



# SERVICES & PROGRAMS GUIDE

Hickory Police Department

## **BACK TO SCHOOL EVENTS**

Hickory Police Department, in partnership with area businesses, provides a community gathering filled with music, food and fellowship. School age children present receive various back-to-school necessities just in time for the kickoff of the new school year.



## **CATAWBA COUNTY SAFE COMMUNITIES CALL-IN**

Catawba County Safe Communities Initiative (CCSCI) works creatively to provide an environment which helps reduce violent crimes in Catawba County. The program is powered by a comprehensive strategy and partnership between law enforcement, service agencies, faith-based organizations, criminal justice partners, civic and business groups, educators, neighbors and parents. CCSCI has been successful in providing gang awareness and prevention, job assistance and interview skills, personalized life coaching, and youth gang and violence intervention.

## **CITIZENS' POLICE ACADEMY**

Citizens' Police Academy is a multi-week, in-depth look at law enforcement with the Hickory Police Department. Items covered are: current law enforcement topics, patrol techniques, community policing, criminal investigations and firearms among others. To participate, applicants must apply and pass a records check. This program is offered once a year.



## **COFFEE WITH A COP**

Coffee with a Cop provides a unique opportunity for community members to ask questions and learn more about HPD's work in Hickory's neighborhoods. Locations rotate throughout the city offering an informal, neutral space to discuss community issues, build relationships and drink coffee! Contact HPD if you are interested in hosting an event.

## **COMMUNITY NAVIGATOR**

The Community Navigator program takes a very basic approach in assessing situations and addressing issues within the homeless community. Once identified, we work to connect the person with the appropriate service provider to address their barriers. Success is credited to the working partnership between the non-profit community, the City of Hickory and the Hickory Police Department.

## **COPS FOR TOTS**

The Cops for Tots program began in the early 1980's by serving approximately twelve families. The program has expanded over the years with over 1,000 children benefiting each year. Parents or guardians meeting eligibility requirements receive gifts for their children in time to make Christmas memories. This program relies on monetary donations and new unwrapped gifts provided generously by community members and local businesses. If you are interested in sponsoring a toy drive or would like to donate, please contact our department. Additionally, the program sponsors other department events benefitting children in the Hickory community throughout the year.



## **CPTED SECURITY SURVEYS**

Crime prevention through environmental design (CPTED) is a proactive crime fighting method of deterring theft, break-ins, and other criminal activities around personal and public property. We can conduct a site audit of any property within the city limits and identify possible weaknesses with the structure, surrounding property, and procedures; offering possible solutions to make the area and activities safer.

## CRIME PREVENTION & EDUCATION

Officers from the Community Services Unit provide crime prevention presentations to various business, school, church, civic groups and community leaders upon request. Presentations are catered to each group's particular area of need. Some common presentation include: General Safety, Travel Safety, Fraud Prevention, Senior Citizen Safety, Home Security, Neighborhood Watch, Active Shooter and Robbery Response.

## DARE

D.A.R.E.'s keeping' it REAL Elementary Curriculum is designed based on the Socio-Emotional Learning Theory which identifies skills and processes needed for healthy development including: self-awareness and management; responsible decision making; understanding others; relationship and communication skills; and handling responsibilities and challenges. The curriculum uses this theory to teach youth to control their impulses and think about risks and consequences resulting in more responsible choices. Trained Hickory Police School Resource Officers facilitate this program.



## EXPLORER POST #392

Hickory Police Department is the home of Police Explorer Post #392. This community-based youth organization for young men and women ages 14 to 20 is chartered through Scouting of America. The Explorer program provides hands-on, interactive experiences in all facets of policing. Explorers assist in special operations; such as parade detail or assisting police with in-service training. In addition, the program is designed to teach valuable life skills, as well as build character, boost self-confidence, and offer opportunities for volunteering and personal growth while exploring a law enforcement career.



## **HOME WATCH**

Going out of town and need to have someone check on your residence? HPD's Homewatch program offers daily monitoring of your house while you're away. It's as easy as providing your address, your length of stay, vehicles present at the residence along with other environmental details. This service is offered free-of-charge for City of Hickory residents.

