

# Kinston-Lenoir Police and Community Engagement



P.A.C.E

POLICE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

September 18, 2025

## P.A.C.E September 18<sup>th</sup> 2025

Attendees: April Houston, Keith Goyette, Antonio Hardy, Emma Slabbert, Tori Garrett, Colleen Kosinski, Kellan Bryant, Casandra Suggs, Melissa Reese, Lakisha Sutton, Michael Myers, Larry Walston, Barbara Sutton, Cammy Aiken, Christopher Taylor, Cathy Reece, Genesis Juckett, Brian Biggins, Kevin Jenkins

Recovery Together ENC Center hosted a second P.A.C.E meeting. Members of the community went over current crime statistics, the school year so far, and upcoming events. Below are details of the following topics.

### *Schools*

School attendance has been up since the school year started. The first progress reports went out and teachers and staff have asked parents during meetings to share tool and techniques the parents are using to improve students' mental health during the summer. The administration is seeing a trend of declining focus and wellbeing at the start of school and when the students come back from long breaks. This in turn coincides with the same behavioral struggles seen among students. Students are going through mental health assistance but over the years have become less communicative with staff about their problems. Social media is playing a major part in the way students move throughout their school life. Online personas vs real life create a complex challenge for teachers and staff to understand true needs and wellbeing.

### *Gun Violence*

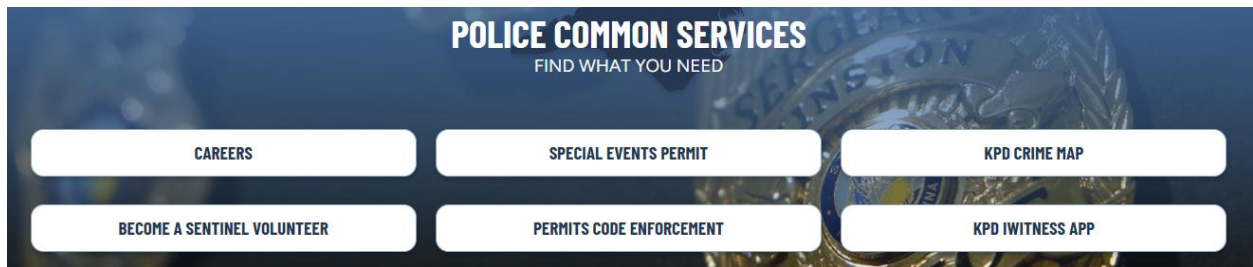
During our stat review conversation involved the current trend of younger children gaining access to weapons and committing offences in our community. In 75 days our agency has seen crime going up and the ages of offenders going down. As the meeting attendees conversed about solutions various new programs on the City's website have been implemented to spot and document crime in our community. Programs like the IWitness program and civic alerts provide anyone with current pin pointed information on where crime is happening, what type of crime and many other features.

Quick guide to access and sign up for Civic Alerts...

- Go to the City's website. Click in the search bar and type civic alerts.
- Select "Alert Center" and click the blue "Notify Me" to sign up and select the categories to follow and received updates on.

To access the iWitness program...

- Go to the website. Click "Government", "Departments" and "Police".



Crime Map and KPD iWitness available on the Police Services Page

- OR Select "Services" from the Top Menu and at the bottom of the page and click "submit an anonymous tip."

<https://www.kinstonnc.gov/732/Community-Connect>

<https://kpdconnect.us>

### *Upcoming Events*

- Lenoir County Agricultural Fair Sept 30<sup>th</sup> – Oct 4<sup>th</sup>
- KPD CLEAR Oct 1<sup>st</sup> at McDonald's on Vernon 9am-11am
- Trillium Gang Conference Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> WCC
- KPD Explorers Oct 6th
- National Night Out 6pm-8pm Southeast Park
- Recovery Together ENC Conference Oct 14<sup>th</sup> 8am-3pm LCC
- Medicine Drop-off at Walmart on Oct 20<sup>th</sup>
- Triple P Touch a Truck Grainger Stadium Oct 25<sup>th</sup> 10am-12pm
- Citizens Police Academy hosted by KPD TBD 2025







# RECOVERY TOGETHER ENC CONFERENCE

**October 14, 2025**

**8:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

**Lenoir Community College**

Join us for third annual Recovery Together ENC Conference— this will be an exciting day of education, networking and fellowship amongst recovery professionals. Includes 11 breakout sessions, an opening plenary from NC's First Lady, Anna Stein, Attorney General, Jeff Jackson and closing plenary session presenter, Stephen Murray.

