COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, April 28, 2026
8:30 A.M.

Present: Mayor Joe Gibbons, Mayor Pro-Tem Ike Perkins, Councilmembers Jonathan Beal, Rebecca Dellinger, Kimmie Rogers, Crissy Thomas, David Stevens.

Staff Present: City Manager Scott Hildebran, City Clerk Lauren Hartley, Finance Director Donna Bean, Planning Director Hannah Williams, Public Services Public Works Director Jon Hogan, Communications & Public Information Director Joshua Harris, Police Chief Andy Wilson, Economic & Main Street Director Brenda Floyd, Parks & Recreation Director Phil Harper, Fire Chief Norman Staines, Community Engagement Coordinator Ashley Smith, Planner Matt Duchan.

Absent: Councilmember Ralph Prestwood, Interim Director of Special Projects & Grants & Risk Management/Purchasing David Coffey, Public Services Public Utilities Director Jeff Church.

I. CALL TO ORDER
Mayor Pro-Tem Ike Perkins welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

II. CITIZEN COMMENT
There were no citizen comments presented at this time.

III. PUBLIC SAFETY

A. Police Chief Andy Wilson gave the following update:
- Chief Wilson gave highlights from the First Quarter Report January-March 2026, which is included in these minutes.
- The C.A.D.E.T Camp will be held June 15-19.
- The Police Department will have four trainees from the BLET program through Caldwell Community College & Technical Institute that graduate in June.

B. Fire Chief Norman Staines gave the following update:
- Chief Staines gave highlights from the First Quarter Report January-March 2026, which is included in these minutes.
- Former Lenoir Fire Department Battalion Chief and long-time Gamewell Chief Keith Franklin passed away. The Lenoir Fire Department will be involved with the service.
- The City of Lenoir implemented their burn ban on March 28 when the NC Forest Service issued their ban. We continue to check open burning and advising occupants of the burn ban.

IV. PUBLIC SERVICES

A. Public Services Public Works Director Jon Hogan gave the following update:
- Triangle Park: A modified proposal and design was provided in the packet. This design has been revised based on the available funds of $7,000. No city funds were

requested. However, the city would provide labor to remove existing trees/shrubs and assist with new plantings. The removal would begin this spring/summer and plant during fall.

- Lenoir Fire Department Infrastructure Repair (Sinkhole): The project bid was canceled due to low interest from contractors. Public Works is currently working with Catawba Valley Engineering and Testing to complete updated GPR (Ground Penetrating Radar) evaluation of the sinkhole and possible void spaces beneath the Fire Department slab. This data will be compared with existing data to update the current design approach.
- Hospital Avenue Sidewalk Project: Project is underway. Public Works is currently working with Wetherill Engineering (design firm) to address utility conflicts (stormwater, gas, water and sewer) at Taubrook Street. Neill Grading has paused construction while we address the design issues.
- Wayfinding Sigh Project: Rite Lite Signs will be in town this week to complete the project, weather permitting.
- Phase II Gateway Project: The Shop Drawing is currently being reviewed. Once approved, the signs will go into manufacturing. This project has a July completion date.
- Clock Tower: Western North Carolina Sculpture Center continues the welding of the art tiles and other pieces. Completion date will be late spring/early summer.
- Veterans Plaza Project: A pre-construction meeting was held on April 27 with all involved parties. The goal is to have the project complete prior to the Blackberry Festival.
- Harper Avenue Streetscape: A draft resolution for support to apply for 2026 LAP funding has been completed, with the final to come before City Council on May 4.

B. Public Services Public Works Director Jon Hogan gave the following update on behalf of Public Services Public Utilities Director Jeff Church:
   - Lenoir–Valdese Water Interconnect: Design progress for the proposed water main, lake crossing, and booster pump station will be reviewed with City staff in early May. Surveyors will need to obtain additional topo and site features at Big View Lane in Waterfront. Easement needs are currently being identified for the entire project. Additional surveying will be needed later for boundary locates for easements.
   - Lead and Copper: Project is ongoing, working on the predictive modeling program.
   - Lower Creek WWTP Process Basin Upgrades: The ER/EID was approved by Division of Water Infrastructure (DWI) at the end of March. The final ER/EID was provided to the City, along with previous meeting notes that detailed the scope of work for the project. Preliminary design will begin in May.
   - ARC flash assessments for public utilities facilities: Twenty-five (25) proposals were submitted to the City for review on April 22, 2026. McGill was the highest-ranking firm. This will come before City Council on May 4.
   - Water and Sewer AIAs: Water and sewer evaluations and project recommendations are being completed. High priority projects that were on previous year Capital

Improvement Plans (CIP) have been updated for the FY2026-27 CIP update. Other high priority projects will be included in the next CIP and the Asset Management Plans.

- Finley Water project: Foundation work for the new tank is complete. The new 8" water main along Finley Avenue from the tank site to Holloway Ave is expected to be placed into service soon.
- Division 2 (East Harper) Sewer Replacement: This project is currently under construction.

V. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

A. Economic & Main Street Director Brenda Floyd gave the following update:

- The Lenoir Business Advisory Board met on April 9. The project at 118 H Lewis Price Street is now complete. There are several board seat vacancies.
- The Lenoir Tourism Development Authority met on April 22. A funding request was submitted for the Caldwell Arts Council.
- The City of Lenoir Main Street received their accreditation approval from Main Street America.
- The NC Main Street and The Gibbons Award Ceremony will be held on April 28 at the Side Street Pour House.

Events

- Bloom Blast 5/23
- Memorial Day Celebration 5/24
- Friday Night Live concerts starts June 5
- Council briefly discussed information received that the Lenoir Cruise-In would be relocating to Sawmills. Ms. Floyd advised that no one has officially contacted the city about same.

B. Planning Director Hannah Williams and Planner Matt Duchan gave the following report and update:

- The Certified Local Government (CLG) opportunity was presented to council. The City of Lenoir would partner with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and the National Park Service to preserve and restore its historic resources. It would consist of five members who have education, experience, or a demonstrated special interest in historic preservation. Matt Duchan proposed to create a separate Historic Preservation Commission where members can still serve on Planning Board similar to the Board of Adjustment. After discussion, council was in favor to move forward with the Certified Local Government (CLG).
- The Green Mountain Park Resort will now have street names for each street, this will help with emergency response.
- 7 Brew has now been issued zoning permits, this will be located on the old Popeyes site on Blowing Rock Blvd.
- The Planning Department has received many questions for the property on the corner of Hospital Ave and Hwy 321, no permits have been issued.

- A rezoning case will come before council on May 4 for a Dutch Bros to add a drive thru. The location will be at 710 Blowing Rock Blvd.
- Planning Board will be reviewing their rules of procedures for the citizen comment section of the meetings.
- Code Compliance Officer Matt Bolick is taking the Certified Zoning Official (CZO) course.
- Planning Technician Kim Staines has completed the Notary class and attending training sessions, along with other Planning Board members.

C. Parks & Recreation Director Phil Harper reported on the following:
- Sports- youth baseball, adult basketball, softball, youth and adult tennis are ongoing.
- The outdoor pool and splashpad will open on May 25.
- The Parks & Recreation Board met on April 20.
- Zack Carter has received his recertification for lifeguard.
- Lester Whittington, Martin Luther King Jr. Center (MLK) Manager is retiring, effective June 1. Kathy Dula will be promoted to MLK Manager and Juliana Tripician will move from Administrative Assistant, Mulberry Recreation Center to the MLK Assistant.
- Parks & Recreation Board member, Rick Piece passed away recently. Rick also founded the youth soccer program. Phil Harper proposed to rename one of the soccer fields and the trophy case at the Mulberry Recreation Center in honor of him.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Stevens, City Council voted 6 to 0 to rename a soccer field and trophy case in honor of Rick Pierce.

VI. FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

A. Finance Director Donna Bean gave the following update:

1. Financial Summary:
   The General Fund was within budget and progressing as expected.

   A copy of the financial summary is attached to these minutes as information.

