

FUND: General Fund
DEPARTMENT: Police Department

Description and Responsibilities

The mission of the Blowing Rock Police Department is to partner with residents, merchants and visitors to provide a consistently safe environment through citizen and police interaction. The primary responsibilities of the Blowing Rock Police Department are the preservation of peace and the enforcement of the laws of the State of North Carolina and the local ordinances of the Town of Blowing Rock. The department operates 24 hours per day, 365 days per year. Although it is most visible using uniformed patrol officers, other employees are assigned specific tasks as needed. Examples are a local ABC enforcement attendant, criminal investigations, and a parking enforcement officer. The department also has one officer assigned as the full time School Resources Officer at Blowing Rock Elementary School. The department also participates in a drug disposal program for the community. The department utilizes 12-hour shifts for the Patrol Division. While patrols are typically conducted by vehicle, golf carts, bicycles and foot patrols are also utilized.

In 2022, Town Council approved a new plan for communications. Under the new plan police communication services will return to Blowing Rock Police Department, 7 days per week and 24 hours per day. A lieutenant supervises communications, investigations, and support services. The new changes will become effective on March 14, 2022. The organizational chart attached includes these changes.

Staffing and Schedules

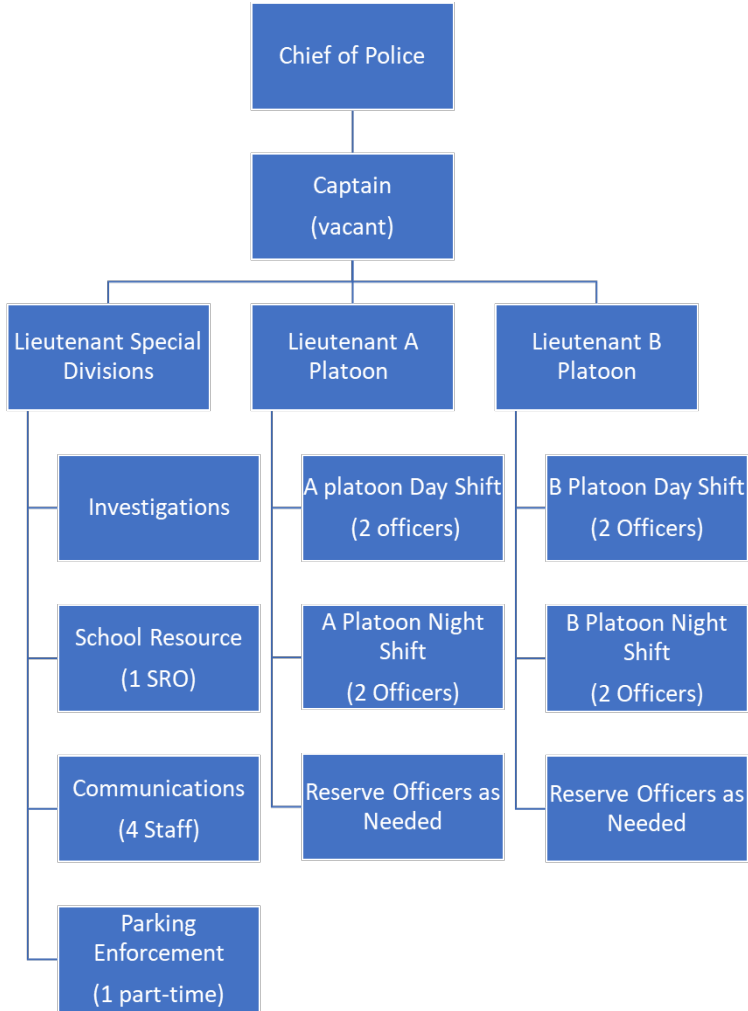
The authorized full-time positions, effective July 1st, 2020, include the Police Chief, three Lieutenants, School Resource Officer (SRO), eight (8) Patrol Officers, and two (2) telecommunicators, who also assist with evidence and records management. The department also includes several part-time positions - five (5) Reserve Officers, and a Parking Enforcement Attendant. The department is divided into two platoons, each supervised by a Lieutenant. Sworn officers typically work 12-hour shifts and average 42 hours per workweek.

