



# Newsletter

# Nelson Police Department

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## Introduction

Welcome back to the newsletter.

It has been a busy month once again getting things organized, writing policies, attending training and performing regular police activity.

## FCC Hurdle cleared

I found that during the time that the last chief left and my appointment that the FCC license for the department's radio frequency had expired. After many hours and jumping through a lot of hoops we were able to get the license renewed for 10 more years.

This license is required in order for the agency to use our radio frequency and is needed in order for our speed detection permit to be valid.

## Grant Training



On the 24<sup>th</sup>, I attended training to become the city safety coordinator through The GA Municipal Assn. This training allows the agency to receive a grant for up to \$6000 for safety equipment.

The grant application has been submitted.

The grant will both reimburse funds that have been spent and cover the cost of future purchases.

The city will be reimbursed for flashlights, traffic cones, ballistic helmets and first aid/trauma kits that have already been purchased and will cover the future cost of purchasing bullet proof vests.

## Public Safety Day

Everything is finalized and set up for June the 7<sup>th</sup>. The festival will start at 11:00 am and end at 3:00 pm.

There will be free t-shirts and backpacks, BBQ and bounce houses.

There will also be different types of fire trucks from both the city, Cherokee County and Pickens County fire.

Additionally, there will be police cars, mobile command vehicles, tactical vehicles and SWAT teams.

The American Red Cross will be taking blood donations and will be providing disaster preparedness information.

Missing children packets will also be prepared for parents. These packets will contain all of their child's information to include finger prints and photographs on a DVD that the parents will possess and be able to give to local authorities in case their child goes missing.

So be sure to come out with your family for some food, fun and a chance to meet those public safety personnel that work in the area.

## Statistics

This section will be included every month from this point on.

Before we get to the numbers let me take a minute to give some context and information.

Tracking statistics is vitally important in law enforcement. It gives us the ability to see what we are doing over the course of time, and allows us to spot trends in calls for service and crimes.

The list below is not anywhere close to all the areas that we track as an agency, but it is information that you all may find interesting. A full list of all areas tracked is available by request.

Extra patrols are specific patrols performed by officers at the request of residents or by direction of the agency in areas that need special attention. If you are having an issue in your area we will put that area on the list. Additionally, if you are going to be out of town, we will perform extra patrols of your residence.

Community contacts are contact that we make as officers with residents in the course of normal operations that are not generated by calls for service. This includes stopping by the park meeting randomly and meeting people and as was the case last week, meeting the new owner of the old marble R&D building on Hwy 5.

Citations issued covers all traffic citations and ordinance violations issued.

Total calls for service covers everything that the agency did during the month. This includes responses to 911 calls and any activity that was self initiated like traffic stops and suspicious persons.

If there are other areas that you would like included in the chart in the news letter, just let me know.

Extra Patrols	20
Community Contacts	29
Citations Issued	13
Total Calls	110

## Officer Training

Officers Riehl and Poulos attended active shooter training and Rodgers Reactive shooting courses at the Cherokee County Police Academy.

## Requests for Service Reminder

Let's say that someone has entered your vehicle and stolen items, or that a neighbor's dog is in your yard tearing up your trash.

How do you handle it?

You call 911.

No matter the reason for your request for service, always call 911, even if it is not an emergency.

The reason for this is that is how police are dispatched. We use a CAD system, which stands for Computer Assisted Dispatching. This system is how we generate call history, case notes and case numbers.

If you circumvent this by calling city hall or an officer directly it affects our ability to track calls for service, uniform crime reporting and skews any statistical data that we may be trying to compile.

So spread the word and use the E911 dispatch system as it was designed.

Well that is all I have for this month. All is going well and I have met some great folks. I hope to see you all soon.

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