B. City Manager Scott Hildebran gave the following updates:
- The Campus Project gymnasium and auditorium is underway. The city received a $100,000 donation towards the pavilion.
- The Aquatic & Fitness Center remodel is almost complete.
- An application was submitted for the EDA Implementation-Construction grant for the Foothills Regional Airport Wastewater Project and for the Lenoir-Hickory Regional Water Interconnect EDA.
- The Hickory Regional Airport is looking into having commercial service return to the airport. If it goes forward, the Lenoir Tourism Development Authority (LTDA) has approved $10,000 in funding to support economic growth and to increase tourism and compete to attract employers, employees and visitors.

- Congratulations to Councilmember Rebecca Dellinger on graduating the Caldwell Leadership program.

C. Communications & Public Information Director Joshua Harris gave the following update:
   - Communication Report. There were 2 new releases, 114 social posts, 63 photos, 2 videos, and 40 web updates. The website had a total of 39, 835 views along with 8,796 video views. Social followers total 65,896 and there were 408 new followers this month.
   - The Leadership Lenoir Civic Learning Academy is going well and held their recent class at the Mulberry Recreation Center. A graduation ceremony will be held at the June 16 City Council meeting starting at 5:00 p.m.

VII. OTHER

A. The calendar for the month of May was provided in the packet as information.

VIII. ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

Attachments

Fire Department 2026 First Quarter Report
Police Department 2026 First Quarter Report
Triangle Park Proposal
Certified Local Government

Chief Andy Wilson

First Quarter Report

January - March, 2026

DEPARTMENTAL TRAINING

Investigations Training Hours	**32**
Suicide Investigations	32

School Resource Training Hours	**6**
SRO Update (2026)	6

Special Response Team Training Hours	**160**
Sniper Course	50
SRT Non-Specified	110

State Mandated Training Hours	**240**
Bloodbourne Pathogens / Hazmat	4
Committed to Integrity (2026)	56
Critical Decision Making Model (2026)	56
Firearms Classroom - Instructor (2026)	8
General Instructor Update (2026)	9
DCI Module 1	16
Security Awareness Training	5
TO (2026): Surviving Op Disruptions, Railroad Safety, Processing Calls/QA, Leadership from Within, How Can I Help	40
Youth Focused - Srategies & Responsibilities (2026)	50

Supplemental Training Hours	**2087**
Basic Narcotics	24
Bean Bag Deployment	40
Community Oriented Policing	24
Criminal Record Inquiries	1
Field Training Evaluation Program for New Officers	1856
Field Training Officer Training	40
Flock Camera System	2
Huntress Training (as assigned by I.T.)	7
Intoxilyzer	40
Less Lethal Training	36
Recreational Off-HWY Vehicle Course	1
Surviving the First 3 Seconds	16

Supervisory Training Hours	**86**
An Evaluation Program that Works	6
Tactical Leadership - Critical Lessons	80

TOTAL TRAINING HOURS	**2611**

DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITIES

Achievements & Announcements

Certificate Programs (400+): Intermediate - Ryerse; Traffic Crash Reconstruction - MacLeod
Supervisory Promotions: LT Bumgarner to MJR, CPL Pennell to SGT, PTL Barrett to CPL
Telecommunicator Certificates: General - Hollingworth, Hollowell, Hollar, Gainey, Eller, Dula, & Davis

Committees & Meetings

Board Meetings: Crime Stoppers, Robins Nest, Shelter Home
Committees: Child Abuse/Fatality Prevention, Criminal Justice Advisory, Cust Svc, FTO/Trg, FOP, SCAT
Other: Cadet Camp Planning, FBI-NAA Conference, NC Chief's Conference, Supervisors

Demos, Events & Tours

Caldwell Rotary Speaking Engagement; Crime Stoppers BINGO fundraiser, 5K/10K Race
Governor's Highway Safety Initiatives
Leadership of Lenoir Class
Safe Kids: Car Seat Check; Read Across America/Elementary Engagement

Programs & Other Mentions

Audits Completed: CJLeads, LInx, & Criminal Justice In-Svc. Compliance
Essential Personnel Program (Under Development)
Reserve Guard Duty: SRO Inman
Retirements: Major Stilwell, SGT Spears & MPO Ruppard
Urban Archery Season Renewed for 2026



K-9 Team teaching at the City of Lenoir Leadership Class

CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS

NIBRS	Charge Description	1Q23	1Q24	1Q25	1Q26
13A	Aggravated Assault	8	5	2	10
11D	Forcible Fondling	2	6	4	12
11A	Forcible Rape	1	4	4	3
11B	Forcible Sodomy	0	1	1	0
64A	Human Trafficking (Commercial Sex Acts)	0	0	0	0
64B	Human Trafficking (Involuntary Servitude)	0	0	0	0
36A	Incest	0	0	0	0
13C	Intimidation	4	2	10	17
09C	Justifiable Homicide	0	0	0	0
100	Kidnapping / Abduction	1	0	2	1
09A	Murder / Non-Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	0
09B	Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	1
11C	Sexual Assault with Object	1	3	0	0
13B	Simple Assault	84	64	61	94
36B	Statutory Rape	0	2	4	0
	TOTALS	**101**	**87**	**88**	**138**

CRIMES AGAINST SOCIETY

NIBRS	Charge Description	1Q23	1Q24	1Q25	1Q26
720	Animal Cruelty	1	0	0	1
40B	Assisting / Promoting Prostitution	0	0	0	0
35A	Drug / Narcotic Violations	76	69	64	85
35B	Drug Equipment Violations	39	20	30	33
39A	Gambling (Betting / Wagering)	0	0	0	0
39C	Gambling (Equipment Violations)	0	0	0	0
39B	Gambling (Operating / Promotion)	0	0	0	0
39D	Gambling (Sports Tampering)	0	0	0	0
370	Pornography / Obscene Materials	0	6	2	2
40A	Prostitution	0	0	0	0
40C	Purchasing Prostitution	0	0	0	0
520	Weapons Law Violations	11	5	12	11
	TOTALS	**127**	**100**	**108**	**132**

CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY

NIBRS	Charge Description	1Q23	1Q24	1Q25	1Q26
200	Arson	1	1	3	1
510	Bribery	0	0	0	0
220	Burglary / Breaking & Entering	37	53	29	20
250	Counterfeiting / Forgery	2	5	2	1
290	Destruction/ Damage/ Vandalism of	26	41	39	22
270	Embezzlement	0	0	0	0
210	Extortion / Blackmail	0	0	0	0
26G	Hacking / Computer Invasion	1	0	0	0
26F	Identity Theft	0	1	0	4
23H	Larceny (All Other)	50	57	46	36
23D	Larceny (From Building)	12	5	11	7
23E	Larceny (From Coin-Operated Machines / Devices)	0	0	0	0
23F	Larceny (From Motor Vehicles)	17	21	7	10
23G	Larceny (Motor Vehicle Parts and Accessories)	4	1	5	5
23A	Larceny (Pick-Pocket)	0	0	1	1
23B	Larceny (Purse Snatching)	0	0	0	0
23C	Larceny (Shoplifting)	25	27	17	6
240	Motor Vehicle Theft	20	7	14	5
26B	Fraud (Credit / Debit Card / ATM)	7	11	5	9
26A	Fraud (False Petense / Swindle / Confidence Game)	10	19	15	11
26C	Fraud (Impersonation)	3	5	5	1
26D	Fraud (Welfare)	0	0	0	0
120	Robbery	1	1	3	1
280	Stolen Property	6	1	3	5
26E	Wire Fraud	1	0	0	0
	TOTALS	**223**	**256**	**205**	**145**

CRIME STOPPERS

Description	1Q23	1Q24	1Q25	1Q26
Calls Received	44	33	22	8
Illegal Narcotics Recovered	$0	$0	$0	$0
Rewards Paid	$0	$200	$800	$0
Stolen Property Recovered	$90	$300	$0	$0
Total Arrests	3	3	0	7