Fleet

Fleet replacement continues to be the largest capital outlay expense for our department. Blowing Rock Police Department currently maintains a fleet of 16 vehicles. Additionally, we maintain one low speed electric vehicle for downtown patrols and parking enforcement. In 2020 we began the transition to hybrid police vehicles, with the first Ford Hybrid Police Interceptors going into service in March 2020. Currently there are 4 hybrid vehicles in service.

While the number of sworn officers has increase over the past two years, our fleet replacement schedule has not changed, requiring vehicles to be kept in use for longer periods and time and accruing more miles. Extending the life of our police vehicles has been possible due to increased preventative maintenance by our Town mechanic and an aggressive corrosion control program.

Organizational Chart



Police Department Measures of Activity in 2021

30,033 Total Officer initiated and dispatched calls for service.

139 Vehicles Accidents

2411 Traffic Stops

376 Parking Citations

2078 Foot Patrols

22,980 Property Checks

381 Bugler Alarm Responses

GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES

DESCRIPTION: **POLICE**

CODE: 10-10-4310

ACCOUNT NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	2019-20 Actual	2020-21 Adopted	2021-22 Adopted	2022-23 Adopted
002	Salaries	558,815	530,568	629,944	798,611
003	Overtime	7,565	9,000	12,300	10,250
004	Part-time Salaries	21,875	10,000	11,000	10,000
202	Dispatch Salaries	4,841	128,000	142,275	242,418
203	Dispatch Overtime			1,000	1,000
204	Part-time Parking Salaries	4,140	8,000	8,000	8,000
205	Part-time Parking FICA			1,454	1,377
206	Officers On-call Pay			2,000	2,000
207	Officers EPSL			0	0
226				0	0
005	FICA Expense	43,907	52,446	60,245	80,576
006	Group Insurance	87,843	102,000	129,538	153,818
007	401K	2,091	33,378	39,376	53,100
008	State Retirement System- General (Dispatch)	86,037	21,325	25,890	43,986
009	Officers Retirement	24,712	93,399	120,602	151,793
	Personnel Subtotal	841,825	988,116	1,183,623	1,556,929
010	Lease on DCI	-	-	-	-
011	Telephone	6,630	7,000	8,000	8,000
013	Utilities	8,024	10,000	8,000	8,100
014	Employee Development	15,884	12,000	14,000	16,000
016	Maint./Repair-Bldg/Equip	12,448	10,000	10,000	10,000
017	Maint./Repair-Vehicles	8,420	11,000	10,000	20,000
020	Crimestoppers	-	500	500	500
025	Investigation Costs/Supp.	1,329	1,500	2,000	2,000
031	Gasoline	21,596	26,000	20,000	32,000
033	Materials and Supplies	15,262	17,000	17,000	25,000
034	DARE Program	297	1,500	1,500	1,500
035	Laundry Allowance	3,720	3,000	-	-
036	Uniforms	12,305	14,000	14,000	14,000
037	Grants	15,308		15,000	-
057	Medical Expenses	209	1,500	2,000	2,000
059	Miscellaneous	190	500	500	500
058	E-911 Expenses	180,603	65,000	65,000	-
116	Maintenance Contracts	11,006	15,000	15,000	30,000
	Operating & Maint. Subtotal	313,229	195,500	202,500	169,600
500	Capital Outlay	120,439	69,665	162,705	301,915 *
501	Capital Outlay - Dispatch		33,000	4,200	- **
	Capital Subtotal	120,439	102,665	166,905	301,915
900	Debt Service	85,683	70,765	76,238	98,880
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	1,361,176	1,357,046	1,629,266	2,127,324

*** Capital for FY 2023:**

IP	216,000	Replaces 2 Police SUVs with graphics, lights and cameras. Plus 2 additional vehicles for 2 new police positions in FY 22-23
CF	65,915	2 Additional officer's Equipment
CF	4,000	2-Johnson VP900 Portable Radios
IP	16,000	2- Radar Units
	<u>301,915</u>	Total

**** Dispatch Capital for FY 2023:**

IP	<u>-</u>	Communications Equipment
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