	-20%
Larceny	1,783	1,599	2,036	1,713	-16%
Motor Vehicle Theft	177	155	214	161	-25%
Property Crime	2,407	2,208	2,744	2,268	-17%

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Part 1 Clearance Rates

Crime Category	DPD 1Q 2021	DPD 2020	FBI 2019
Homicide	87.5%	32.43%	51.5%
Rape	25.8%	31.90%	25.6%
Robbery	34.7%	19.58%	23.8%
Aggravated Assault	39.8%	23.93%	41%
Violent Crime	38.2%	23.34%	35.1%
Burglary	16.7%	10.46%	11.2%
Larceny	15.1%	13.05%	13.5%
Motor Vehicle Theft	13%	8.31%	10.7%
Property Crime	15.3%	12.19%	12.8%

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FBI statistics are for cities with 250,000 to 499,999 populations*

Priority 1 Call Responses

The average response time to Priority 1 calls during the first quarter of 2021 was 5.95 minutes, which did not meet our target average of 5.8 minutes.

During the first quarter of 2021, 53.76 percent of Priority 1 calls were answered in under five minutes. That was less than our target of 57 percent.

Staffing Levels

The DPD's sworn staffing was at 88 percent (489/556) at the end of the first quarter (March 31, 2021). Our non-sworn staffing was at 90 percent (113/126) at the end of March 2021.

Adult Misdemeanor Diversion (October 2015-March 2021):

*Adult MDP was 18-21 until February 2019 when DPD did expansion to include up to age 26 and older adults at officer discretion

There have been 368 participants enrolled to date with a 100% completion rate. There are seven still enrolled with four intakes pending from referrals over the weekend, and all are on track to complete.

There have been 361 participants who have completed the program and only 16 participants re-offended within one year of completion.

Demographics: 58% African-American; 25% Caucasian; 15% Hispanic; and 2% AS/PI

Referral Sources for this CY: 100% DPD; 0% Sheriff/SRO

Referrals to Wrap-Around Services (241 total referrals): Education Services 46; Employment Assistance 57; Mental Health 71; Mentoring 18; Substance Use evaluations/treatment 30; and Housing 34. During COVID-19 the program also provided community resources for food, financial resources and other needs to all MDP participants free of charge. Resources and programming are available in English and Spanish.

First Quarter Part 1 Domestic Violence Crimes (January-March)

Part 1 Violent Crime	2019 1Q	2020 1Q	2021 1Q
Murder	2	1	1
Rape	2	6	8
Robbery	3	6	3
Aggravated Assault	52	62	69
Totals	59	75	81
Part 1 Property Crime			
Burglary	24	10	11
Larceny	19	15	32
Motor Vehicle Theft	1	1	1
Totals	44	26	44
Part 1 Index Crime Totals	103	101	125

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Juvenile Offenses for January-March 2021

Offense/Age	13	14	15	16	17	Grand Total
Aggravated Assault			1	1	1	3
All Other Offenses			2	3		5
Burglary					1	1
Drug Violations			2		1	3
Embezzlement					1	1
Forgery/Counterfeiting				2	1	3
Fraud				1		1
Larceny		3	4	23		30
Obscene Material				2		2
Robbery			1			1
Simple Assault	3	2		2	1	8
Stolen Property		1	4	1		6
Vandalism					3	3
Weapon Violations			4		1	5
Grand Total	3	6	18	35	10	72

*Statistics provided by the Police Department's Crime Analysis Unit
Police Recruit Applicants Tested During the First Quarter 2021*

2021 1st Quarter	Number of Applicants	Failed Written Test	Failed Physical Test	Durham Residents Total	Durham Residents Failed Test
White Male	5	0	1	2	1
White Female	1	0	1	0	0
African-American Male	12	5	0	4	2
African-American Female	0	0	0	0	0
Latino Male	2	1	0	0	1
Latino Female	1	0	1	0	0
Asian Male	0	0	0	0	0
Asian Female	0	0	0	0	0
Other Male	0	0	0	0	0
Other Female	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	21	6	3	6	3

Statistics provided by the Durham Police Department's Training Division

First Quarter Recruiting Unit Job Fairs and Open Houses – The Recruiting Unit attended 17 virtual and in-person recruiting fairs during the first quarter of 2021. They started attending in-person events in March. The recruiting events included Reliant Hiring Law Enforcement Fairs in Tennessee, Florida, North Carolina and Georgia; ENCCA Career Fair hosted by Barton College; UNC Pembroke, UNC Greensboro, N.C. A&T University, N.C. State University, N.C. Central University, East Carolina University, Georgia Southern University, Fayetteville State University, Alamance Community College and Robeson Community College career fairs; CIAA Tournament Career Fair; and John Jay (NY) Law Enforcement Job Fair.

