

# Kinston-Lenoir Police and Community Engagement



P.A.C.E

POLICE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

January 22, 2026

# January 2026 P.A.C.E Meeting

*Attendees: Casandra Suggs, Kiki Lyons, Jose Cartagena-Lanza Jr, Domica Rhodes, Michael Myers, Cathy Reece, Barbara Sutton, Antonio Hardy, Lakisha Sutton, Emma Slabbert, Robert Mewborn, Brian Biggins, Kevin Jenkins, Genesis Juckett, Nancy Wade, Tah’Ron Cannon, Evelyn Jeffcoat.*

January 22<sup>nd</sup> marked the start of 2026’s first P.A.C.E meeting. Introductions included going around the room to reintroduce everyone in attendance. Announcement of Kinston Teens digital literacy program, SRO Robert Mewborn becoming a Sergeant at the Kinston Police Department, and a brief conversation about how our message can be spread throughout the city to include more engagement from its townsfolk followed.

Juvenile stats were reviewed by our data analyst Mrs. Slabbert. This data can be found on the minuets posting. Our analyst reported KPD’s annual report has been submitted and will be reviewed by the city at the next council meeting, once approved this report will be available on our website. Our analyst also went over violent crime data and reported less violent crime incidents with our youths for 2024-2025. The demographics of our town are changing as teens now make up a decent percentage of our population. This in turn could change aspects of our town in many different ways. Our efforts in the next year should include attention to the age group of 15–16 year old’s. Contacts with juveniles last year were all call based.

As the group moved into the questions and comments section of the meeting questions on how to file a complaint with the police dept and the technological advances of our [new body cams were discussed. Information on how to turn in a complaint can be found on our website or call the Records Department at 252-939-3168 for more information.](#) Our cameras now have the ability to live cast active calls for service to administrators that have access. This creates accountability from our officers and an accurate count of events such as in civilian accidents. Information on how to view bodycam footage can be found on the police website as well as calling the Records Dept for further information.

Kinston Teens just had their cut-off for applications for the Kinston Teen Youth Leadership Council. As P.A.C.E enters a new year questions on involvement were brainstormed and how both our agency, Kinston Teens, LCPS, Kinston 101, and community members can bring teens and their parents to these meetings. Kinston 101 now has 43 people signed up with a waiting list in place.

The members that attend P.A.C.E are passionate about ramping up efforts to positively impact the lives of our youth and community. This year promises to be once focused on lasting partnerships and community engagement.

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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  
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# 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 – Looking forward to 2026
  - III. Juvenile Contacts
  - IV. Discussion
  - V. Questions
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# Welcome, Sgt Mewborn

Sergeant of Community Services



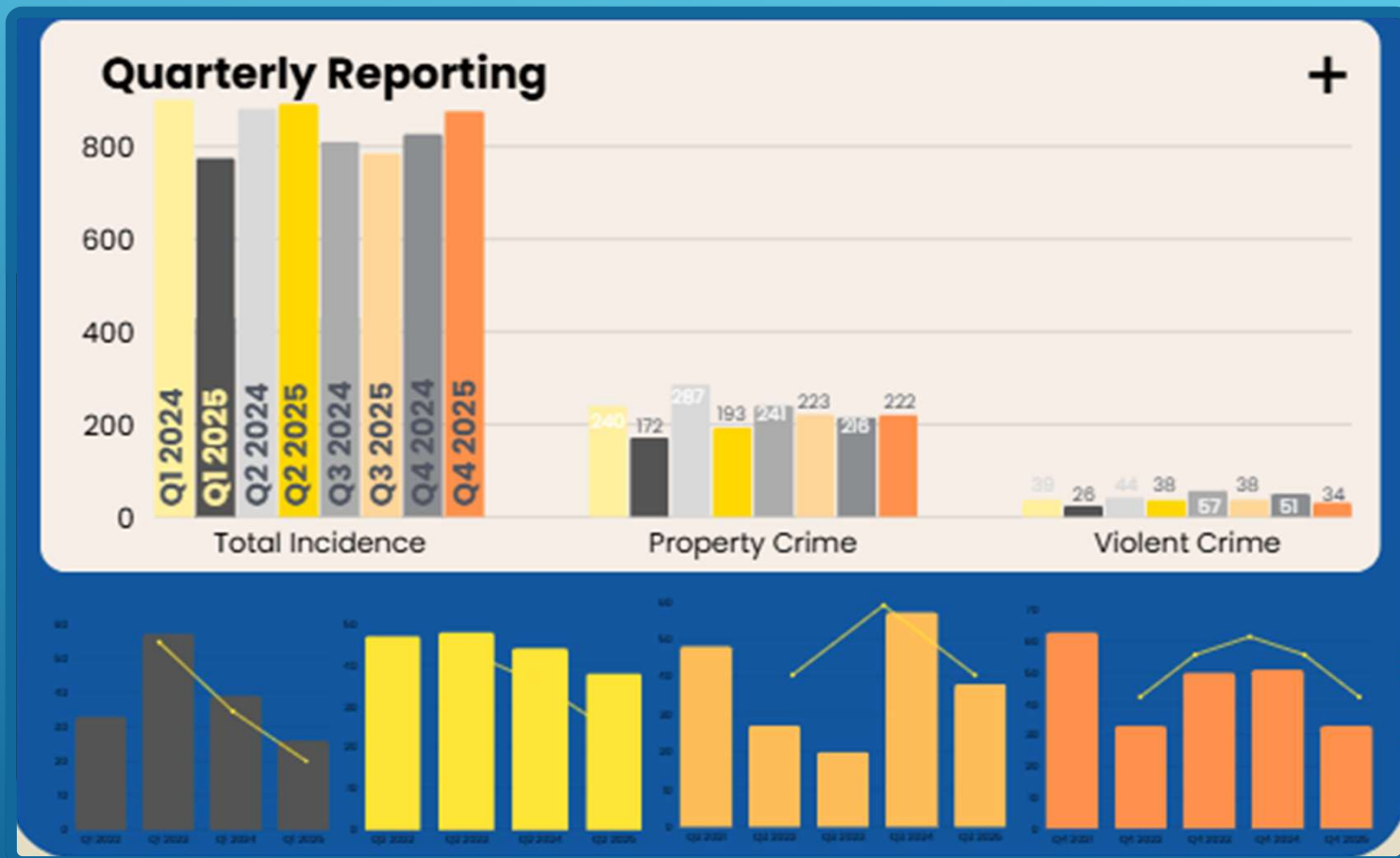
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# Summation – where we left off



