

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

**Description and Responsibilities**

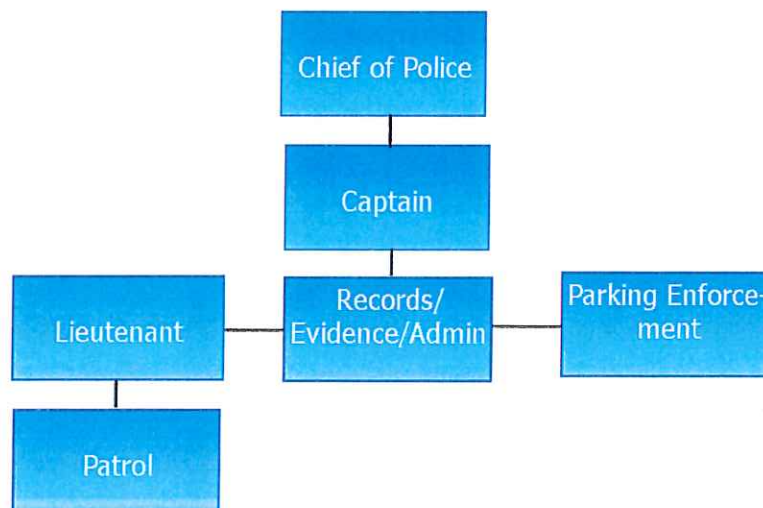
The mission of the Blowing Rock Police Department is to partner with residents, merchants and visitors to provide a consistently safe environment through citizen and police interaction. The primary responsibilities of the Blowing Rock Police Department are the preservation of peace and the enforcement 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 conducts a Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) program for the fifth graders at Blowing Rock School and a School Safety Resource Officer and also conducts citizen property checks. 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.

On July 1, 2012, the Police Department Telecommunications Division was consolidated with the Watauga County Telecommunications Center. During FY 2019-20, the Department is exploring transferring dispatch to the Town of Boone or renegotiation of its current contract with Watauga County.

**Staffing and Schedules**

The authorized full-time positions include the Police Chief, a Captain, a Lieutenant, School Resource Officer (SRO) stationed at Blowing Rock School, eight (8) Patrol Officers among the sworn positions, and a civilian Administrative Assistant position, who is also responsible for evidence and records management. 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

<i>Category</i>	<i>2016</i>	<i>2017</i>	<i>2018</i>
<b>Total Calls/Responses*</b>	<b>9,169</b>	<b>9,435</b>	<b>7,584</b>
<b>Traffic Accidents*</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>150</b>
<b>DWI</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>Included in Traffic</b>
<b>All Other Traffic</b>	<b>301</b>	<b>1,034</b>	<b>1,690</b>
<b>Incidents &amp; Investigations</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>112</b>
<b>Arrests</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>42</b>
<b>Foot Patrols*</b>	<b>1,038</b>	<b>765</b>	<b>929</b>
<b>Parking Enforcement**</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>332</b>	<b>1,015</b>

\*Numbers according to the Watauga County Communications Center.

\*\*Parking Tickets & Warnings

**GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES**

DESCRIPTION: POLICE

CODE: 10-10-4310

ACCOUNT NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	2016-17 Actual	2017-18 Actual	2018-19 Adopted	2019-20 Adopted
002	Salaries	484,810	504,922	562,280	610,272
003	Overtime	4,654	5,878	12,000	9,000
004	Part-time Salaries	12,495	2,833	11,000	10,000
204	Part-time Parking Salaries	4,797	4,687	9,200	8,000
005	Part-time FICA Expense	127	-	842	612
005	FICA Expense	36,197	37,385	43,932	47,374
006	Group Insurance	82,188	72,091	94,844	101,280
007	401K	1,818	1,904	2,000	30,964
008	State Retirement System	65,102	71,613	83,558	6,052
009	Officers Retirement	21,006	22,833	25,925	92,569
	Personnel Subtotal	713,194	724,146	845,581	916,122
010	Lease on DCI	300	300	2,700	-
011	Telephone	16,117	10,278	7,000	6,000
013	Utilities	8,968	8,493	10,000	9,500
014	Employee Development	7,538	17,297	12,000	12,000
016	Maint./Repair-Bldg/Equip	5,901	10,719	10,000	9,000
017	Maint./Repair-Vehicles	8,823	6,864	9,000	11,000
020	Crimestoppers	500	-	500	500
025	Investigation Costs/Supp.	692	1,006	1,500	1,000
031	Gasoline	20,615	24,833	24,000	24,000
033	Materials and Supplies	12,445	16,051	11,702	17,000 **
034	DARE Program	1,635	546	2,000	1,500
035	Laundry Allowance	1,320	3,480	3,300	3,300
036	Uniforms	27,716	8,197	11,500	11,000
057	Medical Expenses	201	99	2,000	1,500
059	Miscellaneous	150	-	500	500
058	E-911 Expenses	170,510	175,135	178,112	180,603
116	Maintenance Contracts	11,009	11,240	16,000	12,000
	Operating & Maint. Subtotal	294,440	294,537	301,814	300,403
500	Capital Outlay	40,694	110,010	111,140	119,500 *
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900	Debt Service	27,604	49,407	71,061	86,144
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>		<b>1,075,932</b>	<b>1,178,100</b>	<b>1,329,596</b>	<b>1,422,169</b>

\* Capital for FY 2020: 88,037  
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 IP 8,000 2 Dual Band Radios  
 IP 7,500 Replacement Body/Vehicle Cameras  
 119,500 Total

Includes:  
 \*\* 2,528 Replacement Tasers- None in operation today.- Annual contract for 8 tasers.  
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