

BSLPD ANNUAL REPORT 2017

2017

This report provides the reader with information regarding the various units of the Boiling Spring Lakes Police Department and gives them a snapshot of our activities and accomplishments this past year

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Mission Statement

The Boiling Spring Lakes Police Department in partnership with the community shall provide a safe environment and enhance the quality of life through courteous, honest, and professional delivery of law enforcement services.



Chief's Message

I am pleased to present the 2017 Annual Report to the citizens of Boiling Spring Lakes. It is my privilege to work alongside such a dedicated group of employees who are committed to our citizens. Our employees have continued to address the needs of the community through many challenges with determination and professionalism. This report will give the reader a glimpse into the activities and services that were provided by our agency during the past year and it will also identify goals and objectives for the upcoming year.

Significant events involving the Boiling Spring Lakes Police Department in 2017

- **Population Increase from 6,296 to 6,519/ ~3.5% Increase**
- **Handled 5,016 Calls for Service**
- **Filed Reports on 782 incidents**
- **Made 89 Arrests**
- **Collected over 282 pounds of unwanted medications in the Prescription Drop Box**
- **Successfully secured over \$24,500.00 in Grant funds from the Governor's Crime Commission (*Funds have not been released by DOJ at the time of this report*)**
- **Hosted the 28th Annual "Small Fry Fishing Tournament"**
- **Co-Sponsored the Halloween Trunk or Treat with BSL Parks and Recreation Department**
- **Hosted the first *Coffee with a Cop* Community Event**
- **Investigated 102 Motor Vehicle Crashes ~20% Increase**

Our best approach to serving our community is through collaboration with the citizens and fellow employees using the basic principles of community policing. The members of the Boiling Spring Lakes Police Department are committed to ensuring that we provide a safe community for all. We would like to thank the Mayor and City Council, the City Manager and his staff, City Department Heads, their staff and the citizens of Boiling Spring Lakes for their continued support.

Our agency, like every other law enforcement agency in the United States must be equipped to face the challenges of an uncertain society on a daily basis. The growth of our city has continued to increase over the past several years and based on the ongoing residential development throughout the city, the demands for police services will continue to increase. In order to properly meet the demands and expectations of our community, it is my responsibility as your Chief of Police to ensure that our agency is prepared to meet these challenges.

Staffing levels continue to be a priority of the agency and this past year our agency increased its staffing by adding one additional full-time sworn officer. We will continue to evaluate our agency needs in order to meet the expectations of our community.

Patrol Division

The Boiling Spring Lakes Police Department provides police coverage 365 days a year, 24 hours a day to the citizens of BSL.

In 2017, officers with the Boiling Spring Lakes Police Department responded to a total of **5,016** calls for service that were dispatched through the Brunswick County 911/Communications Center.

Internal records at the police department show that **3,233** events were logged by officers into our reporting software. These included calls for service, motor vehicle crash investigations, traffic stops, business checks, residential checks, animal control calls, and other incident reports.

Investigations

Detective Kevin Smith serves as the agency's only full-time investigator and is responsible for the majority of felony investigations, interviews of child victims, and crime scene processing.

Traffic Services

In 2017, members of the BSLPD investigated **102** motor vehicle crashes in the city limits of BSL, this was a **20%** increase from the previous year

- 484 Traffic Citations issued by officers in 2017.
- 10 Warning citations were issued during 2017.
- 20 Arrests were made for DWI.

Animal Services

The following table represents the activities performed by the officers in 2017:

BSLPD Animal Control													
CY 2017	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Totals
Complaints	75	88	49	41	52	44	33	37	47	34	57	57	614
Cats Picked-up	2	6	18	1	5	8	11	2	4	1	21	2	81
Dogs Picked-up	2	3	3	4	1	12	2	3	1	5	7	8	51
Transport to County	4	8	21	4	5	18	12	5	4	4	27	8	120
Dogs Tagged	47	22	17	19	10	9	14	4	7	4	11	0	166

Below Officer Hutt is relocating a small alligator that was recovered from the fish pond located at South Brunswick High School.



