

**FUND: General Fund**  
**DEPARTMENT: Police Department**

**Description and Responsibilities**

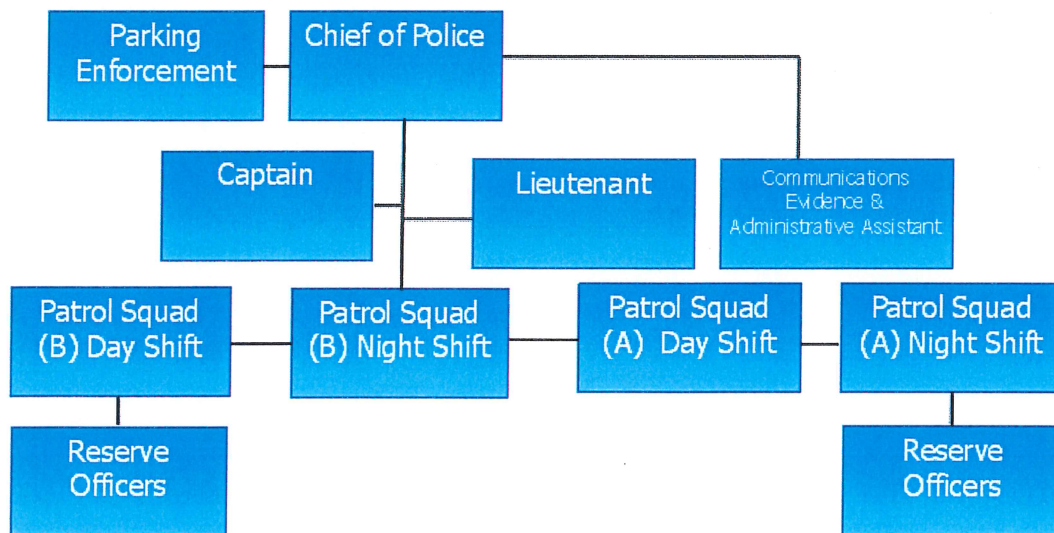
The mission of the Blowing Rock Police Department is to partner with residents, merchants and visitors to provide a consistently safe environment through citizen and police interaction. The primary responsibilities of the Blowing Rock Police Department are the preservation of peace and the enforcement 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 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 - five (5) 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

<b>Category</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>
<b>Total Calls/Responses*</b>	5,243	9,874	9,169	9,435
<b>Traffic Accidents*</b>	150	150	141	83
<b>DWI</b>	8	7	16	10
<b>All Traffic</b>	143	188	301	1,034
<b>Incidents &amp; Investigations</b>	134	116	157	146
<b>Arrests</b>	83	47	64	85
<b>Foot Patrols*</b>	1,013	1,286	1,038	765
<b>Parking Enforcement**</b>	235	252	141	332

2017 traffic accidents were recorded internally.

\*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 ACTUAL	2016-2017 ACTUAL	2017-2018 ADOPTED	2018-2019 ADOPTED
002	Salaries	505,560	486,580	416,341	409,515	445,637	483,409	484,810	518,239	562,280 ***
003	Overtime	7,631	8,198	4,088	3,637	1,228	1,962	4,654	10,000	12,000
004	Part-time Salaries	19,018	29,948	5,671	9,657	17,235	3,848	12,495	22,000	11,000
204	Part-time Parking Salaries	-	-	-	-	-	6,463	4,797	6,750	9,200 **
005	Part-time FICA Expense	-	-	-	-	-	385	127	2,199	842
005	FICA Expense	40,939	38,516	31,439	31,357	34,767	35,658	36,197	40,410	43,932
006	Group Insurance	78,355	71,860	65,401	67,538	67,480	70,075	82,188	86,436	94,844
007	401K	2,602	2,182	659	663	1,037	1,424	1,818	26,412	2,000
008	State Retirement System	58,519	56,685	49,019	50,719	56,610	59,355	65,102	5,296	83,558
009	Officers 401K	19,527	18,107	18,722	18,396	20,290	21,644	21,006	68,150	25,925
	Personnel Subtotal	732,151	712,075	591,339	591,480	644,284	684,224	713,194	785,893	845,581
010	Lease on DCI (State Mandated & Billed)	372	660	1,980	2,340	600	600	300	2,700	2,700
011	Telephone	6,743	7,533	9,587	13,422	14,360	17,581	16,117	15,000	7,000
013	Utilities	10,621	10,700	9,556	8,818	9,764	9,005	8,968	9,300	10,000
014	Employee Development	4,496	5,962	7,213	5,115	11,331	6,567	7,538	16,800	12,000
016	Maint./Repair-Bldg/Equip	2,320	6,429	9,543	4,566	18,098	6,541	5,901	13,000	10,000
017	Maint./Repair-Vehicles	11,129	14,400	10,996	11,323	11,302	7,854	8,823	9,000	9,000
020	Crimestoppers	500	500	500	0	500	500	500	500	500
025	Investigation Costs/Supp.	1,506	1,788	1,694	4,557	67	283	692	1,500	1,500
031	Gasoline	36,924	41,031	33,120	37,482	25,632	20,200	20,615	20,500	24,000
033	Materials and Supplies	5,997	5,707	11,944	14,653	22,399	5,579	12,445	10,000	11,702
034	DARE Program	2,085	854	601	1,738	439	2,092	1,635	2,000	2,000
035	Laundry Allowance	2,520	2,520	3,000	2,460	2,400	1,320	1,320	3,300	3,300
036	Uniforms	6,684	8,303	4,745	4,962	16,901	14,777	27,716	8,500	11,500
057	Medical Expenses	650	2,060	1,045	574	884	918	201	2,000	2,000
059	Miscellaneous	0	0	0	0	-	-	150	-	500
058	E-911 Expenses	23,242	22,273	171,508	167,655	178,431	177,396	170,510	175,135	178,112
116	Maintenance Contracts	11,210	15,208	9,015	19,537	10,795	10,647	11,009	12,000	16,000
	Operating & Maint. Subtotal	127,000	145,927	286,047	299,204	323,904	281,860	294,440	301,235	301,814
500	Capital Outlay	51,728	57,346	608	41,000	51,017	110,958	40,694	113,275	111,140 *
600	Grant Expense	-	-	20,398	7,500	3,844	5,500	-	-	-
	Capital Subtotal	51,728	57,346	21,006	48,500	54,861	116,458	40,694	113,275	111,140
900	Debt Service	35,530	38,553	43,273	46,809	44,691	27,732	27,604	49,440	71,061 D
	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>946,409</b>	<b>953,900</b>	<b>941,666</b>	<b>985,993</b>	<b>1,067,740</b>	<b>1,110,274</b>	<b>1,075,932</b>	<b>1,249,843</b>	<b>1,329,596</b>

\* Capital for FY 2018-19:  
 IP 43,820 Police replacement of 2008 Crown Victoria with Ford Interceptor, includes dual band radio & Equipment  
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 IP 5,000 2 New Electronic Speed Signs  
 ST 8,000 2 Dual Band Radios  
 ST 6,500 2 New in Car Computers  
 ST 4,000 2 New Radar Units  
 111,140 Total

\*\* Includes 1 additional day of parking enforcement per week.

\*\*\* FY 2018-19 Includes funding for 1 Full Time Safety Resource Officer.

D See debt service schedule for details.