Our Recruiting Unit has continued to work during the pandemic and accept applications. Potential applicants were encouraged to apply through the City of Durham website and contact DPD recruiters via email.

First Quarter Above and Beyond

(These are just a few examples of the many above and beyond actions by Durham Police Department employees during the First Quarter of 2021)

Attempted Suicide Rescue – Officers responded to a call about a suicidal woman in the area of Fayetteville Road and Kentington Drive shortly before midnight on February 15. A caller stated that he saw a female jump out of her vehicle, strip naked and jump 20 feet into a retention pond. When officers arrived, the female was attempting to drown herself in the pond. Two officers – Squad 3B Officer K.A. Schooley and Squad 4B Officer N.O. Farlow – went into the cold water and rescued the woman who was taken to the hospital for treatment.

EMS Assistance – Squad 1C Officer H.A. Nobles responded to a call about a woman in crisis who had several life-threatening lacerations. The woman was bleeding heavily and needed immediate medical attention. First on scene, Officer Nobles began to administer first aid and keep the woman from further injury. Responding EMS personnel applauded Officer Nobles’ skill and professionalism throughout the incident while assisting EMS to give the woman the treatment she required. NOTE: EMS has previously commended Officer Nobles for her CPR skills when she saved the life of a cardiac-arrest victim in December.

Kitten Rescue – In late March, two Durham police officers rescued a tiny kitten in distress and the lucky kitten found a new home with one of the officers.

Squad 4B Officers E.L. Masnik and J.N. Rowsey saw the kitten, who appeared to be frightened and alone, while on patrol near Linwood Avenue and Dawkins Street. The officers searched the neighborhood in an attempt to find the kitten’s owner or its mother but had no luck. The kitten, now named Dobby, was approximately six weeks old and weighed 1.25 pounds when he was rescued.



Vaccine Assistance – A supervisor commended Squad 2A Officer M.A. Zapata for assisting an elderly couple who was in need. Officer Zapata took the time to assist a handicapped elderly male who was trying to go get his COVID-19 vaccine shot. The male was unable to walk and his elderly wife could not get him into a car. Officer Zapata responded and was able to get the male into the vehicle and assisted them in getting to their vaccine location, so that they would not miss their vaccine appointment.

Homeless Outreach – In January, Squad 5A Officer M.M. Adkins put together an initiative to assist the homeless in central Durham during the cold winter weather. Officer Adkins encouraged her squad, friends and family to donate basic necessities such as clothing, blankets, gloves, snacks and face masks. They responded with an abundance of generosity and even assembled the donations into bags to share with those in need. Officer Adkins, along with 5A Sergeant C.L. McCoy and 5A Senior Patrol Officer T.A. Stewart, distributed these essential items to homeless people throughout downtown Durham.



Homeless Outreach – Throughout the month of January, Squad 1A Senior Patrol Officer Z.J. Arguilez made contact with a homeless person who usually stays behind a convenience store on Holloway Street. Officer Arguilez provided the man with several heavy coats and pants to make it through the winter months.

First Quarter Awards and Honors

First Quarter DPD Employees of the Month

District 1

Officer S.A. May, Squad 1C – Officer May was recognized for his handling of a potentially lethal situation involving an armed man suffering from a mental health crisis. Officer May was able to disarm the man who was a threat to officers and another person. “He undoubtedly saved the subject’s life as officers were then able to apprehend the subject without resorting to lethal force,” according to his nomination.

“Officer May has distinguished himself as a crucial member of the team. He is thoughtful and considerate in his interpersonal communication skills. His maturity and professionalism are consistently on display, both on a routine basis and during critical incidents,” his supervisors said.

Officer D.L. Flores, Squad 1C – Officer Flores was recognized for his outstanding performance during February. “Officer Flores has once again demonstrated professional excellence, dedication and work effort,” his supervisors said.

His accomplishments during the month included: being the primary officer on 176 calls while checking in on 71 additional calls; providing invaluable Spanish translation at many calls;

recovering five firearms and making arrests in the cases; recovering three stolen vehicles; serving four warrants; conducting 31 vehicle stops; and issuing 10 citations.

On one day in February, Officer Flores responded to a larceny of firearm call and during the course of his investigation was able to identify a suspect and then obtain warrants for larceny of a firearm and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Later that same day, Officer Flores was able to locate and identify a homicide suspect with outstanding warrants. Organizing his fellow officers, Officer Flores coordinated moving in and arresting the suspect without incident.

District 2

Officer D.D. Rainey, Squad 2A – Officer Rainey was recognized by his supervisors for his productivity as well as outreach to other officers. Officer Rainey conducted multiple vehicle stops, several of which resulted in wanted people being located and outstanding warrants being served. He also found a suspicious vehicle during a proactive, self-initiated property check at Duke Park. A search of the vehicle produced a concealed handgun, and the occupant was arrested for possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Officer Rainey also located heroin and cocaine and the arrestee was charged with multiple felonies.