You will not want to miss this!

Go to Events tab on webpage for registration!

[www.RecoveryTogether ENC](http://www.RecoveryTogether ENC)





# Lenoir County Juvenile Data Summary: 2024-2025

## Provided by Recovery Together ENC

This summary provides a concise overview of key statistics on a data set of **125 juveniles** in Lenoir County, North Carolina, for 2024–2025. It highlights several areas where local data is significantly higher than state averages, as well as a key area of success for local juvenile justice staff.

### Juvenile Demographics & Risk

- **73%** were identified as having **moderate to high risk**, a rate higher than the state average.
- **32%** were found to have **high to very high needs**, also exceeding the state's average.
- Despite these challenges, **40%** of the juveniles had **high to very high strengths**.

### Criminal and Family History

- Only **39%** had prior referrals, while **60%** of referrals were for **felony offenses**.
- **29%** had a prior **weapon offense**, compared to **18%** statewide.
- **56%** of offenses were **person crimes**, with **52%** involving assaultive behavior.
- **35%** had a prior **detention history**, significantly higher than the state's **20%**.
- **59%** had a prior **family criminal history** (state average is 24%).
- **10%** had a prior **family violent criminal history** (state average is 6%).

### School, Peers and Substance Use

- Less than half of the juveniles attend school regularly.
- **33%** had law enforcement reports filed by their school (state average is 22%).
- **69%** had one or more Out-of-School Suspension (OSS) events in the previous two-year period.
- **58%** were influenced by negative or delinquent peers, and **10%** associated with gang members.
- **59%** admitted to alcohol/substance use (state average is 40%).
- **23%** displayed a weapon during the offense (state average is 11%).

### Notes

A key positive highlight from the report is the high success rate of local juvenile justice staff.

**94%** of referrals had a result, a significantly higher rate than the state's average of only **63%**. This is a testament to the dedication of the Juvenile Justice staff in our community.

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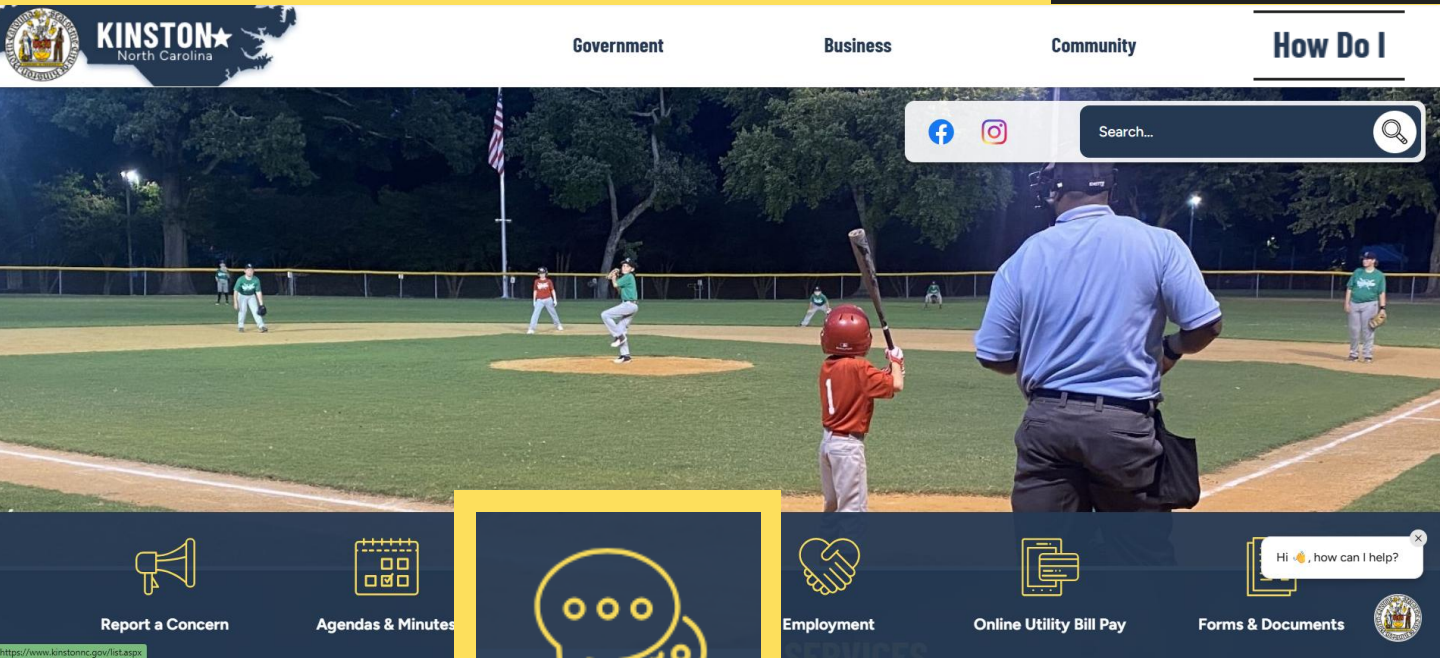
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METHOD	LIST NAME	DESCRIPTION
 	CivicSend Subscriber List	<a href="#">View Previous Messages</a>
 	COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER	Quarterly newsletter sharing the latest news and events in the city of Kinston.
 	Parks & Recreation	Sign up to receive important updates regarding program registration and upcoming events with Kinston/Lenoir County Parks & Recreation.









