

Kinston-Lenoir Police and Community Engagement



P.A.C.E

POLICE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

September 18, 2025

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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 is 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 an 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 30th – Oct 4th
- KPD CLEAR Oct 1st at McDonald's on Vernon 9am-11am
- Trillium Gang Conference Oct 3rd WCC
- KPD Explorers Oct 6th
- National Night Out 6pm-8pm Southeast Park
- Recovery Together ENC Conference Oct 14th 8am-3pm LCC
- Medicine Drop-off at Walmart on Oct 20th
- Triple P Touch a Truck Grainger Stadium Oct 25th 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





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.

Visit <https://www.kinstonnc.gov/list.aspx> OR

[View All Alerts](#)

[Notify Me®](#)

Open the *How Do I* page

Sign up for alerts

Join Boards and Commissions

Find employment

Environmental Services

Pay for Utilities

Permits & Building Inspections

Public Services

Report a Concern

View City Budget



Government

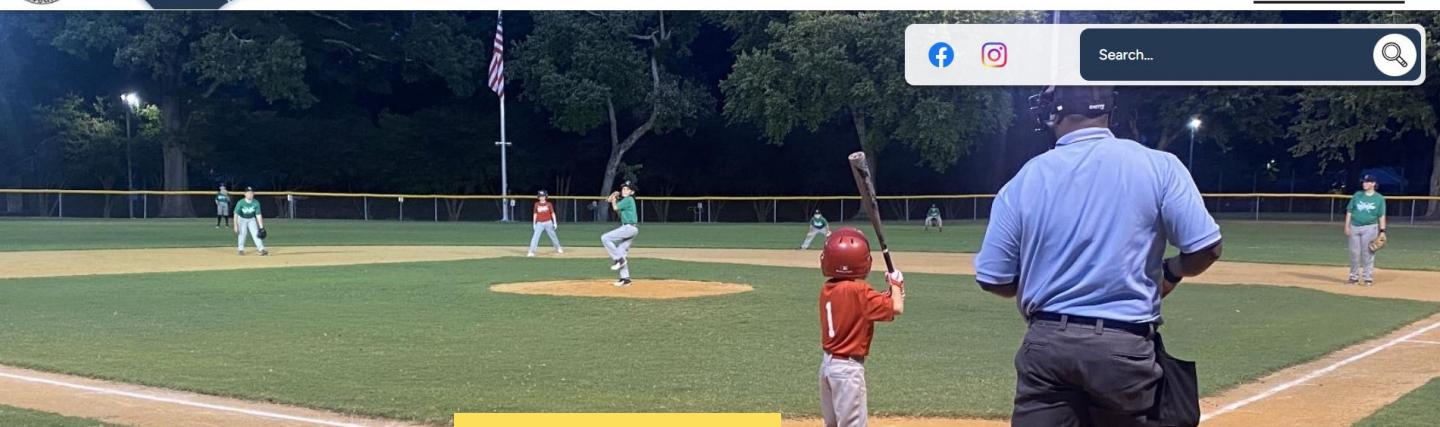
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How Do I



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Employment



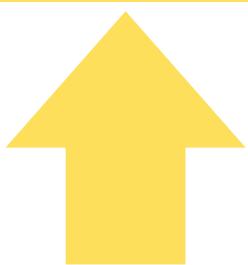
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Forms & Documents



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2. If you want to receive text messages enter your phone number and select **Save**.
3. To subscribe or unsubscribe click and/or next to the lists to which you wish to subscribe/unsubscribe.

