

Kings Mountain Police Department

112 South Piedmont Avenue

704-734-0444

Chief Gerald Childress



Bi-Monthly Newsletter
August & September 2025



VISION: “To be an agency admired for its diverse services through the utilization of innovative & progressive strategies, while setting the standard for excellence in public safety”

PERSONNEL / TRAINING

This September, Cadets focused on lessons to strengthen digital awareness & personal decision-making. Cadets learned the importance of cybersecurity, safe online practices, & how to protect themselves on social media & risks of sharing information carelessly. Cadets participated in discussions about dangers of drug use & introduced to resources available for those seeking help. Bringing lessons closer to real life, Cadets executed field sobriety activities using KMPD's "drunk goggles." Goggles highlight how alcohol slows reaction times, clouds judgment, & impairs a driver's ability to operate safely. Through these experiences, Cadets continue to build a foundation of awareness & responsibility!



KMPD Cadets partnered with the Gaston County Bomb Squad for an exciting evening of demonstrations and training. Cadets had the unique opportunity to see specialized equipment in action, including the bomb truck and bomb-detecting robot, while also receiving hands-on experience in safely detonating training devices. This partnership provided valuable real-world learning opportunities, helping cadets better understand the specialized skills & teamwork required.



REMINDERS / ANNOUNCEMENTS:

On Friday, August 15th, Kings Mountain Police Department accepted our State Accreditation Award from NCLEA. KMPD is the 9th department in North Carolina to achieve this award. This recognition signifies that we are operating according to the highest professional standards in law enforcement today. It means that our community can have even greater trust in us because we believe in holding ourselves accountable to a higher standard. KMPD was recognized on Tuesday, September 9th at by Mayor Wagman and City Council.



On Thursday, August 7, 2025, KMPD was awarded a Performance and Wellness Grant in the amount of \$7,007.84 through the North Carolina Association of Chiefs of Police (NCACP). Moving forward we have signed a contract with Essential Personnel, the provider of a software system designed to serve as an early warning tool for officer wellness. This program will help support our personnel by promoting health, safety, and overall well-being within the department.



**Essential
Personnel™**

REMINDERS / ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The City of Kings Mountain has recently adopted revisions to **Chapter 74 of the Golf Cart Ordinance** to improve safety for everyone in our community. These updates establish **mandatory equipment standards** and **clarify hours of operation** for all golf carts operating under a City-issued permit.

The newly revised Ordinance became **Effective October 8, 2025**, with the following requirements:

General Equipment (All Hours)

Display a Slow-Moving Vehicle (SMV) emblem (14"x16" red-orange triangle with reflective border).

Install a rear-view or side-mounted mirror.

Additional Nighttime Equipment (Sunset–Sunrise)

- Headlights
- Taillights
- Brake lights
- Turn signals

Passenger Safety

- Seat belts required when transporting passengers **under 16 years of age**.

All passengers under 16 must wear seat belts while cart is moving.

Hours of Operation

Sunrise to sunset only, unless equipped with all required nighttime safety features.

Grace Period

The new Ordinance was adopted by City Council on July 8, 2025. Owners were allowed a **90-day grace period** to bring golf carts into compliance. The grace period ended **October 8, 2025**. All non-compliant carts will be subject to penalties and will not be permitted on City streets.

For questions or assistance, please contact

Community Resource Officer Robert Medlin at

📞 704-734-0444 | ✉️ robert.medlin@cityofkm.com



Community Engagement

KMPD extends out deepest gratitude to the Hearts & Hands Women's Ministry & Senior Men's Ministry of First Baptist Church in Kings Mountain for their generous donation of handmade blankets, teddy bears, and stuffed animals. These comforting gifts will be carried by officers & shared with children during moments of crisis. Your kindness makes a real difference, and we were honored to partner with such a compassionate community.



KMPD would like to thank Keith Clinic Estramonte Chiropractic for dropping off pizza and drinks and Kings Mountain Walmart employees for our snacks and sports drinks. We appreciate all of the support from our community!



September 12, 2025
Community Resource Officer
R. Medlin serving lunch
alongside senior volunteers
at the Patrick Senior Center!

Community Engagement



Corporal Earls & Corporal Moore
Delta Squad

Micro-engagements enhance safety, strengthen community ties, & improve efficiency. Familiarity helps de-escalate. Casual check-ins with someone struggling with mental illness, remembering their name or sharing a laugh, can lead to calmer outcomes when that person is later in crisis. Trust built in good moments pays off in hard ones. These interactions also yield real intelligence. Officers who regularly talk with cashiers, clerks, or postal workers build connections that turn into reliable tips when something unusual happens. The beauty of micro-engagements? They don't require budgets or special units, just intention & leadership. A quick check-in at the end of a call or a short conversation on patrol builds trust reserves that statistics can't capture. Micro-engagements

won't solve everything, but they make policing safer & communities more responsive. A few seconds invested today can have lasting impact tomorrow. *Sergeant Ryan Bradley, Shrewsbury Police Department-Massachusetts*

On Friday, September 19, 2025
Community Resource Officer Medlin,
K-9 Officer Hernandez, and Officer
Hoyle visited Grace Christian
Academy to give demonstrations and
distribute KMPD swag to students!



