

FUND: General Fund
DEPARTMENT: Police Department

Description and Responsibilities

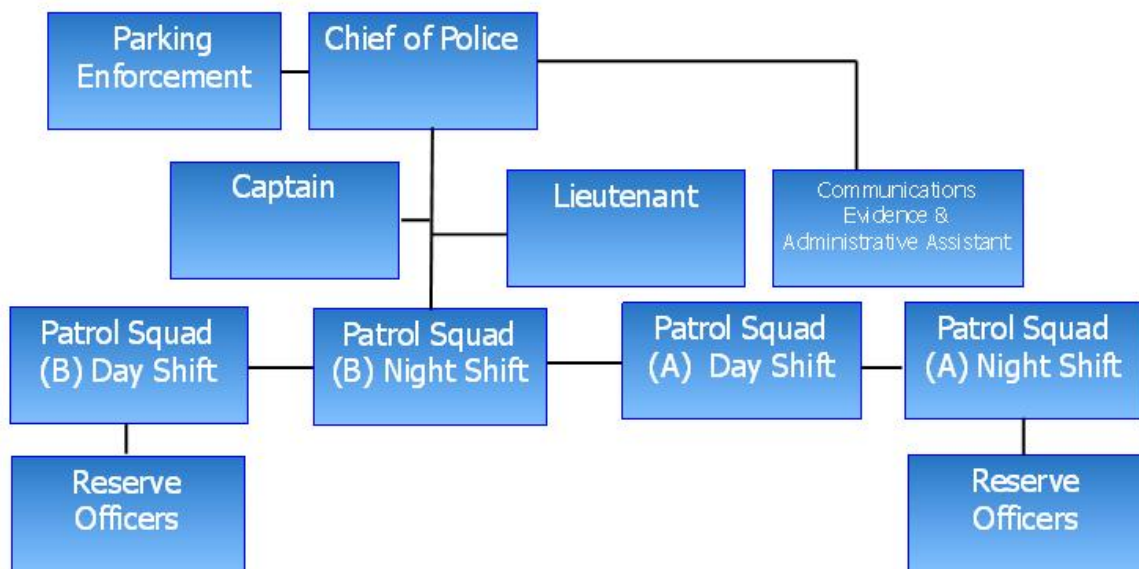
The mission of the Blowing Rock Police Department is to partner with residents, merchants and visitor to provide a consistently, safe environment through citizen and police interaction. The primary responsibilities of the Blowing Rock Police Department are the preservation of peace and the enforcement 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 through the use of uniformed patrol officers, other employees are assigned specific tasks as needed. Examples are a local ABC enforcement attendant and a parking enforcement officer. The department also conducts a Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) program for the fifth graders at Blowing Rock School and a School Safety Patrol and property checks. The department also participates in a drug disposal program for the community. The department utilizes 12 hour shifts for the Patrol Division. In addition to vehicle patrol, foot patrol is also utilized.

On July 1, 2012, the Police Department Telecommunications Division was consolidated with the Watauga County Telecommunications Center.

Staffing and Schedules

The authorized full-time positions include the Police Chief, a Captain, a Lieutenant, eight (8) Patrol Officers among the sworn positions, and a Communications, Evidence and Administrative Assistant position. The department also includes several part-time positions - three (3) Reserve Officers, and a Parking Enforcement Attendant. The Police Chief and Captain typically work a standard 40-hour workweek (5 days per week, 8 hours per day). Sworn officers typically work 12-hour shifts and average 42 hours per workweek.

The following chart depicts the organization of the Police Department:



Police Department Measures of Activity

Category	2012	2013	2014	2015
Total Calls/Responses**	7,206	5,482	5,243	9,874
Traffic Accidents**	113	82	150	150
DWI	60	20	8	7
Speeding	174	91	62	Included in Traffic
All Other Traffic	454	269	143	188
Incidents & Investigations	131	159	134	116
Arrests	121	60	83	47
Foot Patrols**	183*	359	1,013	1,286
Parking Enforcement***	91	248	235	252

*Lower figure due to change in communication logging. Number, in actuality, was greater than 2011.

