

Chief Credits Officers, Community for Crime Dip

The numbers are in for 2012, revealing that Apex is even safer than the year before. The NC Department of Justice reports that the overall crime Index Rate is down nearly 10 percent.

Apex Police Chief John Letteney says that the decline is a result of the hard work by staff in crime prevention, patrolling, and investigations.

Community partnerships are also a key component to the decrease. He explains that tips from residents about suspicious activity can be the key to solving crimes and preventing more from occurring.

“Apex residents are engaged in their community,” Letteney said. “They know their neighborhoods, and can tell us when something just isn’t right.”

More than just a patrol force, the Apex Police Department also focuses heavily on community policing. Two officers are dedicated specifically to this purpose, working with neighborhood groups, civic leaders, and individual residents on crime prevention.

These programs are highly correlated to crime rates. For instance, educating the public about how to safeguard their personal property has a direct effect on the property crime rate.

“Public safety is a top priority for Apex residents,” noted Apex Mayor Keith Weatherly. “Their continued engagement paired with the dedication of our Police Department, will enable Apex to remain one of the safest communities in the nation.”