GROUP B OFFENSES

NIBRS	Charge Description	1Q23	1Q24	1Q25	1Q26
90A	Bad Checks	0	0	0	0
90B	Curfew / Loitering / Vagrancy	0	0	0	0
90C	Disorderly Conduct	3	1	5	2
90D	Driving under Influence	11	4	8	10
90E	Drunkenness	0	1	2	1
90F	Family Non Violent Offenses	28	55	39	47
90G	Liquor Law Violations	1	0	1	1
90H	Peeping Tom	0	1	1	0
90I	Runaways	4	1	1	3
90J	Trespass of Real Property	1	3	2	3
90Z	All Other Offenses (Person / Property / Society)	3	3	0	8
	TOTALS	**51**	**69**	**59**	**75**

CALLS FOR SERVICE

Description	1Q23	1Q24	1Q25	1Q26
Alarms	353	388	322	367
Animal Complaints	71	61	48	58
Civil Disturbances	198	191	150	176
Domestic Disturbances	222	201	196	233
Field Contacts	49	192	63	464
Follow-Ups	283	239	226	192
Foot Patrols	23	27	25	14
Incomplete 911s	768	511	505	461
Loud Noise Complaints	60	58	46	52
Special/House Checks	2776	4104	2623	2620
Stranded Motorists	133	155	100	125
Suspicious Persons	481	522	514	626
Suspicious Vehicles	308	249	245	256
Warrant Service	226	217	148	229
TOTALS	**5951**	**7115**	**5211**	**5873**

Group B offenses are non-reportable and consist of Crimes Against Society, except bad checks, runaway juvenile, and all other offenses. Runaway juvenile is not classified as a crime by the FBI, but we feel documentation is warranted.

CANINE ACTIVITIES

Description	1Q23	1Q24	1Q25	1Q26
Building Searches	4	2	4	7
Building Search Apprehensions	0	0	1	0
Call Outs	0	0	0	0
Demonstrations	0	1	5	4
Currency Seized	$0	$0	$0	$75
Assist Narcotics Searches	0	3	19	4
Assist Narcotics Seizures	0	3	21	3
Narcotic Utilizations	88	14	19	37
Street Value of Seized Narcotics	$11,678	$2,339	$2,829	$17,444
Tracks	2	1	1	2
Tracks Apprehensions	1	0	1	2
Training Hours	24	83	350	123
Utilizations	56	19	29	62

CHARGES / ARRESTS

Description	1Q23	1Q24	1Q25	1Q26
Felony Charges				
Adult	170	142	126	148
Juvenile	4	3	1	2
Misdemeanor Charges				
Adult	556	479	463	462
Juvenile	6	10	18	16
TOTALS	**736**	**634**	**608**	**628**

Figures to the right are arrests stemming from charges above. Involuntary Commitments are included in misdemeanor arrest totals.

Felony Arrests	112	113	87	112
Misdemeanor Arrests	452	417	375	375
Involuntary Commitments	54	47	57	70

TRAFFIC

Description		1Q23	1Q24	1Q25	1Q26
Crashes					
	Crashes with Injuries	46	50	49	44
	Crashes with Property Dmg	196	205	188	228
	TOTALS	**242**	**255**	**237**	**272**
Figures to the right are included in the totals above.	Fatalities	0	2	0	1
	Hit & Runs	50	55	59	43
	Parking Lots	49	69	75	63

In 1st quarter 2026, we had 4 pedestrians and/or cyclists injured in traffic crashes.

Tickets	1Q23	1Q24	1Q25	1Q26
Handicap Tickets Issued	0	2	0	0
Parking Tickets Issued	54	115	34	2
Parking Tickets Paid	33	129	26	8
Traffic Citations Issued	355	488	536	662
Warning Tickets Issed	144	318	334	325

Top Five Contributing Circumstances	1Q26
Failure to Reduce Speed	43
Improper Backing	37
Failure to Yield Right of Way	35
Improper Turn	24
Inattention	20

Top Five Crash Locations	1Q26
Blowing Rock Blvd / Hospital Ave	6
Blowing Rock Blvd / ABC Ct	4
Blowing Rock Blvd / Nuway Cir	4
Blowing Rock Blvd / Elizabeth St	3
Hickory Blvd / McLean Dr	3

ADMINISTRATIVE

Description		1Q26
ABC Permits		**7**
Addict Help (Caldwell Fairgrounds) - 2 Events (2/8 & 3/28)	Malt Bev. & Spirituous Liquor (Sell on premise)	
Addict Help (Caldwell Fairgrounds) - 2 Events (2/22 & 4/4)	Malt Bev. & Spirituous Liquor (Sell on premise)	
Addict Help (Caldwell Fairgrounds) - 2 Events (3/15 & 4/12)	Malt Bev., Spirituous Liq. (Serve/Sell on premise)	
Addict Help (Caldwell Fairgrounds) - 2 Events (3/15 & 11/14)	Malt Bev., Spirituous Liq. (Serve/Sell on premise)	
Caldwell Memorial Hospital Foundation - Special One Time	Malt Bev., Wine, Spirit. Liq. (Serve/Sell on premise)	
The Caldwell House - Special One Time Event	Malt Bev., Wine, Spirit. Liq. (Serve on premise)	
Western Piedmont Symphone - Special One Time	Malt Bev., Wine, Spirit. Liquor (Sell on premise)	

COMMUNICATIONS

Description	1Q23	1Q24	1Q25	1Q26
CAD Requests DSS	62	44	27	0
Criminal History Requests	75	78	51	158
Entered CAD Calls	10017	10991	8969	9137
Interpreter Requests (all Spanish)	4	2	6	0
Number of Monthly Validations	160	162	172	162
Utilty Calls	64	66	88	129

RECORDS

Description	1Q23	1Q24	1Q25	1Q26
CAD Reports	$90	$115	$25	$80
Fingerprinting	$75	$15	$5	$15
Parking Ticket Payments	$290	$1,175	$220	$150
Reports	$55	$35	$20	$20
TOTALS	**$510**	**$1,340**	**$270**	**$265**

PROPERTY & EVIDENCE

Description	1Q23	1Q24	1Q25	1Q26
Evidence Disposed	13	596	264	879
Evidence Received	649	525	505	821
Evidence Inventory Total	50057	52067	54207	26563

Total evidence inventory has changed to more accurately reflect number of items currently on hand vs. previous reporting of total collected since tracking in 2006.

GENERAL INVESTIGATIONS

Description	1Q23	1Q24	1Q25	1Q26
Interviews / Forensic Interviews	95 / 1	201 / 10	159 / 10	98 / 6
Recovered Stolen Property	$223,356	$9,645	$48,558	$25,154
Recovered Stolen Vehicles (number of)	23	4	12	5
Recovered Stolen Vehicles (value of)	$217,520	$40,400	$36,100	$59,744
Narcan Use	21	21	14	2
Overdoses	40	33	24	5
Opioid Induced Overdoses	*26*	*18*	*12*	*3*
Suicides	2	2	1	4
Unattended Deaths	10	20	15	11

Narcan is used to reverse fatal drug overdoses. In 1st quarter 2026, its administration likely saved 2 lives.