## **COLLEGE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM**

College students interested in a career in law enforcement can apply to participate in a hands-on internship experience with the Hickory Police Department. Students will be exposed to all aspects of law enforcement including records management, communications center, patrol, criminal investigations and evidence processing. This program is offered to meet college course requirements and allow exposure to the student's potential career field. This program has limited space so apply early!

## **L.E.A.D.**

### **LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTED DIVERSION**

L.E.A.D. - Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion - is a partnership with the District Attorney's Office, local law enforcement and behavioral health agencies offering low level drug offenders the opportunity to participate in a program where officers have the ability to direct offenders out of the criminal justice system and immediately into drug treatment services. The goal of L.E.A.D. is to decrease criminal activity by helping individuals escape drug addiction and put them on the path to being a successful member of our community.

## **L.E.G.A.L. PROGRAM**

L.E.G.A.L. - Law Enforcement Guiding Adolescent Lives is a role reversal program sponsored by the Hickory Police Department and the U.S. Attorney's Office. This program teaches youth proper interaction with police by knowing legal rights and role reversal scenarios to help create mutual understanding of each side's perspectives.

## LAW ENFORCEMENT SPECIAL NEEDS REGISTRY

Hickory Police Department's Law Enforcement Special Needs Registry is a voluntary program for City of Hickory residents in which parents and caregivers, or adults with special needs, will give vital information such as emergency contact information, detailed physical descriptors, known routines, or other essential details pertinent to handling an emergency involving the registered individual. This program is designed to assist officers during contact with members of the community who have various disabilities such as, Autism, Schizophrenia, Dementia, deafness or other mental / developmental disabilities.

## NALOXONE PROGRAM

Hickory officers are certified to carry Naloxone, an opioid overdose reversal drug that is used to help save lives in emergency overdose incidents.

## NEIGHBORHOOD MEETINGS AND OUTREACH

Our department participates in neighborhood meetings and outreach programs as a part of our community policing philosophy. Being present to the communities we serve, by attending neighborhood meetings or programs, aids in continuing and improving our relationships with the citizens we serve. If you have an event you would like to partner with the police department, contact us!



## **SUCCESS ESSENTIALS**

Success Essential Employability Skills Series is a focused community effort to stop violence and crime in Catawba County. Sessions cover topics such as habits for success, making a real and lasting change, overcoming a criminal history, dressing for success, resume assistance and job placement for previous criminal offenders.

## **SUMMER & AFTERSCHOOL READING PROGRAMS**

Officers participate in various programs partnering with City of Hickory Libraries to encourage youth to read and stay focused on education. Each program is designed to help keep youth on the correct path with their education while creating environments for positive interactions with police.

## **SUMMER YOUTH ACADEMY**

Hickory Police Department's Youth Academy is a summer camp for rising sixth to eighth graders. During this academy, participants are exposed to many activities focusing on leadership, team building, physical activity and responsibility. Outings from past years have included: completing the ropes course at Henry Fork Park, hiking in South Mountain, meeting with Wildlife Officers and a visit to the Army Reserves. Youth also observed demonstrations on law enforcement areas such as: Taser, Special Operations Team and evidence/crime scene techniques. Hands on scenarios round out the learning experience during this program.



## **TORCH RUN INITIATIVE FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS**

The Law Enforcement Torch Run © (LETR) for Special Olympics is the largest year-round public awareness and grass-roots fundraising campaign for Special Olympics. Known as Guardians of the Flame, law enforcement members and Special Olympics athletes carry the Flame of Hope into the Opening Ceremony of local competitions, and into Special Olympics State, National, Regional and World Games. Annually, more than 110,000 dedicated and compassionate law enforcement members carry the "Flame of Hope", uniting communities around the globe. Here in North Carolina, nearly 2,000 law enforcement personnel support the NC LETR annually! Hickory Police Department hosts a Polar Plunge, Torch Run and Golf Tournament along with other events to support this cause.

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Hickory Police Department is proud to offer a variety of programs and services to assist our community members. We continue to be dedicated to our core values of Professionalism, Accountability, Compassion and Teamwork while striving to embody the philosophy of Police and Community Together. This is accomplished through our many partnerships and participation with our community.

Contact us today for additional information on any of these programs to find out how we can assist you!

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