Officer Rainey also made arrests through his calls for service. On one call, he obtained juvenile petitions on a female for embezzlement by stealing money from her employer. On a domestic violence call, he obtained felony assault by strangulation charges. Through his proactivity and excellent investigative actions, Officer Rainey made several quality arrests of felony suspects within District 2, and as a result, should be commended for his great month, according to his supervisors.

District 3

Officer J.P. Florian, Squad 3A – Officer Florian is a new officer who was released to full duty in December 2020 and, according to his supervisor, he made significant contributions to his squad during his first weeks on full duty. He handled and/or assisted at 20 percent of Squad 3A's calls during January.

Officer Florian also made several significant arrests during this time. He made a traffic stop on Garrett Road and through his investigation located 17 grams of heroin. He charged the driver with trafficking in heroin and other drug offenses. (Four grams of heroin is the threshold for trafficking charges.)

Ten days later Officer Florian made another traffic stop on Garrett Road and recovered approximately one pound of marijuana and a firearm. Several days later he also served a federal warrant on a man wanted on firearms charges. Officer Florian has demonstrated that he is a dedicated and hard-working officer and an asset to his new squad, his supervisors said.

District 4

Officer T.S. Stuart, Squad 4D – Officer Stuart was recognized for his efforts to save an unresponsive man. In February, Officer Stuart was dispatched to a location on Fayetteville Street in reference to a 30-year-old male experiencing an overdose.

Upon his arrival, Officer Stuart found an unresponsive patient who was not breathing and had a weak pulse. The caller, who left the scene, provided very little information to dispatch before hanging up.

Officer Stuart immediately began administering compressions until the patient started to breathe on his own. Officer Stuart was able to support the patient's head and neck in order to maintain an airway as well as comforting the patient until EMS personnel arrived. "Due to Officer Stuart's quick thinking and immediate reaction to this life-threatening situation he was able to facilitate successful resuscitation. The patient was thus able to be transported to Duke University Hospital by EMS for follow-up medical care," his supervisor said.

"Officer Stuart's response in this situation is a great reflection on his dedication to the citizens of Durham and in keeping with the tradition and service provide by the Durham Police Department," his supervisor added.

Officer C.R. Gonzales, Squad 4A – Officer Gonzales was recognized as a District 4 Employee of the Month for his outstanding handling of a chaotic shooting scene. Officer Gonzales, who was the first officer to arrive on the scene, found a victim who had been shot and critically injured. The closest responding supervisor was several minutes away so Officer Gonzales immediately took control of the scene.

"As he was attempting to render aid to the victim, he was still advising units to set up crime scene tape, set up a perimeter and called for K9. When the first supervisor arrived, the scene was under control," his commander said.

"Officer Gonzales correctly delegated all tasks as if he was a supervisor, which is extremely impressive for a patrol officer given that it was pouring rain and witnesses were scattered

everywhere,” his commander added. Officer Gonzales located several witnesses and ran a track with a DPD K9 officer to try to locate a suspect.

“Officer Gonzales did a fantastic job throughout the entirety of this investigation and crime scene. This is just one example of the outstanding work that Officer Gonzales consistently does for the City of Durham,” according to his nomination. His commanders praised his poise, professionalism and leadership skills.

District 5

Officer N.C. Parkstone, Squad 5A – Officer Parkstone was recognized by his supervisors for his dedication to his job and his community outreach. “Officer Parkstone went above and beyond his normal duties. Not only has he volunteered to help out other districts when they needed extra manpower, he also adopted Calvert Place and Main Street Townhomes to work to bridge the gap between the police and the community,” his supervisors said.

Officer Parkstone spent his own money to purchase police stickers to give out to children and he has worked to build relationships with families and children in the Main Street Townhomes area. He seeks out these families and makes a point to speak with them every time he conducts patrols in that area. It’s not uncommon to see him parked in the parking lot of 900 East Main Street with multiple children all around him and his vehicle.

“Officer Parkstone also spearheaded the squad’s holiday initiative and requested that the unit help a family in the Main Street Townhomes. He and members of Squad 5A purchased food to provide two families with large Christmas meals. His heart is serving the community and we are proud to have him as an officer in District 5,” his supervisors said.

Officer M.M. Adkins, Squad 5A – Officer Adkins was recognized for her community outreach. “The law enforcement code of ethics states that as law enforcement officers, our fundamental duty is to serve the community. Officer Adkins has personified this duty by her service to the residents in downtown Durham. While patrolling the downtown area, Officer Adkins has encountered and interacted with several homeless persons. She quickly recognized these individuals may be lacking vital resources to successfully endure the cold winter temperatures,” her nomination said.