▼ Agenda Center

METHOD	LIST NAME	DESCRIPTION
 	City Council	
 	Mayor's Crime Intervention Task Force	
 	Parks & Recreation Commission	













▼ Alert Center

METHOD	LIST NAME	DESCRIPTION
 	City Clerk	
 	City Manager	Special requests made by manager or mayor to be posted on website. <a href="#">View Previous Messages</a>
 	Game Updates	Get notifications when any sports field is closed due to inclement weather.
 	Kinston Fire & Rescue Department	
 	Outages	Get notifications on any water or power outages in the area.
 	Public Safety	Get notifications, updates and reminders from the Police Department.
 	Public Services	<a href="#">View Previous Messages</a>
 	Road Closures	
 	Weather Alerts	Get notifications on all severe weather

## ▼ Bid Postings

METHOD	LIST NAME	DESCRIPTION
 	Finance	
 	Human Resources	
 	Public Services	
 	Recreation	

## ▼ Calendar

METHOD	LIST NAME	DESCRIPTION
 	Aqua Fitness Schedule	
 	City Clerk	
 	Fire & Rescue Events	Subscribe to get notifications on events that Fire & Rescue is offering for the month.
 	Fire Explorers	
 	KCC Class Schedule	
 	Main Calendar	

## Sign UP



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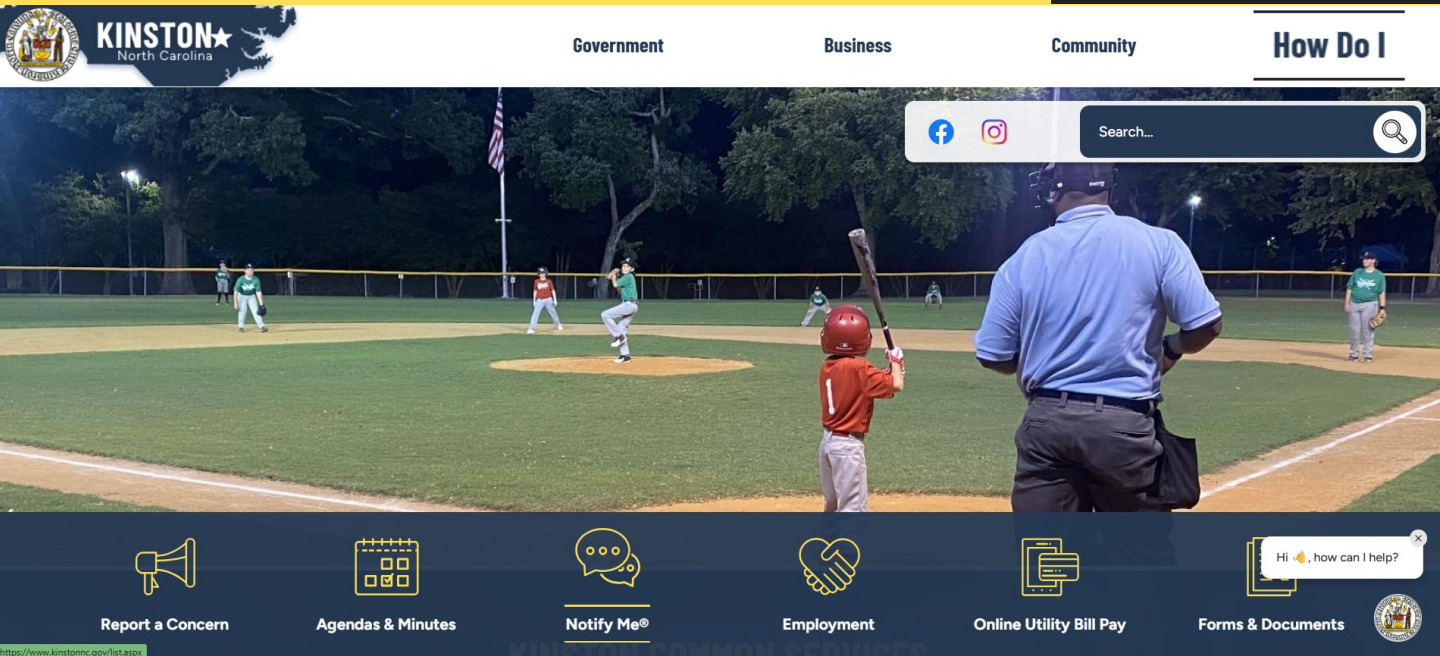
Pay for Utilities

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Report a Concern