**Numbers according to the Watauga County Communications Center.

***Parking Tickets & Warnings

GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES

DESCRIPTION: POLICE

CODE: 10-10-4310

ACCOUNT NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	2010-2011 ACTUAL	2011-2012 ACTUAL	2012-2013 ACTUAL	2013-2014 ACTUAL	2014-2015 ACTUAL	2015-2016 ADOPTED	2016-2017 ADOPTED
002	Salaries	505,560	486,580	416,341	409,515	445,637	464,616	475,356
003	Overtime	7,631	8,198	4,088	3,637	1,228	1,500	1,500
004	Part-time Salaries	19,018	29,948	5,671	9,657	17,235	13,000	13,000
204	Part-time Parking Salaries	-	-	-	-	-	5,400	6,552
005	Part-time FICA Expense	-	-	-	-	-	1,408	1,496
005	FICA Expense	40,939	38,516	31,439	31,357	34,767	35,658	36,479
006	Group Insurance	78,355	71,860	65,401	67,538	67,480	83,265	82,380
007	401K	2,602	2,182	659	663	1,037	695	1,857
008	State Retirement System	58,519	56,685	49,019	50,719	56,610	58,498	67,427
009	Officers Retirement	19,527	18,107	18,722	18,396	20,290	23,306	21,986
	Personnel Subtotal	732,151	712,075	591,339	591,480	644,284	687,344	708,033
010	Lease on DCI	372	660	1,980	2,340	600	2,700	2,700
011	Telephone	6,743	7,533	9,587	13,422	14,360	14,370	18,054
013	Utilities	10,621	10,700	9,556	8,818	9,764	9,500	10,000
014	Employee Development	4,496	5,962	7,213	5,115	11,331	10,000	14,000
016	Maint./Repair-Bldg/Equip	2,320	6,429	9,543	4,566	18,098	7,000	13,000
017	Maint./Repair-Vehicles	11,129	14,400	10,996	11,323	11,302	9,000	9,000
020	Crimestoppers	500	500	500	0	500	500	500
025	Investigation Costs/Supp.	1,506	1,788	1,694	4,557	67	1,000	1,000
031	Gasoline	36,924	41,031	33,120	37,482	25,632	40,000	35,000
033	Materials and Supplies	5,997	5,707	11,944	14,653	22,399	8,000	15,200 **
034	DARE Program	2,085	854	601	1,738	439	2,000	2,000
035	Laundry Allowance	2,520	2,520	3,000	2,460	2,400	3,300	3,300
036	Uniforms	6,684	8,303	4,745	4,962	16,901	6,500	8,500
057	Medical Expenses	650	2,060	1,045	574	884	2,000	2,000
058	E-911 Expenses	23,242	22,273	171,508	167,655	178,431	171,188	174,612
116	Maintenance Contracts	11,210	15,208	9,015	19,537	10,795	12,230	12,352
	Operating & Maint. Subtotal	127,000	145,927	286,047	299,204	323,904	299,288	321,218
500	Capital Outlay	51,728	57,346	608	41,000	51,017	94,920	90,057 *
600	Grant Expense	-	-	20,398	7,500	3,844	5,500	-
800	Transfer to Segway	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
801	Transfer to Smart Board	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Capital Subtotal	51,728	57,346	21,006	48,500	54,861	100,420	90,057
900	Debt Service	35,530	38,553	43,273	46,809	44,691	27,419	27,604
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	946,409	953,900	941,666	985,993	1,067,740	1,114,470	1,146,913

* Capital for FY 2017:

IP	41,729	Police replacement of 2008 Crown Victoria with Ford Interceptor, includes dual band radio & Equipment (Installment Purchase Financing)
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	6,600	Speed enforcement and recording system
	90,057	Total

** Materials and Supplies for FY 2017:

Increasing \$7,200 to pay for 4 new radar units. The old ones will no longer be on the State's approved list for radars.