Officer Adkins took the initiative to address this problem by recruiting her family, friends and squad mates to collect donations of blankets, clothing, hand warmers, gloves, facemasks and other items. “They responded with abundant generosity and even assembled the donations into bags to share with those in need. With the help of her 5A squad mates, Officer Adkins

distributed these bags of essential items to homeless persons throughout the downtown area. Each recipient was extremely grateful for the service provided by the officers,” according to the nomination.

Officer Adkins often reaches out to members of our community. In April 2020, she helped distribute bagged meals from the Nehemiah Christian Center to residents in need. In May 2020, she unofficially adopted a high school senior who has dreams of becoming a law enforcement officer. She purchased gifts for the young man and organized a celebratory graduation parade of police vehicles for his high school graduation.

“Officer Adkins’ actions perfectly embody our age old mantra, ‘To protect and serve.’ She is effectively bolstering the relationship between the police and the community. It is for these reasons that we recognize Officer Adkins for her meritorious service and herald her acts of service to our community,” her commanders said.

Organized Crime Division

Investigators T.D. Douglass Jr. and B.S. Jones – Investigators Douglass and Jones were on patrol when they observed smoke coming from the eaves of a house on Fayetteville Street and called for the Fire Department. After noticing fire inside the residence, Investigators Douglass and Jones made forced entry into the residence to check for victims but were unable to search due to heavy smoke. The fire was spreading through the house, so the two investigators began shouting through an open window. They were able to alert two residents on the second floor who were unaware that the residence was on fire. Unable to exit downstairs, the two residents safely climbed out onto the second story balcony and remained there until the Durham Fire Department arrived on scene to assist them down to safety. Their supervisors praised their keen observation, quick thinking and quick actions, which prevented a potential loss of life and helped the residents escape without injury.

Criminal Investigations Division

Sergeant J.P. Brigante, Corporal J.E. Childress and Investigators C.E. Bernock, K.M. Foley, J.C. Kellar, J.A. Kellar, B.V. Riley, J.J. Wilking, A.C. Crumbley, J.C. Justice and Z.B. Starritt, Violent Crime Task Force – The current and former members of the Violent Crime Task Force, which was formed in September 2020, were recognized for their hard work and dedication to investigating and solving crimes involving firearms. Investigators Starritt and Justice were praised for their investigation of a shooting, which resulted in federal firearms charges on a suspect.

Community Engagement Unit Award

The Islamic Circle of North America Relief recently recognized the Durham Police Department's Community Engagement Unit (CEU) for its unwavering support of ICNA Relief in 2020. ICNA attributes the overwhelming success of its local COVID-19 pandemic community outreach to its strong partnership with CEU. Hundreds of Durham families have been served through collaborative outreach efforts including food pantry distribution events, book bag giveaways and community clean-ups.

In the photo Sergeant Daryl Macaluso accepts the award from Niveen Allan, ICNA Relief Outreach Coordinator of North Carolina.



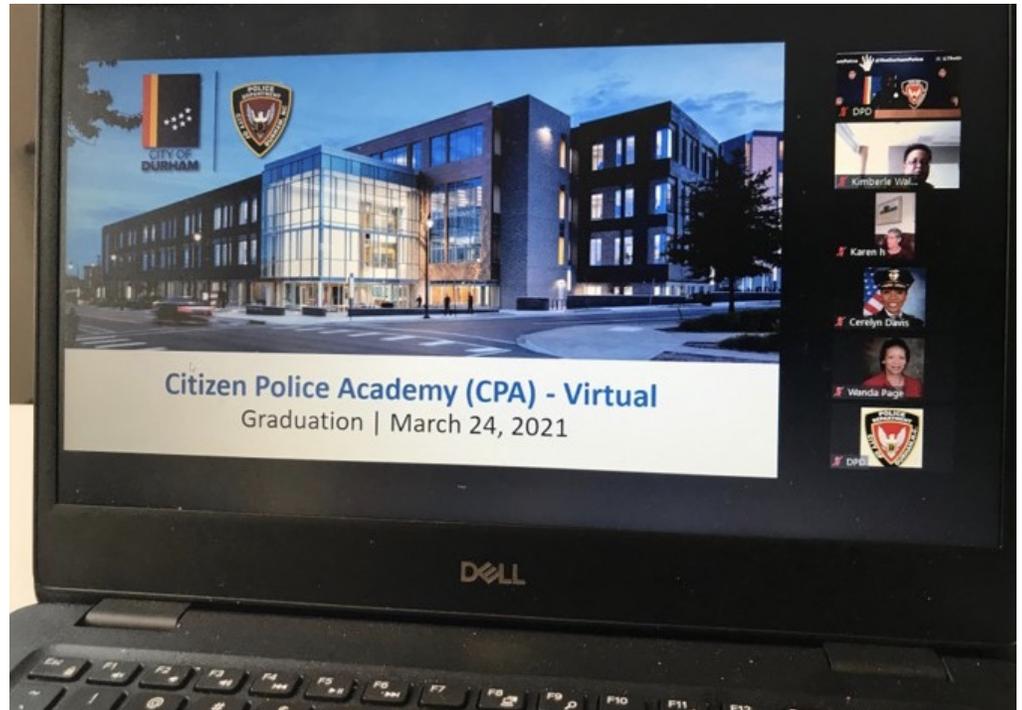
First Quarter Initiatives and Activities

