



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Councilors
FROM: Rich Olson, City Manager
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REF: FYI
PC: Departmental Directors, etal

1. The Elizabeth City Police Department has submitted the following crime statistics to the State. Overall, crime was down by 6% in 2005 as compared to 2004. Violent crime was down, with the exception of aggravated assaults, which witnessed an increase of 23%. Murder was down by 33%; rape was down by 12%; and robberies were down by 2.5%. Property crimes witnessed an increase in burglaries by 4%, while larcenies were down by 16% and motor vehicle thefts saw a 23% increase. Drug arrests saw a 15% increase in 2005 as compared to 2004. In the area of complaints against officers, the Department witnessed a 24% decrease in the number of complaints filed against officers, 38 in 2004 versus 29 in 2005. The following chart provides the actual index offenses as reported:

2005/2004

Actual Index Offenses Reported to
Elizabeth City Police Department

<i>Murder</i>	<i>Rape</i>	<i>Robbery</i>
2004 - 3	2004 - 8	2004 - 39
2005 - 2	2005 - 7	2005 - 40
(decrease by 33%)	(decrease by 14%)	(increase by 2.5%)
<i>Aggravated Assault</i>	<i>Burglary</i>	<i>Larceny</i>
2004 - 84	2004 - 279	2004 - 780
2005 - 103	2005 - 290	2005 - 655
(increase by 23%)	(increase by 4%)	(decrease by 16%)

Motor Vehicle Theft

2004 - 64
2005 - 79
(increase by 23%)

Total Number of Actual Index Offenses Reported

2004 - 1,257
2005 - 1,176

(overall decrease by 6%)

Arrest

2004 - 2539
2005 - 2617
(increase by 3%)

Drug Arrest

2004 - 341
2005 - 393
(increase by 15%)

2. I am pleased to report that Mayor Charles L. Foster has been appointed to serve on the National League of Cities Human Development Committee by North Carolina League of Municipalities President Everette Clark. The committee meets twice annually in conjunction with NLC's Congressional City Conference and the Congress of Cities Conference. Congratulations to Mayor Foster on receiving this prestigious appointment!
3. The Elizabeth City Police Department has ordered eight Level IIIA Titan/Goldflex Tactical Ballistic Resistant Vests for its SWAT Team. The cost of the vests is \$9,000, which is being paid by Pasquotank-Camden-Elizabeth City Emergency Management. The funds were made available through a Homeland Security Grant. The new vests will replace the outdated vests currently being used by the Police Department's SWAT Team.
4. On Wednesday, February 8, City staff and Pasquotank County staff met with the Department of Transportation to review the proposed landscaping plan for the Halstead Boulevard Extension Corridor. Landscaping is proposed from the intersection of Hughes Boulevard west to the US Highway 17 Bypass. With some recommended modifications, it is anticipated that installation of the plantings will occur in the fall. I would like to thank Debbie Tatum Sauls of Earthforce Design Group for lending her professional assistance in reviewing the proposed DOT plan and recommending needed changes.
5. The Planning Department has received the final subdivision plat for Phase I of Heron's Ridge subdivision. Phase I consists of 60 single-family residential lots. The total development will contain 246 single-family residential lots. Heron's Ridge is located on River Road across from River Road Middle School.
6. On Thursday, February 16, at 10:00 a.m., the Elizabeth City Police Department will be conducting a tour of its facilities and operations for Councilman Tony Stimatz. The tour will begin in the Chief's office.

Members of the Department's staff will be available to answer any questions and explain the operations of their individual Divisions and Units. Chief Anderson would like to invite all members of Council to attend if available.

7. The Council is reminded that the Missions and Capabilities Orientation Session being hosted by Captain Mark A. Rose of the USCG will be held on Thursday, February 16 from noon until 4:30 p.m. The session will begin with lunch in the Support Center Command Building, Building 35.

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