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## Use the City of Kinston Request Tracker

<https://www.kinstonnc.gov/RequestTracker.aspx>

## Citizen Request Tracker®

Use Citizen Request Tracker® to report your concerns.

[Login](#) to check on existing requests.

### Animal Control

2 Forms

[Barking Dog](#)

[Stray Animals](#)

### Code Enforcement and Inspections

4 Forms

[Building Code Violation](#)

[Unlicensed Contractor](#)

[Request an Inspection](#)

[Work Without Permit](#)

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2 Forms

[Dog Park Maintenance](#)

[Park Maintenance / Equipment Repair](#)

### Police Department

5 Forms

[Noise Ordinance Violation](#)

[Speeding](#)

[Abandoned / Junk Vehicle on Private Property](#)

[Traffic Complaint](#)

[Graffiti Removal](#)

### Public Services

12 Forms

[Dead Animal](#)

[Street Signs](#)

[Outage](#)

[Traffic Signals](#)

[Possible Leak in Street\(Non-Emergency\)](#)

[Trash / Recycling - Container Issue](#)

[Pothole Repair](#)

[Trash / Recycling - Missed Collection](#)

[Sidewalk Maintenance](#)

[Vision Obstructions on Road Causing Safety Hazard](#)

[Street Light Out / Flickering](#)

[Yard Waste - Missed Collection](#)

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# Kinston-Lenoir Police and Community Engagement (P.A.C.E.)