(These are just a few examples of the many initiatives and activities conducted by DPD employees during the First Quarter of 2021)

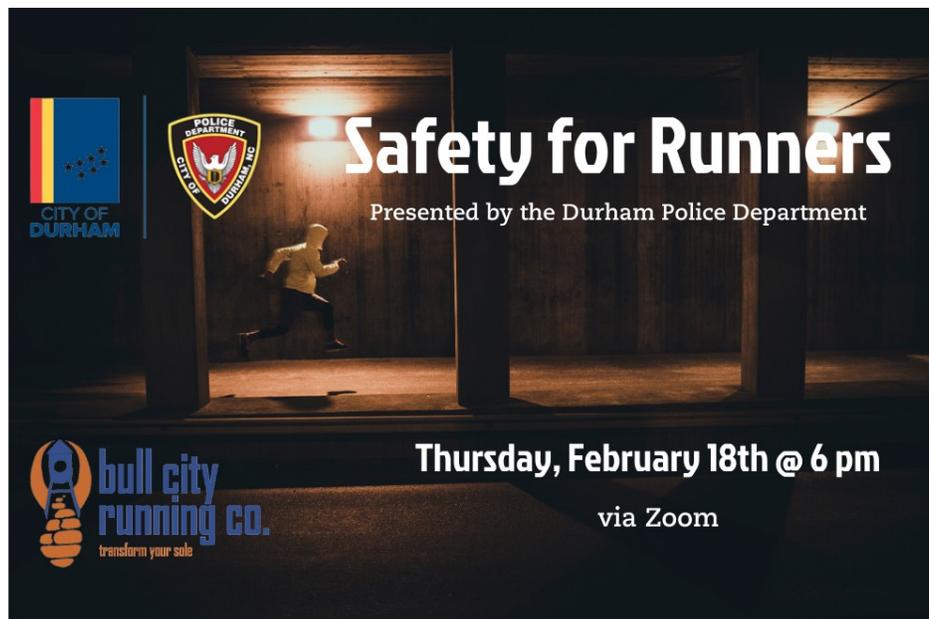
Virtual Citizen Police

Academy – The

Durham Police Department held a five-week virtual Citizen Police Academy, which started on February 16. It was a shorter version of the on-site program that gives firsthand insights into the department's daily operations and services. Graduation was held on March 24.



Safety for Runners – On February 18 DPD officers collaborated with Bull City Running Company to hold a virtual event for runners about strategies for personal safety.



PAL Mentoring/Venturing Program – During the 1st quarter The Community Services Division’s Police Athletic/Activities League (PAL) launched a youth mentoring/venturing program in the McDougald Terrace community. The program offers academic, recreation and social activities to middle and high school students.

Activities are conveniently provided on-site every third Wednesday of the month. They began with a goal to meet once a month online through Zoom to just talk about how things are going, and this progressed to also doing one fun activity a month.

In February the group went on hike to Occoneechee Mountain Hillsborough along with a few PAL Explorers. Youth gained confidence throughout the day while exploring nature as they navigated unknown territory and conquered fears of heights. The field trip encouraged team building and overcoming challenges as officers and youth traversed naturally challenging hiking paths that wind through the park.



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In March the group took a bicycle ride on the American Tobacco Trail. Members of the DPD’s Community Engagement Unit and Neighborhood Improvement Services also attended. The bikes the youth rode for this event were donated to them after the event through the work of the Community Engagement Unit. They also received bike helmets.

The mentoring/venturing program has now expanded to the Cornwallis Road and Oxford Manor housing communities. Parents who registered children expressed great appreciation for the program and added that more positive youth engagement opportunities are needed.

Cancer-Free Anniversary Celebration – Earlier this year, the DPD’s Motor Unit and the Durham County Sheriff’s Office helped 10-year-old Benji Fisher celebrate his one-year anniversary of being leukemia free. Motor officers turned on their lights and sirens as they conducted specialized maneuvers in front of Benji’s house in a show of encouragement and support.



Sleep in Heavenly Peace – Officers with the Community Engagement Unit (CEU), in partnership with the Durham Chapter of Sleep in Heavenly Peace, participated in several bed build events during the first quarter. They helped deliver and assemble beds for children in the Durham community. The youth were also provided pillows, linen sets and comforters.

Since its start locally in 2019, Sleep in Heavenly Peace has built approximately 140 beds. CEU officers were among the first collaborators to join the bed build mission and have taken part in the majority of the bed build events to date.