CASE STATUSES

Description	1Q23	1Q24	1Q25	1Q26
Open	105	87	88	205
Inactive	316	216	161	131
CBA (Cleared by Arrest)	90	43	228	242
Exceptionally Cleared	9	6	14	0
Unfounded	37	35	47	48
TOTALS	**557**	**387**	**538**	**626**

NUISANCE

Description		1Q23	1Q24	1Q25	1Q26
Offenses					
	Abandoned / Junk Vehicle	5	3	7	1
	Graffiti	25	4	2	2
	Health and Safety	2	2	7	3
	Junk and Debris	33	35	39	47
	Miscellaneous	1	7	0	2
	Tall Grass or Vegetation	0	0	0	2
	TOTALS	**66**	**51**	**55**	**57**
Case Statuses					
	City Abated	8	9	4	3
	Owner Abated	15	25	30	33

NARCOTICS ACTIVITIES

Description	1Q23	1Q24	1Q25	1Q26
Arrests	5	7	21	9
Charges	12	14	43	22
Cases Opened or Initiated Within City Limits	20	68	20	16
Cases Opened or Initiated While Assisting Other Agencies	13	27	21	19
Cash and Property Seized	$762,079	$15,737	$1,812	$2,978
Cash and Property Seized While Assisting Other Agencies	$1,040	$9,866	$7,600	$1,400
Illegal Narcotics Seized	$3,343,899	$218,717	$109,387	$168,924
Illegal Narcotics Seized While Assisting Other Agencies	$74,065	$613,251	$650,001	$667,365
Knock and Talks	2	9	4	5
Search Warrants	35	25	8	5
Total Assists and Joint Investigations	13	27	21	19
Vehicle Seizures	0	0	0	0

NARCOTICS CONFISCATED

Description	1Q26

Drug Name	Quantity	Value
Cocaine	2 g	$400
Crack Cocaine	1 g	$200
Fentanyl	24.4 g	$14,640
Marijuana	438.6 g	$3,509
Methamphetamine	991.9 g	$148,785
Oxycodone	49 du	$1,390
	TOTAL	**$168,924**

For the Alcoholic Beverage Commission Board's reporting requirements, listed below are alcoholic violations and drug charges from inside the city limits of Lenoir for the quarters below:

ALCOHOLIC VIOLATIONS

Description	1Q23	1Q24	1Q25	1Q26
Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor	0	4	0	2
Consuming - Underage	0	0	1	2
Defrauding a Drug / Alcohol Screening Test	0	1	0	0
Driving While Subject to Impairing Substances	8	4	6	10
Driving While Impaired	3	1	2	0
Hold Until Sober	6	3	6	7
Impaired Driving Revocation	0	2	0	1
Intoxicated and Disruptive	4	3	4	2
TOTALS	**21**	**18**	**19**	**24**

DRUG CHARGES

Description	1Q23	1Q24	1Q25	1Q26
Felony Drug Charges	33	37	35	63
Misdemeanor Drug Charges	49	61	23	29
TOTALS	**82**	**98**	**58**	**92**

What's New in Nuisance?

The Investigation's Division receives complaints from various sources about nuisances in the city limits of Lenoir.

Please see the map on the next page for a visible view of the code enforcement reports the detectives have documented this quarter.

Please note duplicate visits have been limited to one incident per address for mapping purposes

The following pictures are some before and after shots of properties in the city that detectives have been working on this quarter. Take a look!

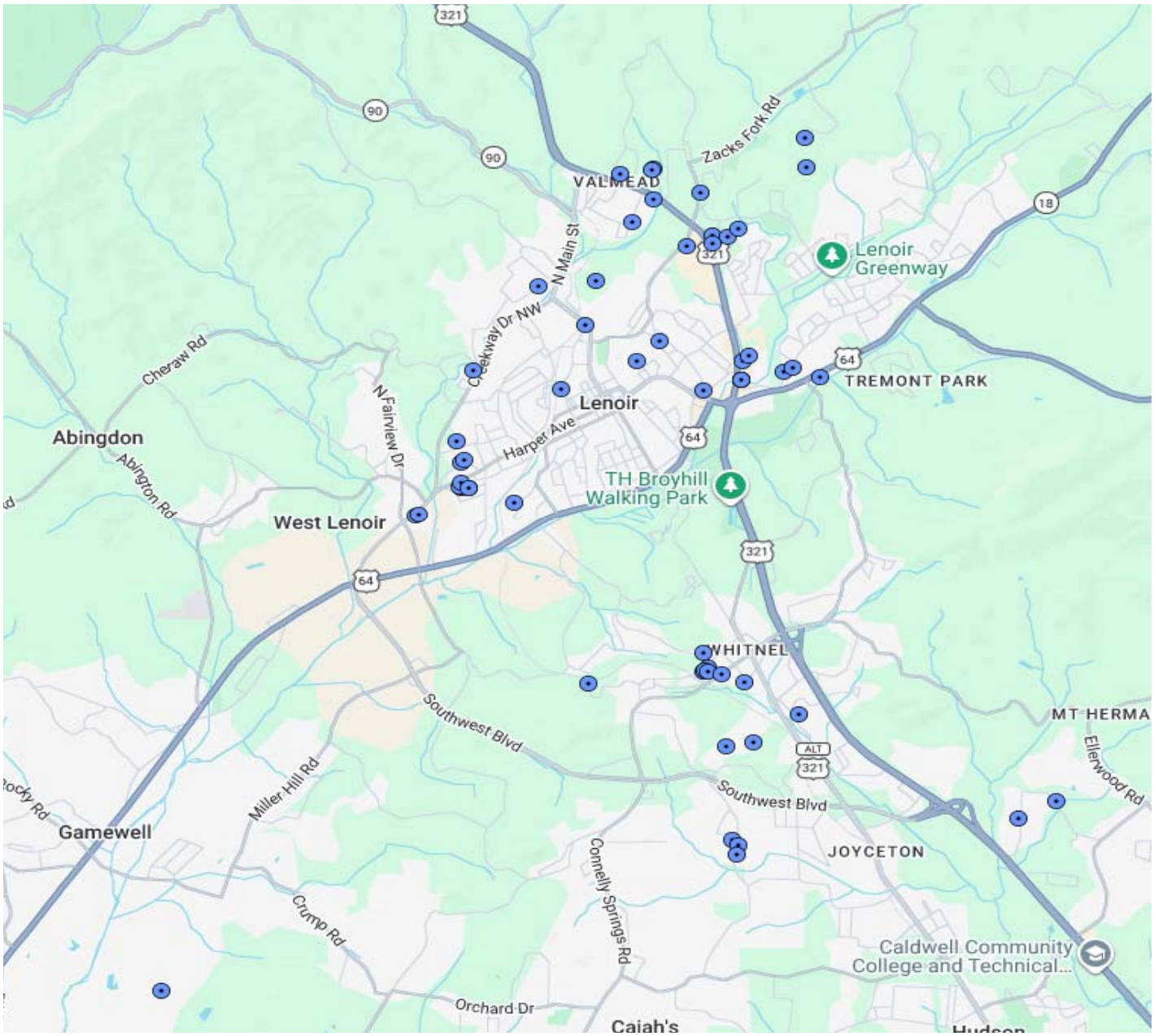
This owner abated property is located at 125 ABC Ct



This owner abated property is located at 126 Torrence Cir



Follow us around town!



115 SW HICKORY ST
214 NE GREENVALLEY PL
221 NW SUNSET ST
103 SW HICKORY ST
108 SW HICKORY ST
110 SW HICKORY ST
2303 WALT ARNEY RD
2205 WALT ARNEY RD
2116 WALT ARNEY RD
115 SW HICKORY ST
201 NE LOWER CREEK DR
2620 FAIRWOOD DR
132 NW TORRENCE CIR
1207 NE WEAVER CT
120 NE CEDAR RUN ST

710 SW JASON PL
216 NE LOWER CREEK DR
308 BLOWING ROCK BLVD
506 WILKESBORO BLVD
404 SW RENWICK ST
620 NW WENTWORTH PL
1939 NW HARPER AVE
1949 SW HARPER AVE
304 NE GREENVALLEY PL
202 BLOWING ROCK BLVD
311 NW GLENDALE ST
222 NE NUWAY CIR
2726 FAIRWOOD DR
306 BLOWING ROCK BLVD
424 NW STONEWALL ST

511 SW OAK ST
512 SW OAK ST
516 SW OAK ST
519 SW CONNELLY SPRINGS RD
126 NW TORRENCE CIR
1010 BLOWING ROCK BLVD
1145 NE POWELL RD
205 NW GREENHAVEN DR
601 SW JASON PL
202 BLOWING ROCK BLVD
1285 NE PRINCE WILLIAM DR
1326 NE PRINCE WILLIAM DR
1625 NW HAYES PL
1210 NW PIEDMONT DR
1349 BLOWING ROCK BLVD

Lenoir Police Department
Calls For Service

115 NE ABC CT
LENOIR, NC 28645

January 1, 2026 - March 31, 2026

ESCORT BUSINESS	1
SPECIAL CHECK	3
SUSPICIOUS PERSON	1
Total Calls:	**5**

Lenoir Police Department
Calls For Service

1326 SW CONNELLY SPRINGS RD
LENOIR, NC 28645

January 1, 2026 - March 31, 2026

ESCORT FUNERAL	5
SPECIAL CHECK	4
TRAFFIC STOP	3
Total Calls:	**12**



Chief Norman Staines

First Quarter Report

January - March 2026

OVERVIEW

Thank you for taking the time to look through the Lenoir Fire Department's quarterly report. This report is designed to give you an understanding of the day-to-day operations of our department and staff for the first quarter of 2026. The first quarter of the year has been busy for our department and staff.