Overview with Juvenile Statistics

**PRESENTED TO**  
P.A.C.E. Meeting

**MEETING FACILITATOR**  
Major Kevin Jenkins  
[kevin.jenkins@kinstonnc.gov](mailto:kevin.jenkins@kinstonnc.gov)




# Kinston-Lenoir Police and Community Engagement

## Kinston Police Department

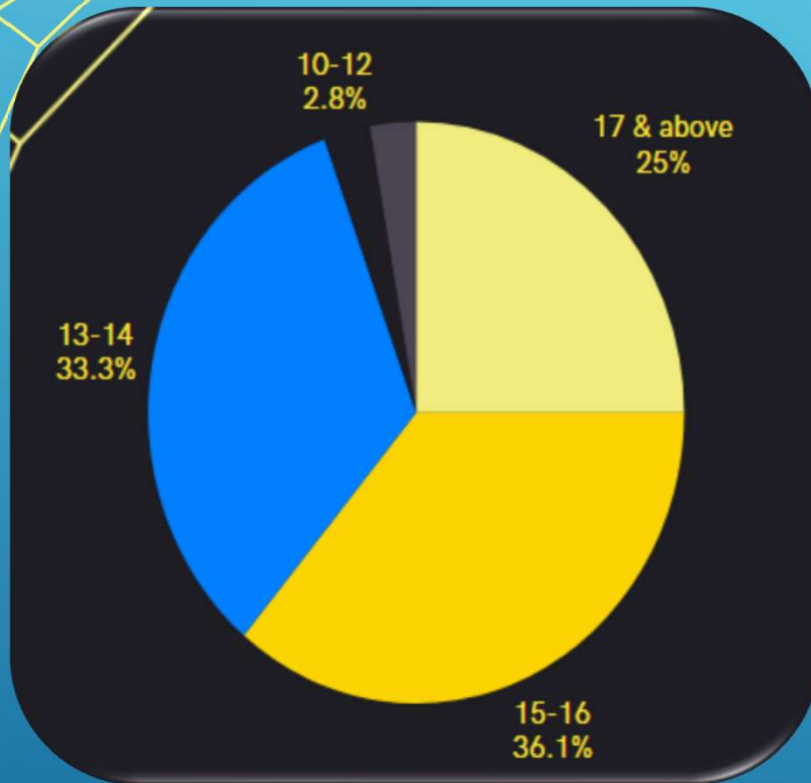
Meeting Facilitator:

Major Kevin Jenkins ([kevin.jenkins@kinstonnc.gov](mailto:kevin.jenkins@kinstonnc.gov)) 252-939-3721

- I. Welcome/ Major Jenkins – Introduction
  - II. Since we last met – End of Fiscal Year
  - III. Juvenile Contacts
  - IV. Discussion
  - V. Questions
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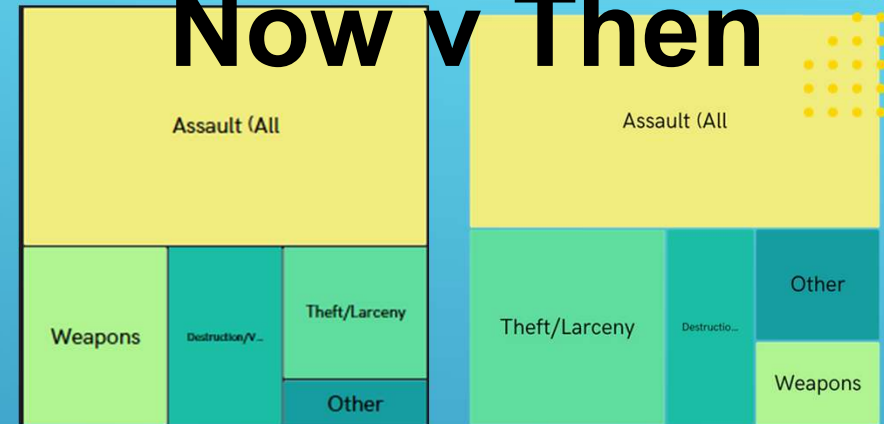


# Where we left off last month -



Victim Support Specialist pending changes  
We wish Tori well in her new adventures

## Now v Then



## Expanded Summary

- 49 of the 84 were successfully diverted into programs within the department or with guardians (58%)
- 18 of the 84 required DSS referral (21%)
- 42 of the 84 were Assault/Weapons or Felony charges (50%)
- 18 of 84 were school related (21%)
- 20 of 84 were theft/other larceny related (29%)