Police Athletic League Baseball Camp – The Spring 2021 Police Athletic League (PAL) Baseball Camp was held on March 24. Officers serving as coaches helped youth develop fielding techniques for baseball and softball, as well as stances to field balls from the infield or the outfield.

Hot Cocoa with the DPD Event – DPD officers shared safety information and met new residents on Laurel Avenue on February 13 as part of the “Hot Cocoa with the DPD” community event. Officers from the Community Engagement Unit and the Police Athletic League Unit along with the District 1 Community Liaison Officer partnered with Habitat for Humanity of Durham and the Community Engagement Division of the City of Durham Neighborhood Improvement Services Department to hold the event.



Speed Enforcement Operation – Investigators from the Traffic and Crash Team (TACT) and officers from Squad 3B conducted a speed enforcement operation March 25 on the Interstate 40 corridor, which was the top location for traffic crashes during the previous quarter. Officers stopped 16 vehicles and the highest recorded speed was 100 mph in a 65 mph zone. Officers also issued one citation for no operator’s license, one citation for careless and reckless driving and one drug violation.

Speed Enforcement Operations – Members of the DPD’s Traffic and Crash Team (TACT) and Motor Unit along with the Durham County Sheriff’s Office SCOPE Team conducted a morning

rush hour speed operation on N.C. 147 near Swift Ave on March 17. Officers stopped 28 vehicles for speeding with the highest speed being 94 mph in a 55 mph zone. Officers also cited two drivers for no operator's license and one driver for careless and reckless driving.

TACT investigators also conducted speed enforcement operations in two of our high crash locations - Interstate 85 near U.S. 70 and Interstate 40 from Durham-Chapel Hill Boulevard to N.C. 55. TACT investigators stopped 29 vehicles for speeding. Nine of those 29 vehicles were stopped for going 90 mph or more. The highest recorded speed was 97 mph in a 60 mph zone. Four drivers were also charged with careless and reckless driving.

Operation Medicine Drop – The Durham Police Department, in conjunction with Safe Kids North Carolina, participated in an Operation Medicine Drop drug drop-off event on March 26 as part of National Poison Prevention Week. The event was held at Russell's Pharmacy at 2116 Angier Avenue and Triangle Pharmacy at 1700 East Highway 54.



Operation Medicine Drop allows people to safely and anonymously dispose of unused or expired over-the-counter and prescription medications. The program's purpose is to educate the public on the dangers of pharmaceutical drug abuse and accidental poisonings as well as educate them on the responsible handling, security and destruction of prescription and over-the-counter medications. Officers at these locations supervised the collection and maintain security of any collected materials. The collected materials will be destroyed in a safe and environmentally friendly manner. .

Investigators collected approximately 125 pounds of medication, including morphine, fentanyl, hydrocodone and other highly addictive substances.

Boy Scouts Pinewood Derby Contest – Durham Police Department officers celebrated craftsmanship and sportsmanship as spectators attending the Boy Scouts Pinewood Derby Contest at Westminster Presbyterian Church on March 27. District 3 Community Resource Officer L. Mock has served as a contest judge for a couple of years. Organizers have issued an early challenge for the Durham Police Department and the Durham Fire Department to build and enter a car for the next race! They also extend a big "thank you" to Officers Mock, Hendrix, Woods and Wynn for taking the time to encourage Durham youth.

First Quarter Homicide Arrests

October 2020 Ridgeway Avenue Murder Arrest – Anthony Jerome Jackson Jr., who was wanted in connection with a 2020 fatal shooting on Ridgeway Avenue, was arrested February 16 on Otis Street by officers from the Durham Police Department and members of the U.S. Marshals Service Carolina Regional Fugitive Task Force.

Officers were dispatched to a shooting call in the 800 block of Ridgeway Avenue around 12:40 p.m. on October 15, 2020. When they arrived, they found 23-year-old Johnathon Christopher Miller III who was suffering from a gunshot wound. Miller was taken to the hospital, where he later died. Investigators said the shooting does not appear to have been random.

Huron Street Murder Arrest – Dominique Lamont Arrington, 32, of Durham was charged with murder in connection with a fatal shooting that was reported in February in the 2300 block of Huron Street.

Officers responded to a home on Huron Street around 8:15 a.m. on February 17. When they arrived, they found 34-year-old Katherine Bruno inside the house. She had been shot and was pronounced dead at the scene. The shooting was not random, according to investigators.

December 2020 Murder Arrest – The U.S. Marshals Service Carolina Regional Fugitive Task Force arrested Jonathon Winfred High Jr., 19, of Durham on March 19 in the 400 block of East Pilot Street in connection with a fatal shooting that happened in December 2020.

Durham police investigators obtained indictments charging High with murder, robbery with a dangerous weapon and conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon in connection with the December 19, 2020 fatal shooting of Alexander Keith Hairston, 20, of Garner near the 3000 block of Fayetteville Street. High was also charged with a probation violation. He was placed in Durham County Jail without bond.