MAJOR EVENTS:

January:

- Staff participated in a Caldwell Early College High School Career Fair (22nd)
- Battalion Chief Chris Bradshaw retired (31st)

February:

- Staff attended the Caldwell Together meeting at St. James Episcopal Church (17th).
- Staff participated in their first off-duty facilities training at Catawba Valley Community College (24th, 25th, 26th)
- Staff conducted a fire truck visit at Lenoir Christian Fire Academy (27th)

March:

- Staff hosted quarterly retiree breakfast at Station # 2 (6th)
- Staff assisted with replacing lights at Mulberry Recreation Center (10th)
- Staff attended an Emergency Workers Breakfast at College Avenue Baptist Church (13th)
- Staff completed medical standby at the Leprechaun Leap 5K/10K with UTV and 2 Firefighters (14th)
- Staff participated in a Career Fair at Whitnel Elementary School (27th)
- Staff participated in a Career Fair at Hibriten High School (27th)
- An open burn ban was put into place on March 28, 2026, beginning at 1800.





Winter Storms

Community Support

During the two winter storms staff were shown appreciation by local restaurants. Both Longhorn of Lenoir and Chick-fil-A feed on duty staff.





Responses

During the winter storms the decision was made to respond Ranger 1 and 2 on medical calls in Station 1 and 2 districts. As needed Ranger 1 would assist with calls in the district of Station 3. This was done due to their maneuverability in the slick conditions. During this time Ranger 1 responded to 60 calls for service and Ranger 2 responded to 16 calls for service.



RESPONSES / INCIDENTS / CALLS FOR SERVICE

INCIDENT COUNT

INCIDENT TYPE	1st Quarter 2024 # INCIDENTS	1st Quarter 2025 # INCIDENTS	1st Quarter 2026 # INCIDENTS
MEDICAL	548	530	514
FIRE	231	286	265
TOTAL	779	816	779

PRE-INCIDENT VALUE – VS – DOLLAR LOSSES – VS PROPERTY SAVED

	PRE-INCIDENT VALUE	LOSSES	PROPERTY SAVED
2024 – 1st QUARTER	$10,589,200	$266,100	$10,323,100
2025 – 1st QUARTER	$11,840,300	$671,000	$11,169,300
2026 – 1st QUARTER	$6,846,500	$62,550	$6,783,950

LIGHTS AND SIREN AVERAGE FOR ALL CALLS (MM:SS)
FIRST ARRIVING APPARATUS (TRAVEL TIME)

2024 – 1st QUARTER	3:27
2025 – 1st QUARTER	3:05
2026 – 1st QUARTER	3:48

Turnout Compliance (NERIS)

Count of Incidents: **779**

Count of Turnout Time Less than 80 seconds: **722**

Average Unit Turnout Time: *0m:08s*

Count of Response Times less than 320 Seconds: **642**

Average Unit Response Time: *3m:48s*

Count of Incident Where Travel Time less than 240 seconds: **519**

Average Unit Travel Time *3m:39s*

Count of Incidents per Station

	January 2026	February 2026	March 2026	Station Totals
Station 1	157	135	136	428
Station 2	56	56	68	180
Station 3	65	55	44	164
Out of District	1	4	2	7
Monthly Totals	**279**	**250**	**250**	**779**

Mutual Aid Given

Department	Count of Incidents
Gamewell Fire Department	3
Hudson Fire Department	1
Total	**4**

Mutual Aid Received

Department	Count of Incidents
North Carolina Forest Service	2
Hudson Fire Department	1
Valmead Fire Department	1
Total	**4**

Addresses with Multiple Incidents

Location	Count of Incidents
100 Abington Road	**18**
322 Nuway Circle	**13**
1902 Hickory Boulevard	**12**
102 Willow Street	**12**
505 Wilkesboro Boulevard	**11**

Percent of Total Incidents That Were Responses to Address with Multiple Incidents: 49.9%

Count of Incidents to Addresses with Multiple Incidents: 389

Count of Address with Multiple Incidents: 116



COUNT OF INCIDENTS BY APPARATUS

	2024 – 1st QUARTER	2025 – 1st QUARTER	2026 – 1st QUARTER
Battalion	80	143	122
Car 1	14	17	35
Car 2	7	1	0
Car 3	18	31	42
Car 4	6	7	9
Engine 1	41	169	32
Engine 2	84	144	125
Engine 3	117	126	127
Ladder 1	151	132	172
Ladder 2	107	108	141
Personal	2	2	0
QRV – 1	292	225	188
QRV – 2	118	113	78
QRV – 3	68	111	100
Ranger 1 (UTV)	N/A	N/A	63
Ranger 2 (UTV)	N/A	N/A	18
Rescue 1	144	69	104
Rescue 10	7	16	0
Support 1 (UTV)	1	1	0
S-10 (Command Trailer)	0	0	0
ST1 – Headquarters	1	2	7
ST2 – Station 2	0	0	4
ST3 – Station 3	0	2	4
Tower 1	5	22	12
Truck 17	1	2	0
Truck 18	0	0	0
TOTAL FOR ALL APPARATUS	**1,275**	**1,443**	**1,383**