Please sign in to subscribe, unsubscribe, or manage your subscriptions

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METHOD	LIST NAME	DESCRIPTION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	CivicSend Subscriber List	View Previous Messages
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER	Quarterly newsletter sharing the latest news and events in the city of Kinston.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	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
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	City Council	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Mayor's Crime Intervention Task Force	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Parks & Recreation Commission	

▼ Alert Center

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

▼ Bid Postings

METHOD	LIST NAME	DESCRIPTION
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▼ Calendar

METHOD	LIST NAME	DESCRIPTION
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Fire & Rescue Events	Subscribe to get notifications on events that Fire & Rescue is offering for the month.
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Use the How Do I - Hotlink

You will need to Login to submit or Track

Open the *How Do I* page

Sign up for alerts

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View City Budget

The screenshot shows the City of Kinston website. At the top, there is a yellow navigation bar with links: 'Open the How Do I page', 'Sign up for alerts', 'Join Boards and Commissions', 'Find employment', 'Environmental Services', 'Pay for Utilities', 'Permits & Building Inspections', 'Public Services', 'Report a Concern' (with a yellow arrow pointing to it), and 'View City Budget'. Below this is a dark header with the city's logo, 'KINSTON North Carolina', and navigation links for 'Government', 'Business', 'Community', and 'How Do I'. The main content area features a photograph of a baseball game. At the bottom, there is a dark footer with icons and links: 'Report a Concern' (megaphone icon), 'Agendas & Minutes' (calendar icon), 'Notify Me®' (speech bubble icon), 'Employment' (handshake icon), 'Online Utility Bill Pay' (document icon), 'Forms & Documents' (document icon with a message bubble), and a 'Hi, how can I help?' chatbot icon.

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](#)

Parks and Recreation

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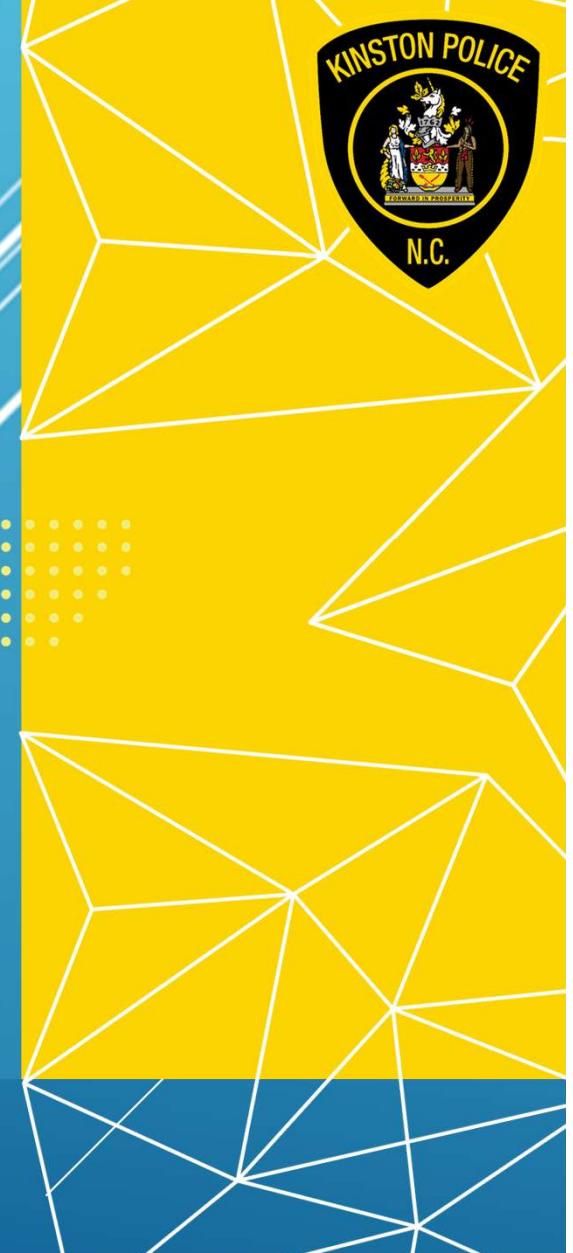
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Kinston-Lenoir Police and Community Engagement (P.A.C.E.)