<https://www.kinstonnc.gov/DocumentCenter/View/7058/2025-KPD-Quarter-4-Report-25-3>

## YTD 2025



# 2025 November Juvenile Contacts 19 Contacts (18 in 2024)

100%: Handled within the department and with  
parental/guardian interaction = 16

0%: Referred to Juvenile Court Authorities = 0

4 Reported Missing – 4 Found

7 contacts refused to cooperate, petition or declined to  
file

1 commitment order granted

1 case referred to DSS

# 2025 December Juvenile Contacts 22 Contacts (9 in 2024)

59%: Handled within the department and with parental/guardian interaction = 11

41%: Referred to Juvenile Court Authorities = 11

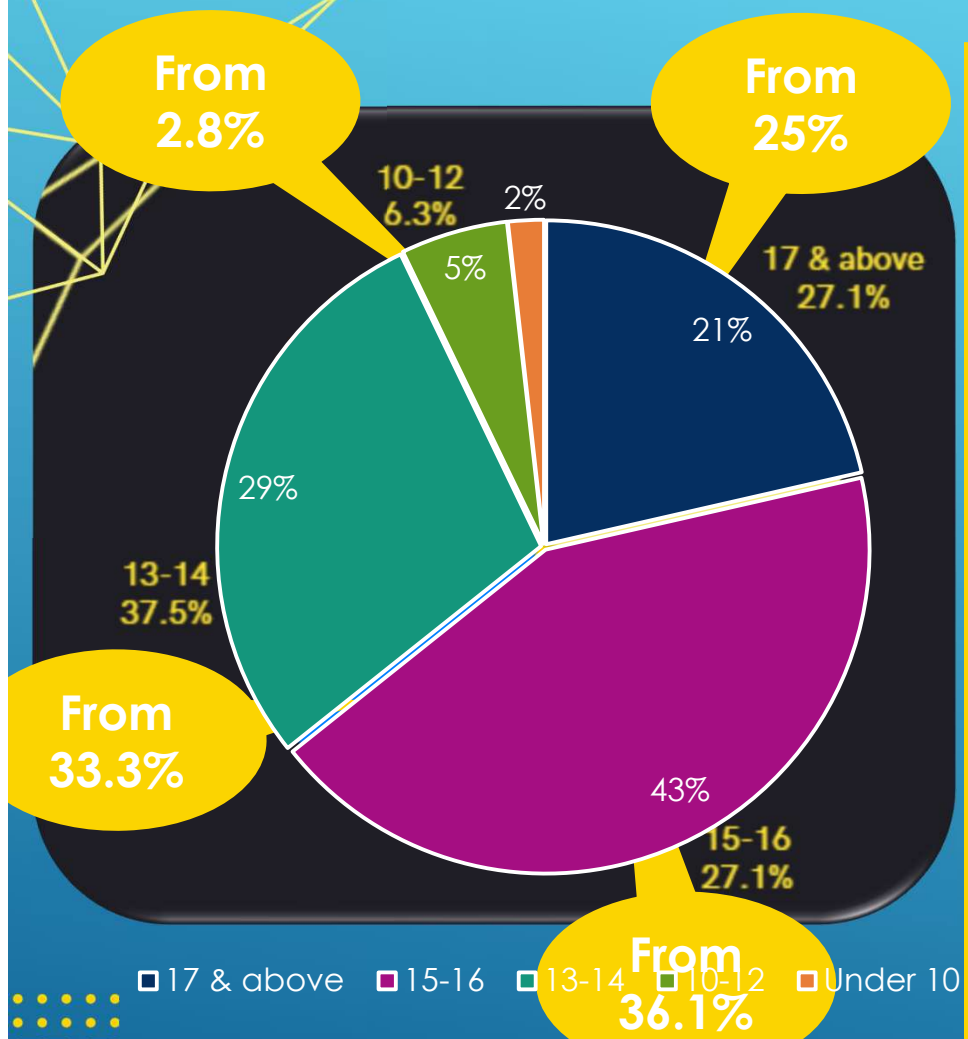
Of those 11 juveniles, 11 (100%) were charged as juveniles, on larceny-related charges, petitions are being filed for arson and remains pending.