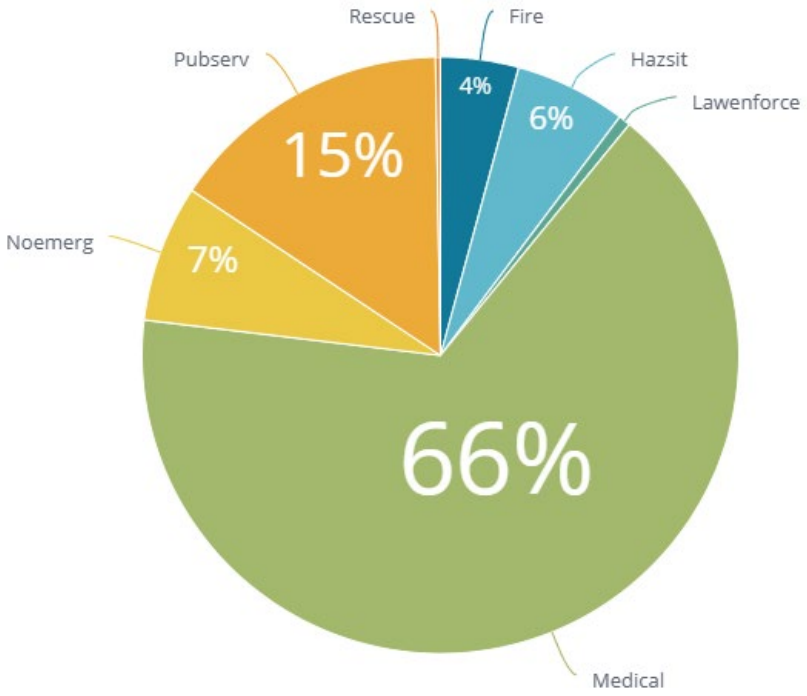


Call Response by Type

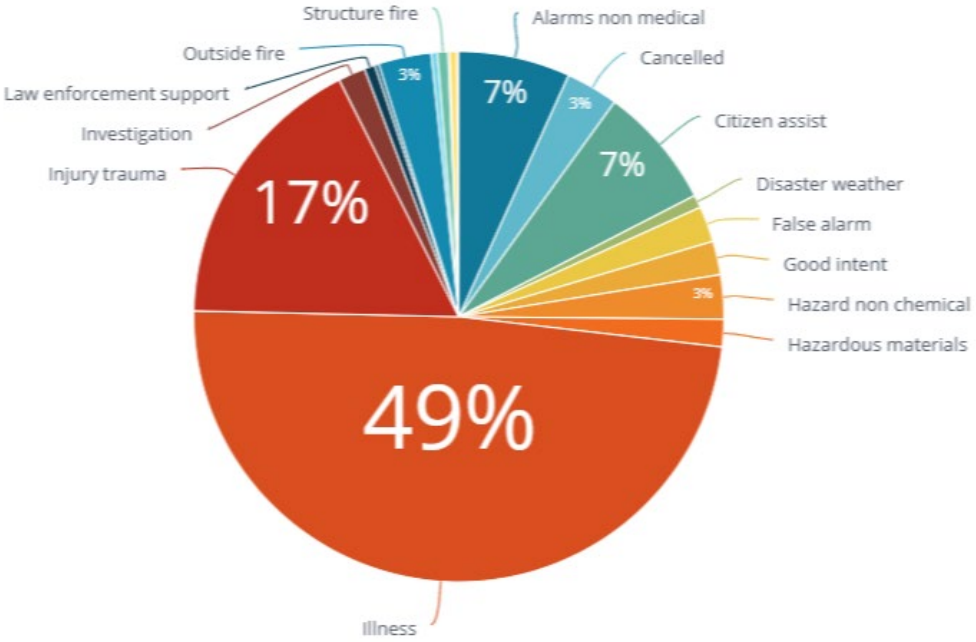
Primary Incident Type	Incidents			
	01/2026	02/2026	03/2026	Grand Total
Abdominal pain / problems	5.0	5.0	5.0	15.0
Accidental alarm	4.0	6.0		10.0
Allergic reaction / stings	2.0	3.0		5.0
Altered mental status	2.0	2.0	2.0	6.0
Animal bites			1.0	1.0
Aviation standby	1.0			1.0
Back pain (non-trauma)	2.0	2.0	4.0	8.0
Breathing problems	31.0	24.0	34.0	89.0
Burns / explosion	1.0			1.0
CO alarm	5.0	2.0		7.0
Cancelled	9.0	7.0	9.0	25.0
Cardiac arrest	7.0	6.0	7.0	20.0
Chest pain (non-trauma)	17.0	21.0	26.0	64.0
Choking			1.0	1.0
Citizen assist / service call	17.0	8.0	10.0	35.0
Confined cooking / appliance fire	1.0			1.0
Controlled burning (Authorized)	1.0	2.0	1.0	4.0
Convulsions / seizures	6.0	6.0	1.0	13.0
Damage assessment		1.0		1.0
Diabetic problems	3.0	3.0	3.0	9.0
Drowning / diving / scuba accident	1.0			1.0
Dumpster / other outdoor container fire		2.0		2.0
Electrical hazard / short circuit	2.0	4.0		6.0
Electrical power line down / arching / malfunction			2.0	2.0
Extrication / entrapped		1.0		1.0
Fall	30.0	20.0	17.0	67.0
Fire / smoke alarm	7.0	22.0	16.0	45.0
Fuel spill / fuel odor	1.0			1.0
Gas alarm		1.0		1.0
Gas leak / gas odor	1.0	4.0	7.0	12.0
Gunshot wound	3.0	2.0	2.0	7.0
Headache	1.0	1.0	3.0	5.0
Heart problems	8.0	5.0	3.0	16.0
Hemorrhage / laceration		3.0	1.0	4.0
Investigate hazardous release (Nothing found)	1.0			1.0
Law enforcement support	1.0		4.0	5.0
Lift assist	11.0	7.0	4.0	22.0

Malfunctioning alarm	6.0			6.0
Medical alarm			1.0	1.0
Motor vehicle collision	17.0	18.0	23.0	58.0
Move-up	2.0		1.0	3.0
Nausea / Vomiting			1.0	1.0
No incident found upon arrival / location error	3.0	2.0	1.0	6.0
Odor investigation	3.0	1.0	1.0	5.0
Other false call			1.0	1.0
Other outside fire		1.0	6.0	7.0
Other traumatic injury	1.0	3.0	1.0	5.0
Overdose	3.0	4.0	3.0	10.0
Person in distress			1.0	1.0
Poisoning		1.0		1.0
Pregnancy / childbirth		1.0	2.0	3.0
Psychological / behavior issues	1.0			1.0
Room and contents fire			1.0	1.0
Sick case	33.0	18.0	19.0	70.0
Smoke from non-hostile source (Smoke scare)	2.0	2.0	1.0	5.0
Smoke investigation	4.0	1.0	3.0	8.0
Stab / penetrating trauma			1.0	1.0
Standby request (medical)		1.0		1.0
Stroke / CVA	2.0	9.0	3.0	14.0
Structural involvement	3.0			3.0
Trash / rubbish fire	2.0	2.0	1.0	5.0
Unconscious victim	8.0	6.0	6.0	20.0
Unknown problem (medical)	1.0	2.0	1.0	4.0
Vegetation / grass fire		3.0	5.0	8.0
Vehicle fire - commercial	1.0			1.0
Vehicle fire - passenger	1.0		1.0	2.0
Weather response	1.0	4.0		5.0
Well person check	4.0		1.0	5.0
Wildfire - urban interface		1.0	1.0	2.0
Wildfire - wildland			1.0	1.0
Grand Total	279.0	250.0	250.0	779.0