Hardee Street and Cushman Street Murders – Mario Blanding, 33, of Durham was arrested on February 18 on Apogee Drive and charged with fatally shooting two men in separate but related incidents on February 3. He is charged with fatally shooting Antone Baines, 38, of Durham in the 200 block of Cushman Street shortly before 6 p.m. on February 3. He is also charged with fatally shooting Corey Gooch, 40, of Durham a short time later in the 500 block of Hardee Street.

Significant First Quarter Sexual Assault Arrest

2015 Rape Case Charges – Investigators from the Durham Police Department’s Cold Case Sexual Assault Unit filed charges in a 2015 rape case. The sexual assault was reported during the early morning hours of May 31, 2015. A man wearing a mask and armed with knife broke into the victim’s home and sexually assaulted her. The victim did not know the suspect.

A DNA sample was entered into the national Combined DNA Index System (CODIS) and Durham investigators received a positive CODIS result in November 2020. Investigators followed up on this information and obtained indictments charging 27-year-old Carlos Dominguez-Aguiar with first-degree rape and first-degree burglary.

Dominguez-Aguiar is currently serving a 10-month prison sentence in Texas for illegal re-entry to the country. The Durham warrants are scheduled to be served on Dominguez-Aguiar when he completes his sentence in Texas

Significant First Quarter Aggravated Assault Arrests

Shooting Arrest – Deon McArthur, 29, was arrested and charged with shooting a man following a dispute in January. The victim was driving near Birmingham Avenue and Stadium Drive on January 24 when shots were fired into his vehicle. The victim was treated for a gunshot wound to his back/shoulder. McArthur was arrested on charges of assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury, discharging a weapon into an occupied property causing serious bodily injury, felony conspiracy and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. He was also arrested on outstanding warrants for assault by strangulation, common-law robbery and assault on a child under 12.

DPD K9 Shooting Charges – Trey Deshawn Christie, 21, was arrested and charged with shooting a Durham Police K9 on March 30 near Morehead Avenue. K9 Daro underwent emergency surgery at Triangle Veterinary Referral Hospital and is recovering well from his injuries. K9 Daro is a Belgian Malinois and has worked for the DPD for four years.

Christie was arrested on the following charges: assault on a law enforcement animal inflicting serious injury, carrying a concealed weapon, resisting, delaying and obstructing a government official, discharging a firearm within the city limits, breaking and entering, larceny after

breaking and entering, felony conspiracy to commit breaking and entering and two counts of obtaining property by false pretense.

Shooting/Attempted Murder Arrest – Jaikwuan Nicholson, 23, was arrested on March 18 on charges from a shooting in October 2020. Officers responded to a shooting at South Plum Street near East Lawson Street on October 16 and found a 22-year-old man who had been shot multiple times. The man was taken to the hospital for treatment of serious injuries. Investigators charged Nicholson with attempted first-degree murder, assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill inflicting serious injury and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

Arrington Park Drive Shooting Arrest – Tyree Shajuan Lee, 29, of Raleigh was arrested on April 1 on charges in connection with a March shooting on Arrington Park Drive. Officers were dispatched to a shooting call in the 5700 block of Arrington Park Drive around 7:30 p.m. on March 18. When they arrived, they found an adult male who had been shot. He was taken to the hospital for treatment of serious injuries. The shooting does not appear to have been random, according to investigators.

Investigators charged Lee with attempted first-degree murder, discharging a firearm into occupied property inflicting serious bodily injury and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

Guess Road Weapons Charges – On February 18, officers responded to Willowdaile Apartments on Guess Road in reference to a suspicious man with a weapon. The man opened fire while officers were arriving on scene and during the incident, which lasted approximately two hours. No one was injured. Several apartments were evacuated during the incident.

The male went inside an apartment after officers arrived and refused to come out. He later came back outside and fired several shots in the direction of officers. Officers spoke with the male who finally gave himself up. The male, 23-year-old Rodolfo Jose Guerra-Mejia, was arrested and charged with felony assault on a law enforcement officer with a firearm, attempted first-degree murder, discharging a firearm in an enclosure to incite fear, going armed to the terror of the people and discharging a firearm within the city limits.

Armed Robbery/Shooting Arrest – A Durham man was arrested on February 19 on charges stemming from an armed home invasion and shooting on North Oak Ridge Boulevard in

September 2020. The man, 41-year-old LaRue Barbee, was arrested on Hillsborough Road by members of the U.S. Marshals Service Carolina Regional Fugitive Task Force.

Officers responded to a shooting in the 2200 block of North Oak Ridge Boulevard shortly before midnight on September 26, 2020. When they arrived, they found a 68-year-old man who had been shot in the head. Residents told officers a man wearing a black ski mask forced his way into the house and shot the victim. The man demanded money and fled with a safe.