Overview with Juvenile Statistics

PRESENTED TO
P.A.C.E. Meeting

MEETING FACILITATOR
Major Kevin Jenkins
kevin.jenkins@kinstonnc.gov



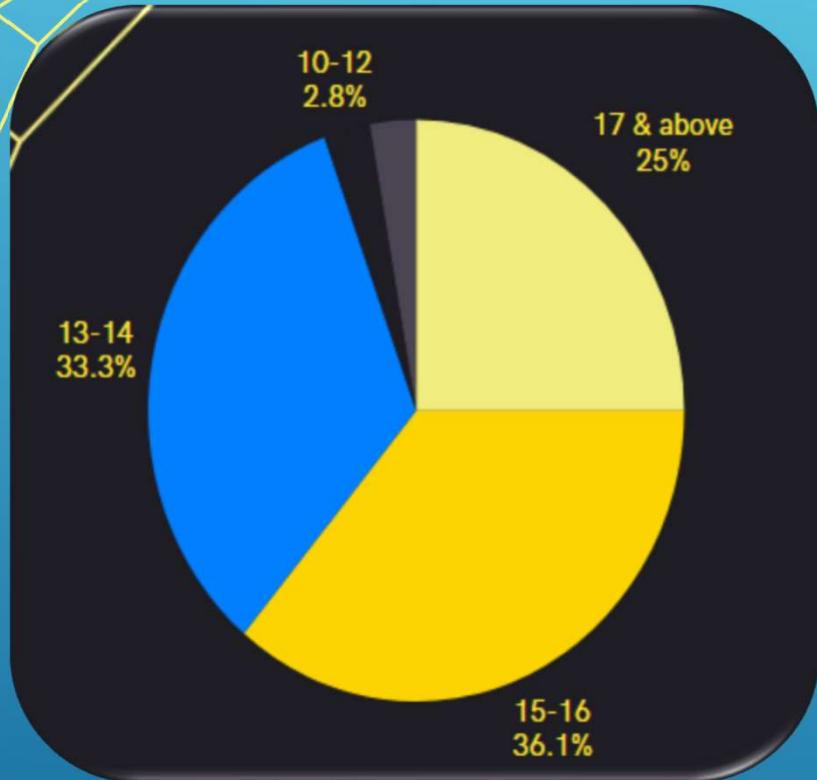
Kinston-Lenoir Police and Community Engagement Kinston Police Department

Meeting Facilitator:

Major Kevin Jenkins (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

Where we left off last month -



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

Now v Then



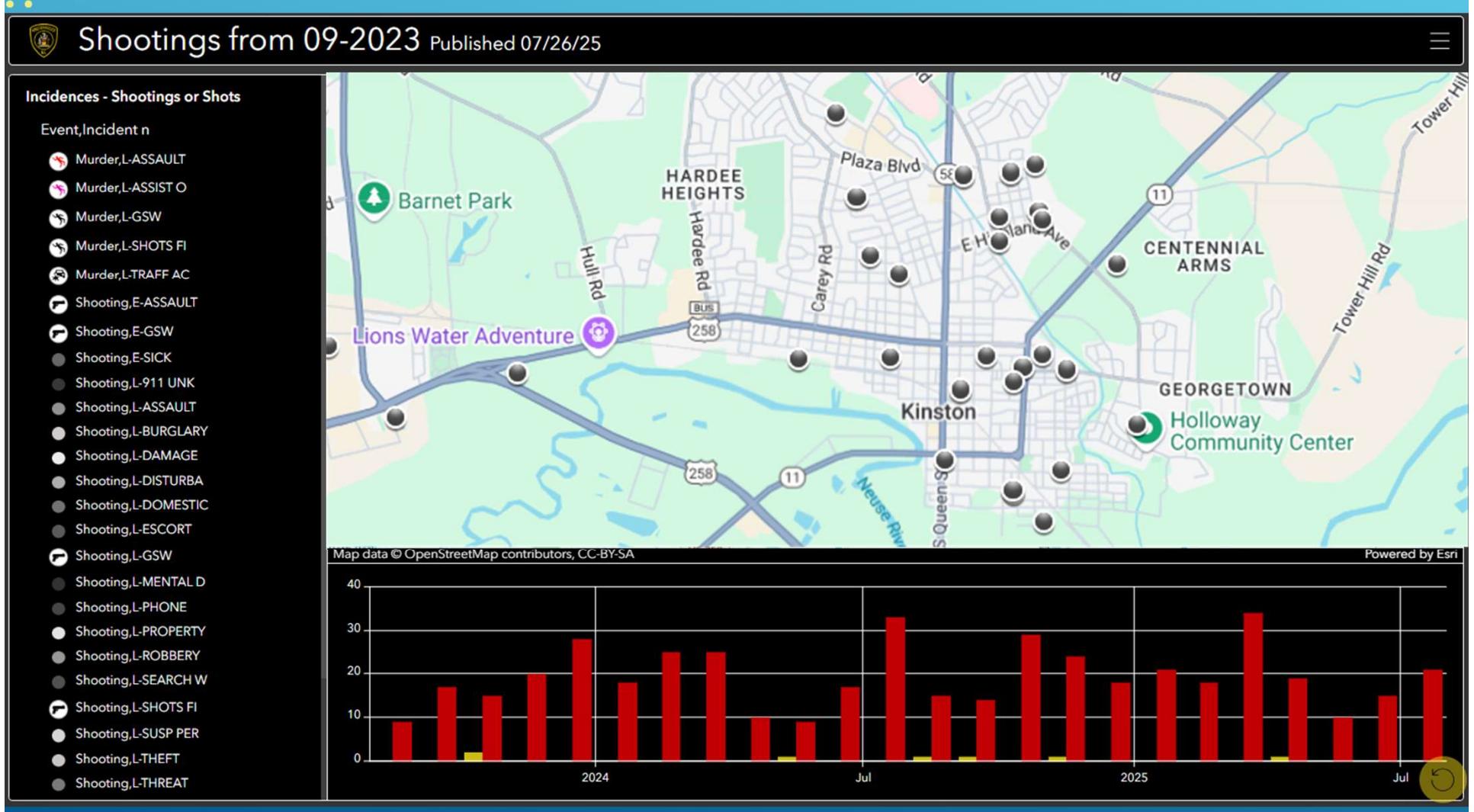
Expanded Summary

- 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

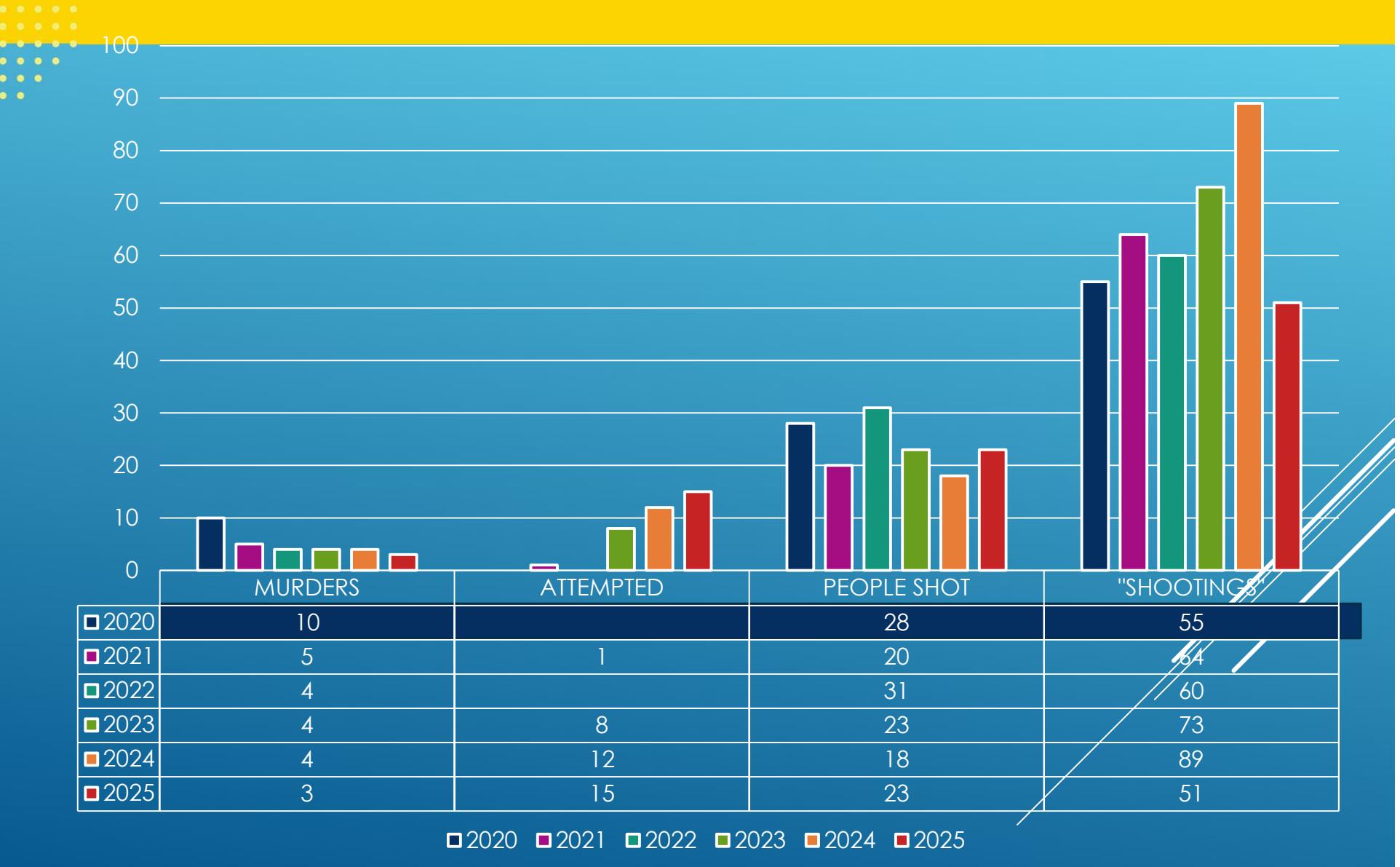


<https://www.kinstonnc.gov/668/KPD-Crime-Map>





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

Target the Underlying Drivers:

Driver

♂ Masculinity & Power

Description

Violence becomes a currency for respect and identity

🏡 Distrust of Systems

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

👤 Localized Loyalty

Loyalty to block, crew, or family overrides broader norms

📱 Digital Disinterest

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/

CLEAR October 1

National Nightout October 6

Winter Coat Drive – Drop Off 611 N. McLeewan 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

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Dewayne Craft

Kinston High School - SRO

Dewayne.Craft@kinstonnc.gov

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Nina Gibson and Cenque Jones

UNC-Chapel Hill Morehead-Cain Scholarship Nominees

Melondia Crouell Adaya Hill Kaylin Morris

UNC-Charlotte Levine Scholarship Nominees

Ariana Chevez Sterling and Ryan Parks

N.C. State Centennial Scholarship Nominees

Anthony Castillo

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Kinston Police Explorers

1h

Thu, Oct 2 at 6:00 PM EDT

Explorer Meeting

205 E King St, Kinston, NC, United States, North Carolina 28501

1 person going

The logo is a shield-shaped badge. The outer ring contains the words "KINSTON POLICE" at the top and "EXPLORERS" at the bottom. Inside the shield, there is a central emblem featuring a star and the word "EXPLORING".



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