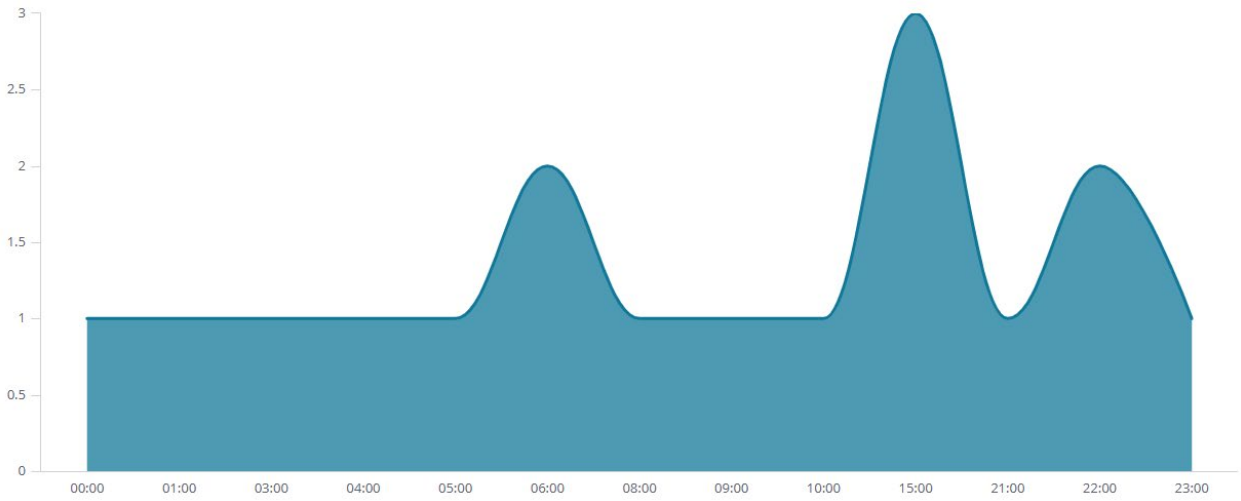
Primary Incident Type Category



Primary Incident Types by Subcategory



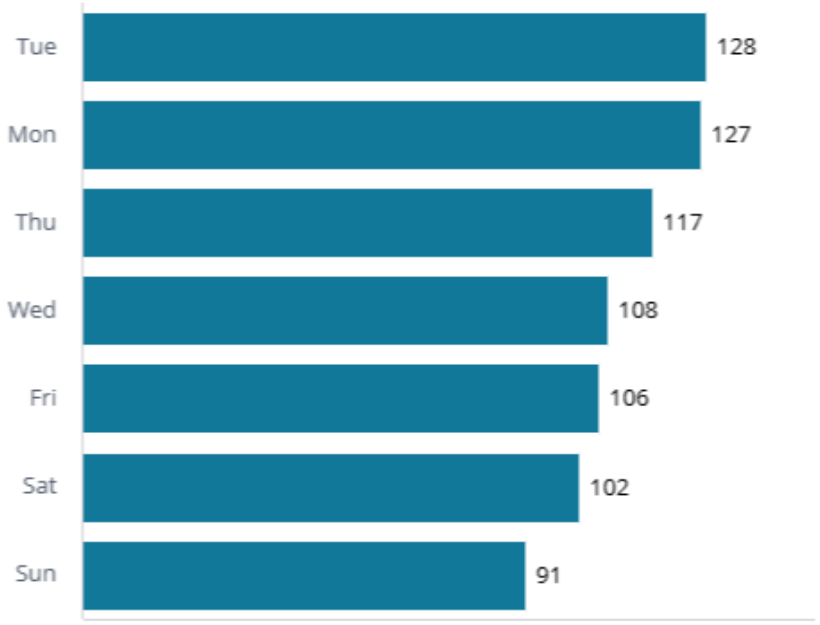
Fire Alarms over Time



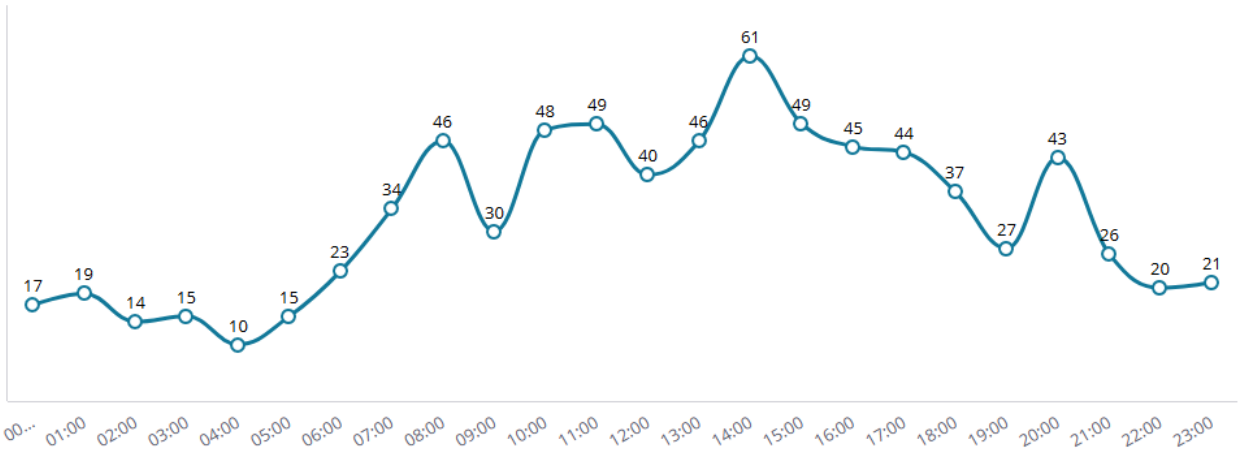
Incidents with False Alarms: **17**

Percentage of Incidents with False Alarms: **2.18%**

Incident County by Day of Week



Incident County by Hour of Day



TRAINING REPORT

In the first quarter, our department participated in **5,215.67** hours of training. This accounts for both on and off duty training.

Student Hours by Month

January	1,519.67
February	2,002.5
March	1,692.5
Total	**5,215.67**

January: During the month, EMS training was conducted on Bloodborne Pathogens. The annual required 12 hours of "Officer" related training was completed that involved various leadership topics. Staff also reviewed several Line of Duty Deaths (LODDs) to examine how to be better prepared.

February: During the month, EMS training was conducted on cardiac arrest and CPR skills. Each staff member completed 7 of their 18 annual facilities training hours at CVCC off duty. This training consisted of everything from basic firefighter skills like forcible entry to more advanced skills like victim rescue, Rapid Intervention (downed firefighter), VES (vent enter search) with much of the training under live fire and smoke conditions. Staff completed their six hours of annual HazMat training. Forcible Entry was reviewed and new techniques were practiced.

March: During the month, EMS training was conducted on vital signs and monitoring devices. For firefighter training during the month staff trained with a focus on a training house on Norwood Street. Training included hose deployments, and ladder evolutions. Several staff were able to attend a class on "Dementia Education for County Professionals" at the Caldwell County HHS Building (March 31st and April 1st.)

NEW FOR 2026

During the last ISO rating "Facilities Training" was an area that could give us the greatest impact of gaining points. The ability to obtain the 18 hours of "Facility" training will be a big gain. Beginning in 2026 and moving forward quarterly off-duty training will be scheduled to achieve this goal. February's training was completed and the next training has been scheduled for May.

In addition, to help ensure all staff get the maximum credit for ISO and stay up on new techniques and / or refresh previously learned materials an online training program was developed. The 2026 plan has been provided to staff and each month they will receive 6 to 8 hours of online training credit to complement our current training program. This training will be credited for company training, officer training, fire investigator training, fire and life safety educator training and / or HazMat training.

CVCC Training Shift Pictures



A-Shift



B-Shift



C-Shift

FIRE PREVENTION ACTIVITIES

In the first quarter of 2026 the department delivered 4 fire prevention presentations / public education programs. We were able to perform these programs for businesses, schools, and religious groups and had an estimate of 419 participants.

0-4 years (preschool)	20
5-10 years (elementary)	290
11-13 years (middle school)	0
14-18 years (high school)	85
Adults (19-61)	24
Seniors (62+)	0
Total Participants	419

Twelve (12) smoke detectors were installed in the first quarter of 2026. Detectors can be requested, if available, and installed for free to our citizens by calling one of our stations and scheduling installation.



FIRE MARSHAL's REPORT

Fire Marshal – This quarter 179 fire code inspections were completed within the Lenoir City Limits.

- The Fire Marshal investigated one (1) compliant this quarter. The compliant was located at Marvin's One Stop. Staff works with any business owner to reslove if issues are found.
- The Fire Marshal worked on plans with Thomasville Plant, LHS Auditorium, LHS Gym, Kingdom Hall, Dead People's Stuff Building, Caldwell Memorial Hospital, First Baptist Church, JBS Meath Packing, Catawba Valley Vascular, Bethel Colony, Los Tres Socios Bakery, Lenoir Aquatic Center, Friendly Lunch, Gootle # 1, Google # 2, 808 Management Building, 2115 Hickory Blvd and Old Popeyes Building.
- Fire Department used approximately 47,878 gallons of water on fires and during training.
- Burning Issues:
    - 18 illegal burns
    - 5 legal burn
- Permits – 8 Burn Permit, 2 Fire Protection Change, 2 Fire Protection Impairment, 0 Special Amusement, 1 Special Event, 0 Hot Works, 1 Tank Removal, 0 Operational Permit, 2 Tent, 1 Fumigation, 0 Fireworks/Pyrotechnics and 1 Mixed use Apartment.