During 2017, Officer John Hutt became certified through Colorado State University as an Animal Cruelty Investigator after completing 120 hours of instruction in various topics. Some of these topics of instruction include, Ethics, Animal Capture Techniques, Evidence Collection/Documentation, Livestock Investigations, Disaster Planning, Handling Exotics and Wildlife, Report Writing, and Biosecurity & Zoonosis (any disease or infection that is naturally transmissible from vertebrate animals to humans)

In addition to this certification, Officer Hutt is responsible for the maintenance of our city operated holding facility located at the public works complex. Although our hold facility is designed for temporary holding of dogs and cats, our agency is required to be inspected by the State of North Carolina on an annual basis and must meet the requirements set forth by the Department of Agriculture to remain operational. We are also subject to unannounced inspections of both our facility and animal control vehicle by the State.

Community Involvement

The Boiling Spring Lakes Police Department is dedicated to engaging with the community in numerous ways. The department supports youth programs, community watch groups, and other programs aimed at helping to improve the quality of life in our community.

Small Fry Fishing Tournament

Our agency hosted the 28th annual “Small Fry Fishing Tournament” in April of 2017. This annual event again, brought the community together to enjoy a recreational activity that is vital to our part of the state. The tournament is designed for children between the ages 3 and 12 to fish alongside local police officers.



Coffee with a Cop

In October the BSLPD partnered with The Office Coffee & Wine Bar located at 3280 George II Highway in Boiling Spring Lakes to host the first ever Coffee with a Cop in Boiling Spring Lakes. Chief Brad Shirley and other members of the agency talked with citizens about issues in BSL over a cup of coffee.



NADDI Prescription Drop Box

A permanent drop box was installed in the lobby of the Boiling Spring Lakes Police Department in August of 2014, and is available to the public Monday through Friday 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Residents simply bring their unwanted medications to the police department lobby, follow the instructions located on the drop box, and discard their medications.



We collected **282 lbs** of medication in 2017.

After-School Partnership with Parks and Recreation

Members of the police department join children in the afterschool program at least two days a week to assist with homework, read, or play games. The department has received positive responses from the children, staff, and other community members about our efforts at the community center. The success of this program is a result of the unwavering commitment of our officers to positively engage the youth of our community.

TRUNK or TREAT at Spring Lake Park



Our officers also participated in the annual Halloween Trunk or Treat at Spring Lake and the Fall Festival sponsored by the Special Events Committee. We look forward to continuing our working relationships with the different committees and city departments and are planning additional programs for 2017 that will impact more citizens throughout the community.

Rachel's Challenge at South Brunswick Middle School



Officer Kyle Pszczultkoski and Lieutenant Rick Spencer were invited to South Brunswick Middle School to meet with a group of students participating in “Rachel’s Challenge.” The challenge is for students to take a stand against bullying. Several students spoke about the effects of bullying. The group presented Lieutenant Spencer and Officer Pszczultkoski with a book full of notes written by the students thanking the police department for keeping the community safe. The students were all thankful for living in a safe community and being able to attend a safe school.

“It was nice to see this group of young people coming together to make a difference in their school and community by standing up against bullying. The gift we received was inspiring. It is not often in this day and time officers get to feel appreciated by the community but for a group of middle school age children to take the time to put this book together was very touching.”
Lieutenant Rick Spencer

Law Enforcement United Bicycle Run



Members of the *Law enforcement United*, a group of federal, state, and local law enforcement officers stopped by the Boiling Spring Lakes Police Department as part of their 1,200 mile ride from Brunswick, Georgia to Washington D.C. This ride is scheduled near to National Police Week and is a way to “honor the fallen and remember the survivors”.

Conclusion:

This report is a glimpse into the overall activities of the police department during 2017. However, it is difficult to put into words or quantify the level of effort that our employees put in day in and day out to serve our community. The Boiling Spring Lakes Police Department is fortunate to have dedicated men and women who serve this community with great pride and professionalism. The city experienced a 3.5% increase in our population from the previous year. As more people begin to call the City of Boiling Spring Lakes home, our agency has also experienced an increase in demand for police and animal control services. The men and women of the Boiling Spring Lakes Police Department are committed to facing the challenges that new growth will bring and that same time strive to provide top quality police services to the community.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bradford S. Shirley

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