4 contacts refused to cooperate, petition or declined to charge

1 alleged assault at KHS still under investigation



## Where we left off last month -



Period	# of Incidents	# of Arrests	Juveniles Charged	Clearance Rate
Q1-2024	882	321	16	0.38
Q1-2025	776	337	23	0.46
Q2-2024	882	326	13	0.38
Q2-2025	892	350	8	0.4
Q3-2024	811	328	7	0.41
Q3-2025	786	360	12	0.47
Q4-2024	827	401	17	0.46
Q4-2025	876	456	14	0.52
2024	3402	1376	53	
2025	3330	1503	57	

### Expanded Summary

- 66 of the 117 were successfully diverted into programs within the department or with guardians (53%)
- 32 of the 123 required DSS referral (26%)
- 51 of the 123 were Assault/Weapons or Felony charges (41%)
- 30 of 123 were school related (24%)
- 46 of 123 were theft/other larceny related (37%)

Total juvenile arrests remained relatively stable, showing a slight increase of 7.5% (from 53 to 58 arrests). However, the *nature* of the offenses shifted significantly. Property crimes (Larceny, Burglary) and Weapons offenses doubled in 2025, while Drug violations and Simple Assaults decreased.

## Age: A Spike in 16-Year-Olds

The most notable demographic change is the age distribution.

- **16-Year-Olds:** Arrests **tripled**, rising from **5** in 2024 to **15** in 2025.
- **13–15 Age Group:** Saw a collective decrease (29 arrests in 2024 vs. 25 in 2025).
- **Youngest Offenders:**
  - **2024:** 3 arrests in the 10-12 age bracket (all for "Other" drug violations).
  - **2025:** 3 arrests in the 10-12 bracket, plus 1 arrest **Under 10**.

## Gender:

- **Larceny:** In 2024, Larceny was exclusively a male offense (8 Male, 0 Female). In 2025, it remained male-dominated but included 2 females.
- **Assault:** Remains the primary offense category for females in both years.

**Burglary & Weapons:** The simultaneous doubling of Burglary and Weapons offenses in 2025 suggests a potential escalation in criminal severity among older teens (16-17), differing from the dispute-heavy (Assault) focus of 2024.



### 1. Reconnect Youth



Prioritize efforts on community integration. Build stronger support networks.

### 2. Targeted Interventions (16-18 yo)



Reduce recidivism with dedicated support programs. Mentorship & skill-building.

### 3. Protect Vulnerable (13-14 yo)



Identify those impacted by domestic instability. Provide safe environments & resources.



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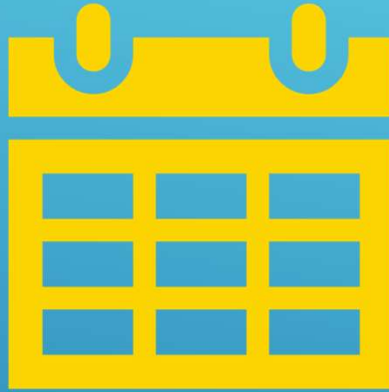
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### All Categories

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<input type="checkbox"/> ▶ Police Department	100 Closed	1 In Process	1 New
<input type="checkbox"/> ▶ Public Services	550 Closed	0 In Process	2 New
<input type="checkbox"/> ▶ Report a Concern	0 Closed	0 In Process	5 New

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**KINSTON SAFE & SOUND**

# Updates and Upcoming Events



**Kinston 101** – Began January 14

**Kinston Teens Youth Leadership Council Applications**– [kinstonteens.org/](http://kinstonteens.org/)

**CLEAR**

**Kinston Explorers**– January 22 at 6





## Kinston Police Explorers

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