Fire Investigations - In accordance with N.C.G.S. Chapter 58 article 79, all fires that occur inside the City Limits of Lenoir are investigated for cause and determination. We have certified fire investigators on each shift and they work under the direct supervision of our Fire Marshal. This quarter we had 35 investigations that occurred in the City with below being of higher impact:

- House fires: Meadowlane, Winfield, Sunset and Delwood
- Commercial fire: Google
- Wildland fires: Powell Brickyard, Old North, McLean and Civic
  Total acres burned within the City: 4

Emergency Management - The Fire Marshal also acts as the City of Lenoir's Emergency Manager under the direct supervison of the Fire Chief. This position works closely with local and State Emergency Management and partners with the LEPC to respond and mitigate hazardous/disasterous incidents or situations.

- Gas Leaks: Penley, O'Reilly Auto, Creative Beginnings, Hemlock, Caldwell Opportunities, Perkins, Main St., Elizabeth and Finley.
- CO tank removal without a permit
- Fuel Spill: Countryside Drive and Caldwell Memorial Hospital (from truck)
- Search: Lost person from Foxwood (found on Collettsville Road)
- Multiple storm preparations with three (3) resulting in calls and damage

Other

- Standbys:
  - Events 4
  - For EMS 0
  - Lift Assists 32
  - Invalid 57

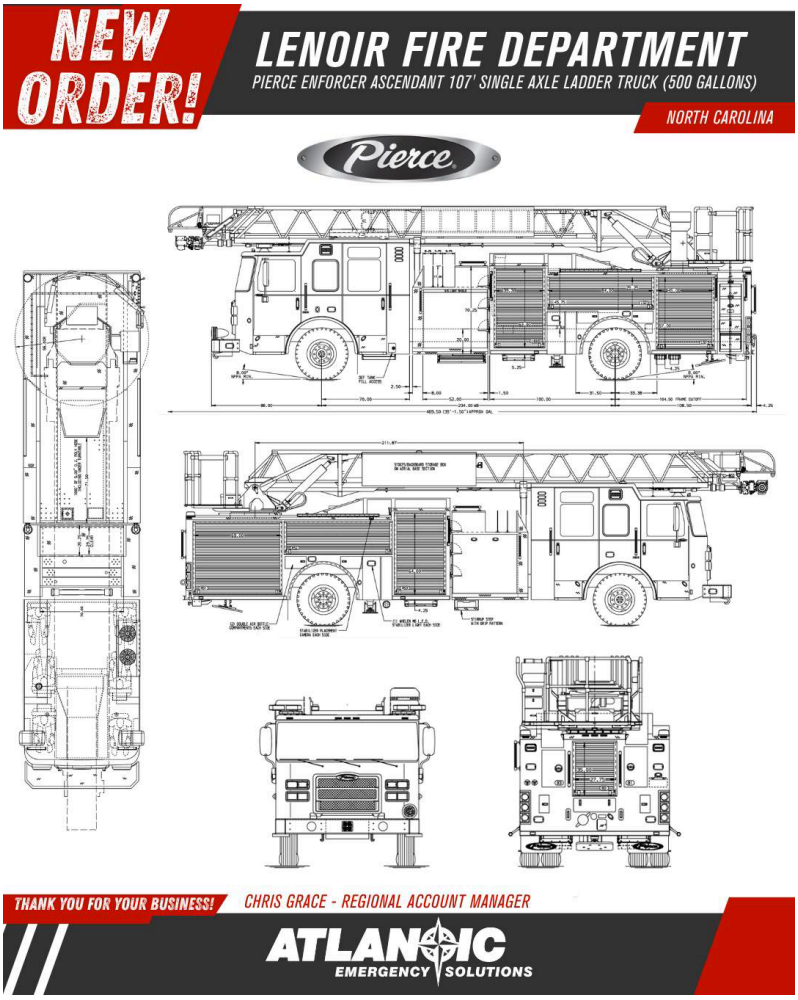


NEW Pierce Enforcer Ascendant 107’ Single Axle Ladder Truck

On April 1, 2026, the City of Lenoir confirmed order of a new Ladder 1. The truck is to be completed in September 2026.

Details include:

- Enforcer 70” Cab
- 11’ 11” OAH / 39’ 1.5” OAL
- 510 HP Paccar MX 13 Engine
- Pierce Command Zone
- ClearSky Telematics
- TAK-4 Independent Front Suspension
- Waterous 2000 GPM Pump
- 500 Gallon Poly Tank
- Whelen Emergency Lighting
- HiViz Scene Lighting



TRIANGLE PARK HIGHLAND AVE
MODIFIED PROPOSAL

AREAS OF IMPORTANCE:

1- Removal of trees and planting of oaks, redbuds, serviceberry and sweetshrubs.

Oaks 6 at $400	$2400
Dogwoods 3 @ $200	$600
Serviceberry 3 at $ 200	$600
Sweetshrub 3 at $200	$600
Major plant material	$4200

2-Sculpture area

Brick border 50 ft non mortered	$500
ABC 4 inches 5 yards at $25	$125
Decorative pea gravel at 150 per ton	$225
Level existing area	$200
Total	$1000
Alternate steel edging at $10/ft	$500
	$1500

3- Memorial bench area

Brick border 36 ft non mortered	$360
Decorative pea gravel over	
Non woven filter cloth 8 oz	$150
Alternate steel edging	$360
	$870
	Total $6570

$- Other Seed, Pots , Trash cans

B

REMOVE

16'0

QUERCUS SHUMARDII 2½"CAL

POLE, IRRIGATION, ELECTRICAL

NEIGHBOR INFORMATIONAL KIOSK

36" POTS - SEASONAL COLOR

MEMORIAL BENCH - MATCH SCULPTURE AREA

LOCATE CENTER POINT A-B

HANDICAP ENTRY AREA - FUTURE

LIGHTLY DRESS

TO CREATE SEMI-LEVEL

MULTI-ACTIVITY AREA

CENTER POINT PARK

16'

LEVEL & DRESS UP

EXISTING SCULPTURE AREA

HIBRITEN AVE

SCALE 1:80

160'

MEADOW ST

ADD PARK SEATING

REMOVE ALL HEMLOCKS

RELOCATE UBV

REMOVE DECLINING SHRUBS

SMOOTH AND RESEED

PERIMETER

160'

GROUP OF SMALL FLOWERING TREES

20'-25'-IE-DOGWOOD - CLOUD NINE

FLOWERING CHERRY CULTIVAR

HIGHLAND AVE

Certified Local Government (CLG) Opportunity

Committee of the Whole
April 28, 2026

Overview

What is a CLG?

A CLG is a community that partners with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and the National Park Service to preserve and restore its historic resources.

Why Consider CLG Status Now?

- Advance the many National Register study-listed properties to fully-listed status.
- Unlock financial incentives, tourism benefits, and stronger planning tools with structure, expertise, and training provided by the State.

Key Benefits of Becoming a CLG

Funding

- Exclusive access to CLG-only grants
- Arch. surveys, preservation efforts, & planning studies
- Improves access to preservation tax incentives

Local Control

- CLGs provide communities with a stronger, formal role in preservation efforts
- Stronger planning tools for decision-making
- Builds capacity for stewardship

Expertise

- State HPO Guidance
- Formal training opportunities

What Structural Change is Required?

To qualify, we must have a **Historic Preservation Commission (HPC)** whose members have *education, experience, or a demonstrated special interest in historic preservation.*

Current Structure

- The Planning Board is the official HPC.
- Three members need to have education or experience in historic preservation for Planning Board to serve as HPC.

Proposed Structure

- Create a separate Historic Preservation Commission, composed of five qualified members.
- Members can still serve on both the HPC and Planning Board.

Living Lenoir Comp Plan and Downtown Lenoir Master Plan

- Historic preservation is a core strategy in the Downtown Lenoir Master Plan, supporting placemaking and strong urban design.
- Expanding preservation efforts advances major Comprehensive Plan goals to promote community pride and enhance livability. Historic preservation can:
  - Strengthen community identity
  - Encourage reinvestment in underutilized properties
  - Protect Lenoir's small-town character
- Moving forward positions Lenoir to attract reinvestment, enhance its sense of place, and safeguard the historic assets that make the community unique.