



CITY OF ATHENS, TENNESSEE
POLICE DEPARTMENT

2017 ANNUAL REPORT

Athens Police Department

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Non-emergency and Emergency calls for service responded to by Patrol Officers and Detectives:

24,249	Total Calls for Service Received by McMinn E-911 (includes):
18,917	Non-Emergency Calls for Service
5,332	911- Emergency Calls for Service
493	False Alarm Calls responded to
945	Vehicle Crashes Investigated
133	Vehicle Crashes with Injuries Investigated
1	Vehicle Crash Fatality Investigated

Traffic Stops and Citations:

Parking Citations Issued: 920

Traffic Stops Conducted by Officers: 4,706

Written Citations Issued: 5,710

Warning Citations Issued: 1,807

(written citation stats below)

- Speeding: 914 (23.4%)
- Stop sign: 330 (8.5%)
- Red Light: 105 (2.7%)
- Seat belt: 565 (14.5%)
- Child Restraint: 32 (0.8%)
- Registration: 720 (18.4%)
- Insurance: 718 (18.4%)

(warning stats below)

- Speeding: 349 (19.3%)
- Stop Sign: 125 (6.9%)
- Red Light: 31 (1.7%)
- Seat Belt: 63 (3.5%)
- Child Restraint: 2 (0.1%)
- Registration: 208 (11.5%)
- Insurance: 0 (0.00%)

Driver Ethnicity Traffic Stop Data: (driver information from 4,706 traffic stops):

Caucasian-	4,211 (89.5%)
African American-	339 (7.2%)
Hispanic-	130 (2.8%)
Asian-	22 (0.47%)
Other-	4 (0.08%)

Municipal Court Data:

Municipal Court cases litigated:	3,153
Municipal Court cases dismissed:	546
Municipal Court cases dismissed with paid Court Cost:	769
Municipal Court revenues 2017:	\$324,920.00
Municipal Court Litigation Taxes sent to the State of Tennessee, 2017:	\$33,069.00

Arrest Data:

Total arrested persons:	1,323
Athens residents:	654 (49%)
McMinn County residents:	337 (26%)
Outside McMinn County:	332 (25%)
Drug Arrests:	357 (27%)
Alcohol Arrests:	119 (4%)
Arrests from Traffic Stops:	469 (35%)
Arrests from Crash Investigations:	55 (4%)

Drug Seizures Data:

Total Arrests, drugs or paraphernalia: 357

46% of seizures were for Prescription Drugs.

37% of seizures were for Marijuana.

15% of seizures were for Meth.

2% of seizures were for other drugs (Heroin, Ecstasy, Bath Salts, etc.)

Grants Received:

Tennessee Highway Safety Office: \$5,000.00 for alcohol saturation overtime.

Bulletproof Vest Grant: \$3,177.50 for new officer or replacement ballistic vests.

Total: \$8,177.50

Overview of 2017 crime statistics;

No homicides were committed in 2017.

The "Crimes Against Person's" category saw a reduction in reported crimes with the exception of sex offences.

The "Crimes Against Property" category fell in the burglary and theft category. For a second year, burglaries saw a significant decrease in reported incidents. Motor Vehicle thefts recorded a very slight increase.

Prescription drugs continue to be the number one problem in Athens with marijuana being a close second.

A review and comparison of the 10 year offense statistics (2008 – 2017) is attached to this report.

Overview of vehicle crashes;

Vehicle crash numbers made a notable increase from the 2016 statistics (876 to 945) although crash injuries recorded a marked decrease (146 to 133). Unfortunately, Athens recorded one crash related fatality in 2017.

Community Involvement:

The departmental Citizen Contact Program directs zone officers get out of their patrol cars to meet and chat with citizens in their respective neighborhoods. Officers have a friendly conversation and offer reminders of city services available to our citizens. Patrol officers made a total of 473 citizen contacts during 2017.

In September, the police department hosted our third annual Police/Community Partnership event at the Market Park in downtown Athens with over 3000 people in attendance.

The police department participated in the nationwide Drug Take Back events and has a permanent drug drop-box in the PD lobby. In 2017, we "took back" 155 pounds of unused prescription drugs.

Accomplishments 2017:

- **Hired a new Chief of police.**
- **Trained two police officers as Certified Field Training Officers.**
- **Purchased five Police Interceptors for the fleet.**
- **Installed a complete state-of-the-art server media management system for in-car audio/video recordings.**
- **Installed a complete state-of-the-art server media management system for interview/suspect statement recordings.**
- **Purchased a new computer system for the detective division.**
- **Purchased hand-held digital crime scene cameras for each squad car.**
- **Purchased weapon lights and holsters for patrol officers.**
- **Began a transition to a new style patrol uniform.**
- **Our Records Clerks (Amy and Amber) receive the Department of Safety - CDL Court Liaison Division – Quality in Reporting Award for 2017.**
- **Court Clerk Amy Arnwine receives the D.P.A. Outstanding Women-in-Business award for 2017.**