



**MATTHEWS  
POLICE  
DEPARTMENT**

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The purpose of this report is to keep you informed of what is happening within our community.

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**Chief Rob L. Hunter**  
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## FIRST NINE MONTHS 2016 SERVICE REPORT

	2016	2015	1-Year Change
<b>Community Service Events</b>	496	481	+ 3%
<b>Calls For Police / AC Service</b>	33,147	31,763	+ 14%
<b>Traffic Collisions Reported</b>	1,628	1,626	+ 0.1%
<b>Citations Issued</b>	2,029	2,370	- 14%
<b>DWI Arrests</b>	73	81	- 10%
<b>Drug Arrests</b>	225	480	- 53%
<b>Total All Arrests</b>	820	1,072	- 24%

Due to strained staffing levels and increases in calls for police & animal control services, some of our proactive enforcement efforts have been reduced. This has not, however, impacted our focus on community safety nor our efforts conducting community service events and/or initiatives.

## FIRST NINE MONTHS 2016 CRIME REPORT

	2016	2015	1-Year Change
<b>Murder</b>	0	1	- 100%
<b>Rape</b>	4	1	+ 300%
<b>Robbery</b>	18	14	+ 29%
<b>Aggravated Assaults</b>	14	29	- 52%
<b>Burglary</b>	84	71	+ 18%
<b>Larceny</b>	692	466	+ 48%
<b>Auto Theft</b>	39	22	+ 77%
<b>Arson</b>	4	1	+ 300%
<b>Part 1 Offenses (Listed Above)</b>	<b>855</b>	<b>605</b>	<b>+ 41%</b>
<b>Part 2 (Other) Offenses</b>	<b>1,484</b>	<b>1,558</b>	<b>- 5%</b>
<b>Total All Crimes</b>	<b>2,339</b>	<b>2,163</b>	<b>+ 8%</b>

We have begun to see the first significant increases in some areas of criminal activity in several years. Most concerning are the increases in armed robberies and larcenies (thefts.) We have and will continue to shift our priorities on visible patrol efforts, especially within the retail areas, where the majority of our robberies and larcenies occur.