

**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**

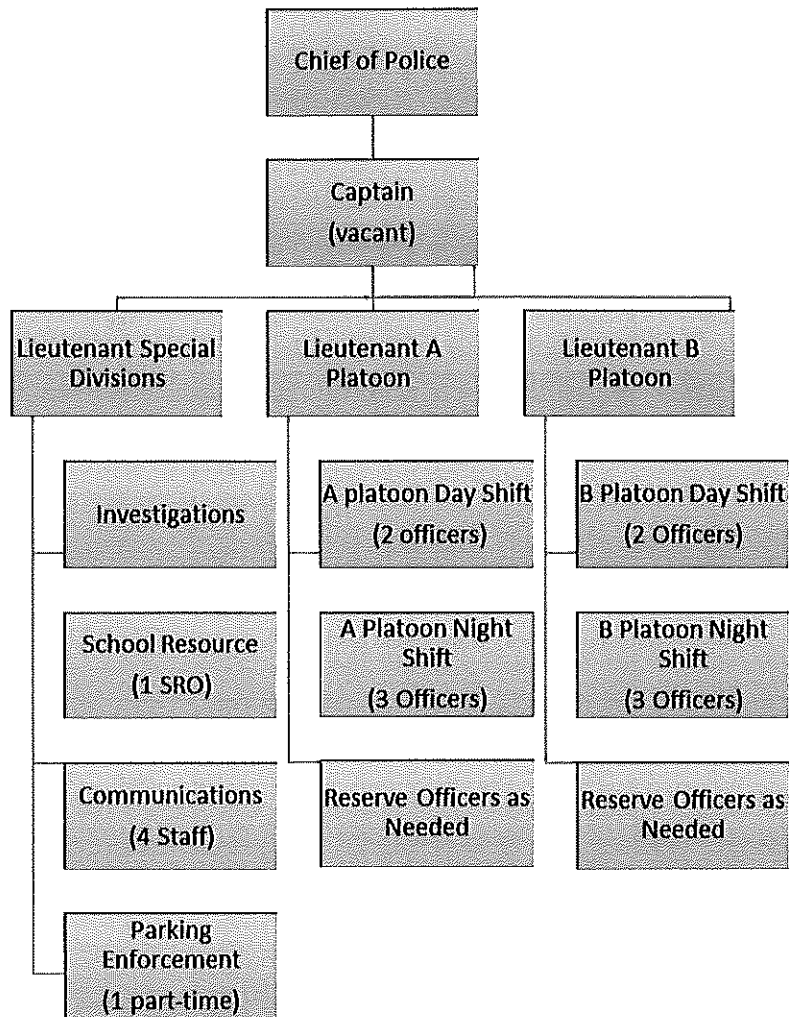
The authorized full-time positions, effective July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022, include the Police Chief, three Lieutenants, School Resource Officer (SRO), ten (10) Patrol Officers, and four (4) telecommunicators, who also assist with evidence and records management. The department also includes several part-time 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, with an additional 4 hybrid vehicles on order.

While the number of sworn officers has increased 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 2022

39,703 Total Officer initiated and dispatched calls for service.

84 Vehicles Accidents

3,501 Traffic Stops

111 Parking Citations

3,091 Foot Patrols

27,053 Property Checks

506 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	2023-24 Adopted
002	Salaries	558,815	530,568	629,944	798,611	961,501
003	Overtime	7,565	9,000	12,300	10,250	8,000
004	Part-time Salaries	21,875	10,000	11,000	10,000	15,000
202	Dispatch Salaries	4,841	128,000	142,275	242,418	222,449
203	Dispatch Overtime			1,000	1,000	1,000
204	Part-time Parking Salaries	4,140	8,000	8,000	8,000	8,000
205	Part-time Parking FICA			1,454	1,377	0
206	Officers On-call Pay			2,000	2,000	2,000
207	Officers EPSL			-	-	0
226				-	-	0
005	FICA Expense	43,907	52,446	60,245	80,576	93,173
006	Group Insurance	87,843	102,000	129,538	153,818	158,699
007	401K	2,091	33,378	39,376	53,100	59,698
008	State Retirement System- General (Dispatch)	86,037	21,325	25,890	43,986	0
009	Retirement	24,712	93,399	120,602	151,793	215,255
	<b>Personnel Subtotal</b>	<b>841,825</b>	<b>988,116</b>	<b>1,183,623</b>	<b>1,556,929</b>	<b>1,744,775</b>
010	Lease on DCI	-	-	-	-	-
011	Telephone	6,630	7,000	8,000	8,000	8,500
013	Utilities	8,024	10,000	8,000	8,100	7,500
014	Employee Development	15,884	12,000	14,000	16,000	21,000
016	Maint./Repair-Bldg/Equip	12,448	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
017	Maint./Repair-Vehicles	8,420	11,000	10,000	20,000	20,000
020	Crimestoppers	-	500	500	500	500
025	Investigation Costs/Supp.	1,329	1,500	2,000	2,000	2,000
026	K-9 Expense					5,000
031	Gasoline	21,596	26,000	20,000	32,000	40,500
033	Materials and Supplies	15,262	17,000	17,000	25,000	28,750
034	DARE Program	297	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
035	Laundry Allowance	3,720	3,000	-	-	-
036	Uniforms	12,305	14,000	14,000	14,000	17,000
037	Grants	15,308		15,000	-	-
057	Medical Expenses	209	1,500	2,000	2,000	2,000
059	Miscellaneous	190	500	500	500	500
058	E-911 Expenses	180,603	65,000	65,000	-	-
116	Maintenance Contracts	11,006	15,000	15,000	30,000	30,000
	<b>Operating &amp; Maint. Subtotal</b>	<b>313,229</b>	<b>195,500</b>	<b>202,500</b>	<b>169,600</b>	<b>194,750</b>
500	Capital Outlay	120,439	69,665	162,705	301,915	202,250 *
501	Capital Outlay - Dispatch		33,000	4,200	-	- **
	<b>Capital Subtotal</b>	<b>120,439</b>	<b>102,665</b>	<b>166,905</b>	<b>301,915</b>	<b>202,250</b>
900	Debt Service	85,683	70,765	76,238	98,880	145,278
	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>1,361,176</b>	<b>1,357,046</b>	<b>1,629,266</b>	<b>2,127,324</b>	<b>2,287,053</b>

**\* Capital for FY 2024:**

IP	170,010	Replaces 2 Police SUVs with graphics, lights and cameras.
IP	19,670	Portion of Green Hill Comm. Bldg.
IP	12,570	2-Johnson VP900 Portable Radios
	<u>202,250</u>	Total

**\*\* Dispatch Capital for FY 2024:**

IP	-	Communications Equipment
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