The victim was taken to the hospital for treatment of serious injuries. Barbee was charged with one count of attempted first-degree murder, two counts of robbery with a dangerous weapon and one count of second-degree kidnapping. He was released from the Durham County Jail after posting a \$25,000 bond.

A second man, Marcus Covington, 39, of Durham, was arrested in December on charges connected with this case. He was charged with conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon and accessory after the fact. He is also being held without bond on a federal detainer.

Umstead Street Shooting Arrest – Durham police investigators arrested Jamon White, 42, on March 4 and charged him with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill inflicting serious injury in connection with a January 8 shooting near the intersection of Umstead and Dawkins streets. An adult male was taken to the hospital for treatment of serious injuries. White was also charged with possession of cocaine and marijuana with the intent to manufacture sell or deliver.

Glenbrook Drive Shootings Arrest – A Durham man was arrested on April 14 and charged with shooting three people during a confrontation on Glenbrook Drive in February. The U.S. Marshals Service Carolina Regional Fugitive Task Force arrested Junious Walters, 36, of Durham, on Leon Street. Walters was wanted on two counts of attempted first-degree murder, one count of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill inflicting serious injury and one count of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Walters was placed in Durham County Jail under a \$1.5 million bond.

Officers responded to a shooting call in the 2500 block of Glenbrook Drive around 7:30 p.m. on February 19. When they arrived, they found three people – two adult males and one adult female – who had been shot. All three were taken to the hospital for treatment of injuries that did not appear to be life-threatening. The shooting incident was not random, according to investigators.

Significant First Quarter Robbery Arrests

Carjacking Arrest – Durham police arrested two juveniles and charged them with stealing a vehicle on January 30. Three victims told officers they were sitting in a parked Chevrolet Silverado in the 600 block of East Knox Street when four males approached them and stole the vehicle at gunpoint. Three males fled in the vehicle and the fourth ran away on foot. Officers spotted the stolen Silverado a few minutes later and attempted to stop it near Lee Street. The occupants jumped out of the vehicle and ran, but officers caught two males who were juveniles. The juveniles were both charged with robbery with a dangerous weapon and possession of methamphetamine.

Robbery Charges – A Durham man already in jail on two murder charges was charged with committing several robberies during February. The man, Mario Blanding, 33, of Durham, is also charged with shooting one man in the leg during an attempted carjacking.

Blanding has since been charged in connection with the following robbery cases:

- **February 9 in the 1900 block of Holloway Street.** The victim told officers he was getting into his vehicle when a man pointed a gun at the victim. The man fired several shots at the victim, wounding him once in the leg. Blanding is charged with attempted robbery with a dangerous weapon, assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury and first-degree kidnapping.
- **February 17 at 6:52 a.m. at One Stop Food Mart at 1103 North Miami Boulevard.** A man wearing a mask entered the store, pointed a gun and demanded money from an employee. Blanding is charged with robbery with a dangerous weapon and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.
- **February 17 at 11:18 p.m. at Family Fare at 106 West Cornwallis Road.** A man came into the store and asked for cigarettes. He then pulled a gun on an employee and demanded money. Blanding is charged with robbery with a dangerous weapon.
- **February 18 at 3:50 a.m. at Circle K at 2322 East NC 54 Highway.** A man entered the store, pulled a gun on an employee and demanded money. Blanding is charged with robbery with a dangerous weapon.

First Quarter Drug Trafficking Arrests

Heroin Trafficking Arrests – On February 9, the Vice Narcotics Unit executed a search warrant at 716 Shay Drive. A search of the residence was conducted and three shotguns, one handgun, an AR-15 rifle and 6.4 grams of heroin were located and seized. Dontorrian Shackelford, 39, and Kidon Shackelford, 18, were charged with trafficking heroin, conspiracy to traffic heroin and two other felony drug charges.

Cocaine Trafficking Arrests – Two men – Eric Lamont Perry, 41, of Durham and Javier Alex Flores, 27, of Seagrove, N.C. – were arrested on cocaine trafficking charges following an investigation by the DEA Task Force and the DPD's Vice Narcotics Unit. Investigators served search warrants at three storage units, two vehicles and a residence. Investigators seized 608.4 grams of marijuana, 1,215.8 grams of powder cocaine, Ecstasy and crystal methamphetamine.

Perry and Flores were both charged with trafficking in cocaine, conspiracy to traffic cocaine and several other felony drug offenses.

Heroin and Cocaine Trafficking Arrest – On January 27, the Vice Narcotics Unit executed a search warrant at 909 S. Alston Avenue and arrested 56-year-old Randall Williams. During the search, investigators located 43.4 grams of cocaine, 66.6 grams of heroin, Suboxone and marijuana. Randall Williams was charged with trafficking heroin and cocaine and seven additional felony offenses.

