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The purpose of this report is to keep you informed of what is happening within our community.

For questions or additional information, please visit www.matthewsnc.gov or contact our Community Resource Officer at (704) 845-1651 or at communitysafety@matthewspolice.org.

Chief Rob L. Hunter
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2016 ANNUAL SERVICE REPORT

	2016	2015	1-Year Change
Calls For Police / AC Service	44,606	43,779	+ 2%
Community Service Events	664	655	+ 2%
Traffic Collisions Reported	2,323	2,281	+ 2%
Citations Issued	2,571	3,221	- 20%
DWI Arrests	86	105	- 18%
Drug Arrests	290	577	- 50%
Total All Arrests	1,059	1,372	- 23%

Our strained staffing levels and increases in calls for police & animal control services resulted in a decrease of our proactive enforcement efforts. This has not, however, impacted our focus on community safety nor our efforts conducting community service events and/or initiatives. At the same time, the proactive calls from our citizens (i.e. suspicious persons/vehicle calls) remained strong (12% of calls received.)

2016 ANNUAL CRIME REPORT

	2016	2015	1-Year Change
Murder	0	1	- 100%
Rape	5	2	+ 150%
Robbery	22	18	+ 22%
Aggravated Assaults	22	35	- 37%
Burglary	115	94	+ 22%
Larceny	945	659	+ 43%
Auto Theft	56	28	+ 100%
Arson	4	2	+ 100%
Part 1 Offenses (Listed Above)	1,169	839	+ 39%
Part 2 (Other) Offenses	1,942	2,060	- 6%
Total All Crimes	3,111	2,899	+ 7%

We continue to see an increase in some areas of criminal activity, primarily property crimes such as larcenies & auto thefts. We have and will continue to shift our priorities on visible patrol efforts, especially within the retail areas, where the majority of our robberies and property crimes occur. We will also continue our outreach efforts to educate citizens how to better protect their properties as well.