# Monitoring the Crimes against People



<https://www.kinstonnc.gov/668/KPD-Crime-Map>

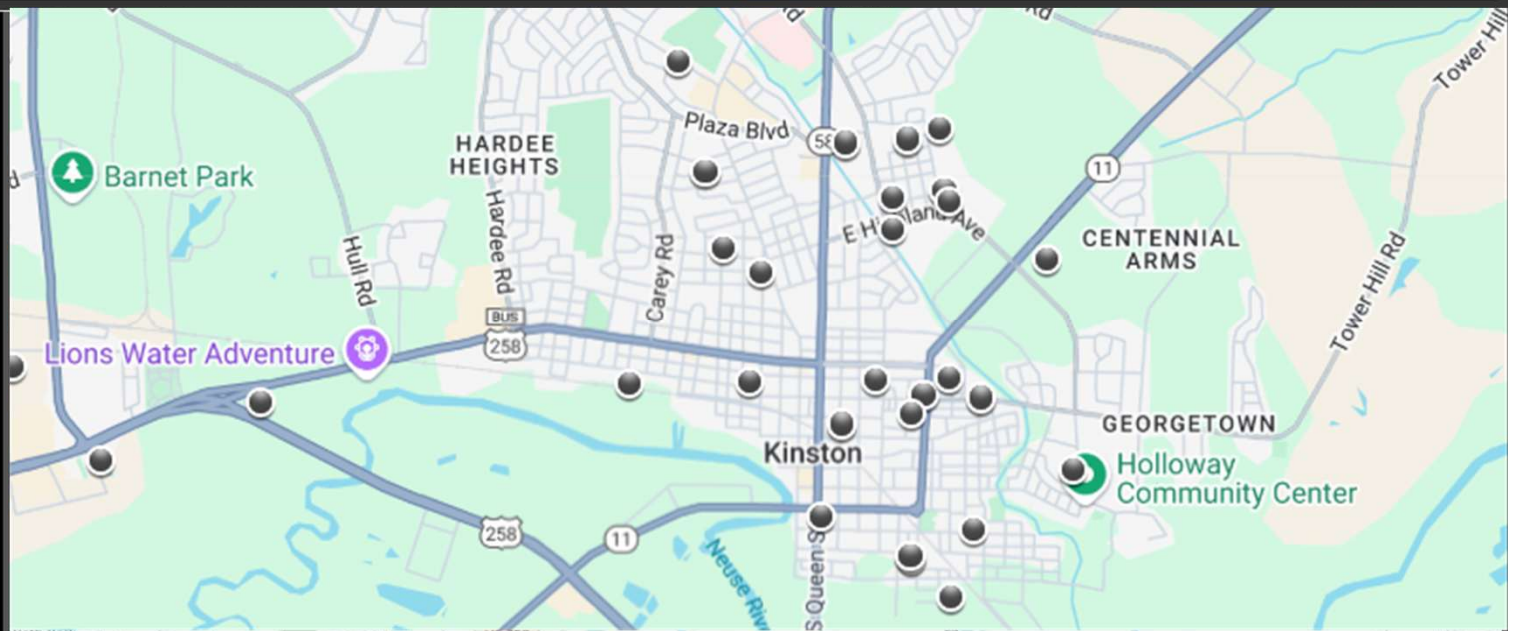


Shootings from 09-2023 Published 07/26/25

## Incidences - Shootings or Shots

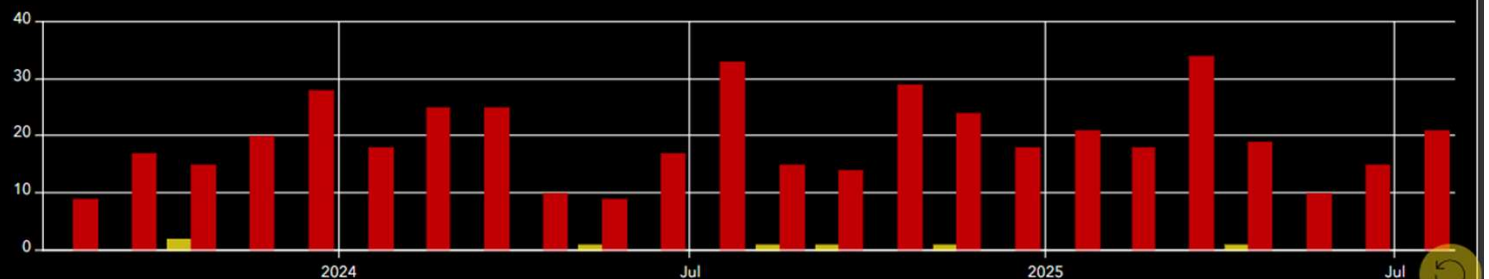
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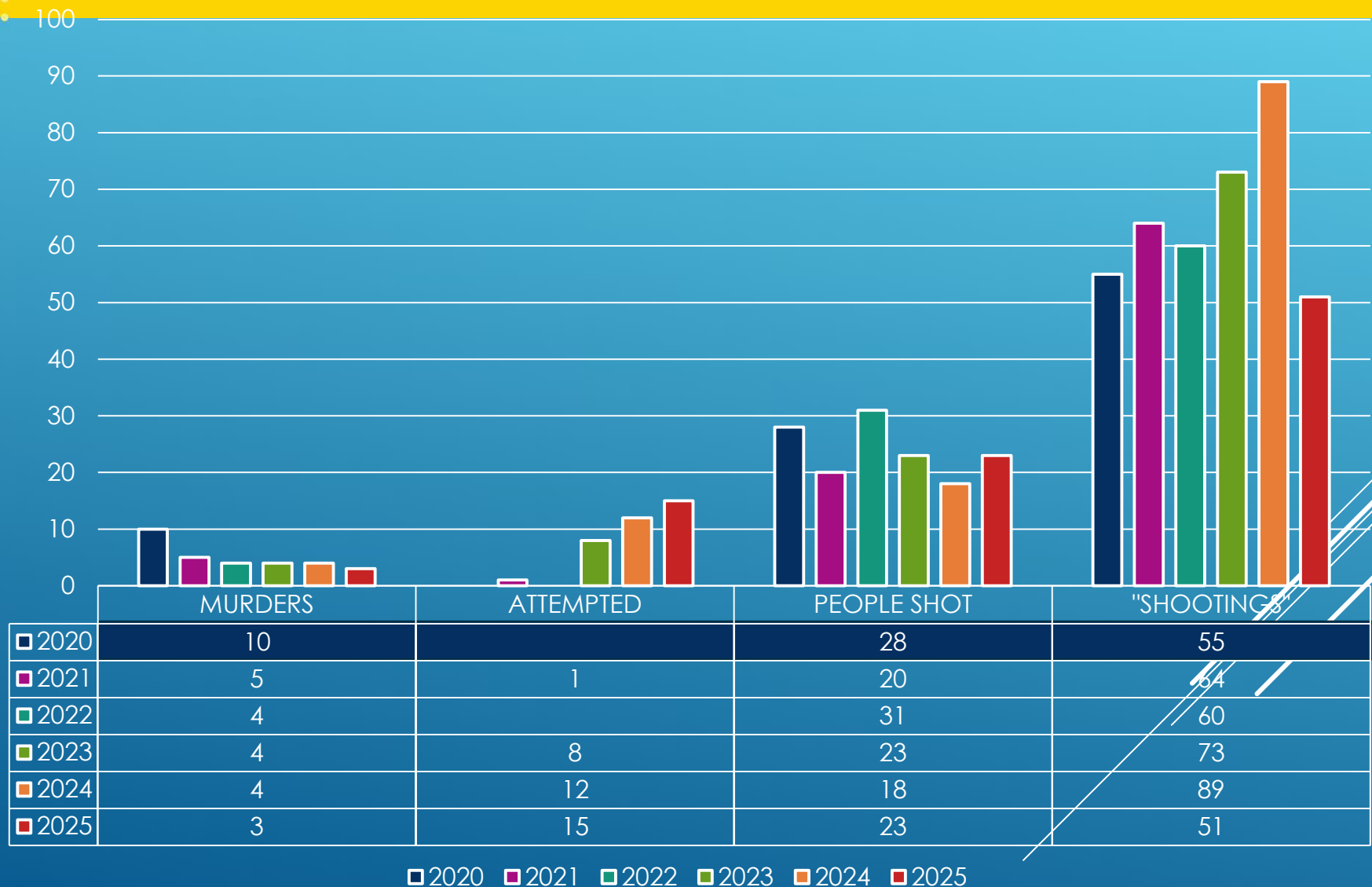
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# More shots per shooting or fewer shootings, more people



# 2025 July Juvenile Contacts 6 Contacts (35 in 2024)

67%: Handled within the department and with parental/guardian interaction = 4

0%: Referred to Juvenile Court Authorities = 0

Of those 0 juveniles, 0 (0%) were charged as juveniles, 11 juveniles released to guardians and 1 referred to County Juvenile Detention under Protective Order.

3 New Cases were registered with KPD Victim Support  
1 Juvenile Offender charged with Felony



# 2025 August Juvenile Contacts

## 9 Contacts (37 in 2024)

67%: Handled within the department and with parental/guardian interaction = 6

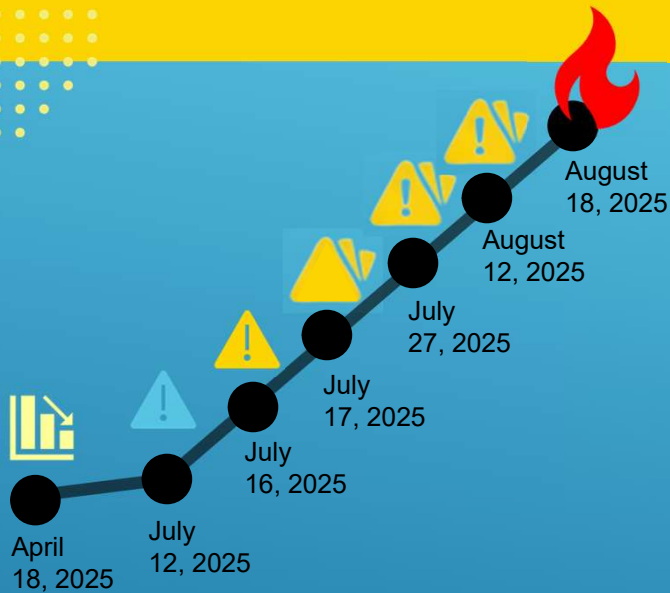
33%: Referred to Juvenile Court Authorities = 3

Of those 3 juveniles, 3 (100%) were charged as juveniles, 1 assault related and 2 involving motor vehicles.

5 New Cases were opened via KPD Victim Support  
4 contacts refused to cooperate, petition or declined to charge



# Escalating Aggravated Violence among Juvenile cases



## Escalation of Violence: From Symbolic to Real

Stage	Behavior	Meaning	Impact
 <i>Symbolic Identity</i>	Colors, slang, street-coded fashion	Belonging, masculinity, resistance	Social bonding, low risk
 <i>Symbolic Defiance</i>	Smashing windows, tagging, loitering	Rejection of authority ("Outsiders")	Property damage, rising tension
 <i>Performative Violence</i>	Gunfire with no accuracy (20 shots, 0 hits)	Power display, fear signaling	Public fear, police attention
 <i>Real Consequences</i>	Escalated retaliation, arrests, trauma	Breakdown of symbolic boundaries	Community destabilization

## Target the Underlying Drivers:

### Driver



*Masculinity & Power*



*Distrust of Systems*



*Localized Loyalty*



*Digital Disinterest*

### Description

Violence becomes a currency for respect and identity

Schools, police, and digital platforms seen as hostile or irrelevant

Loyalty to block, crew, or family overrides broader norms

Preference for real-world expression over online engagement

# Updates and Upcoming Events



**LENOIR COUNTY AGRICULTURAL FAIR**

**WE'VE GOT A WEEK FULL OF FUN— WITHOUT BREAKING THE BANK!**

**Tuesday 9/30 Night**  
Buy One Armband, Get One **FREE!**

**Wednesday 10/1 Carload Night**  
Pack the car and pay one low price for everyone inside!

**Thursday 10/2 Dollar Night**  
\$1 Admission and \$1 Ride Tickets!

There's something for EVERY budget — come out and make memories with the whole family!

lenoircountyfair.org for complete details.

**Carseat Training and check Event** – September 24

**Digital Literacy Corps Program** – [kinstonteens.org/](http://kinstonteens.org/)

**CLEAR** October 1

**National Nightout** October 6

**Winter Coat Drive** – Drop Off 611 N. McLewean St, Kinston (Sept 15 – Oct 31)

**Medicine Drop** – October 20

**Save the Date – Turn on the Holidays** – November 22

**Citizens Police Academy** to be scheduled



## Kinston Police Explorers

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**Dewayne Craft**

Kinston High School - SRO

[Dewayne.Craft@kinstonnc.gov](mailto:Dewayne.Craft@kinstonnc.gov)

[More Information](#)