What's happening at KMPD

BIKE WITH



A COP!



CONNECTING YOUTH AND COMMUNITY
ON TWO WHEELS



Saturday, November 15



Gateway Trail



9:00 AM



Gateway Trail



SAFE
KIDS
CLEVELAND
COUNTY



Join local officers for a fun
and safe group bike ride!
Meet new friends, enjoy
the outdoors, and build
positive connections with
law enforcement.



Helmets encouraged.

Mauney Memorial Library

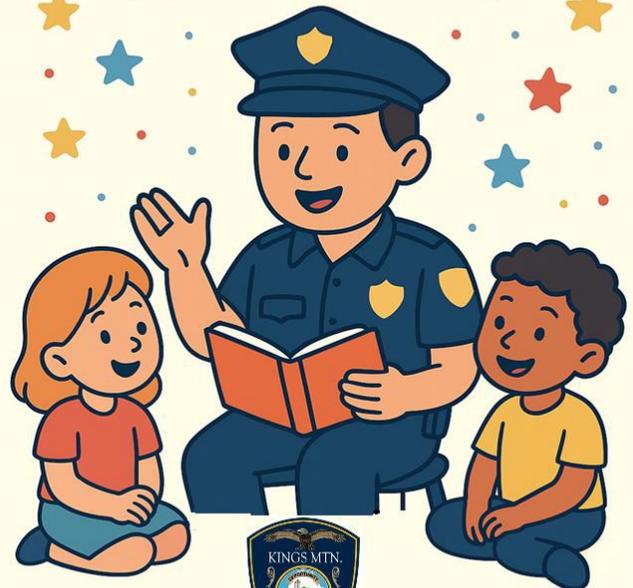
110 S. Piedmont Kings Mtn, NC

October 14th, 21st, and 28th

11:00-11:30AM



STORY TIME WITH A COP



Connecting kids and
community through literacy.

CHAT *WITH THE* CHIEF



When:

Mon-November 3rd

Wed-November 5th

Fri-November 7th

6:00p.m.

Location:

Kings Mountain Police Dept.

112 S. PIEDMONT AVENUE



Chief Gerald Childress

Chief Childress & KMPD

officers invite Kings Mountain residents to attend an informal meet & greet session.

This event will give residents a direct line of communication to discuss topics impacting our community.

What's happening at KMPD

KINGS MOUNTAIN POLICE DEPARTMENT'S 2025

Christmas TOY DRIVE

NOVEMBER 3 - DECEMBER 12

PLEASE BRING NEW, UNWRAPPED GIFTS TO:

KINGS MOUNTAIN POLICE DEPARTMENT

112 S. PIEDMONT AVENUE



FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

KMPD - 704-734-0444

What's happening at KMPD

Murphey's 31st Annual Toy Run



TO BENEFIT SHRINER'S BURN CENTER
& OXFORD ORPHANAGE
MASONIC HOME FOR CHILDREN,
CLEVELAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
KINGS MOUNTAIN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Saturday, November 22nd

Rain Date Sunday, November 23rd

Meet at 11:00 • Leave Scooter Shed at 12:00

POLICE ESCORTED

114 CAMELOT COURT • KINGS MTN., NC
704-739-4707 / 704-477-5762

**FREE
BARBECUE
AFTER
THE RIDE!**

**\$10 + New Toy
Per Person**



DIRECTIONS FROM SHELBY

74 East - Turn right on Bethlehem Road. Go about 5 miles.
You will pass the Fire Department on left. Turn left on Phifer Road.
First road to the left is Camelot Court. This is where Murphey's is.

DIRECTIONS FROM GASTONIA

I-85 to Exit 5. Take Right. Go to 2nd Stop Light.
Take Left on Phifer Road. Murphey's will be on the Right.



What's happening at KMPD

KINGS MOUNTAIN PUBLIC SAFETY CADET UNIT 1780

is now accepting applications for the 24/25 school year.

This program is designed to mentor young adults to serve their communities by providing knowledge, skills and practical experience through education and training delivered by public safety professionals.

Young adults between the ages of 14-20, residing within the immediate area of KM or attends a KM school is encouraged to visit KM Police Department, KM Fire Department or see your School Resource Officer for an application!!!



The **RIDE-ALONG PROGRAM** is an educational tool designed to

familiarize citizens with the complexities of police work, promote community relations and provide insight into police operations.

Stop by KMPD for a Ride Along request form!



INCIDENTS AT A GLANCE –AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2025:

Incident Type	Aug.	Sept.	Incident Type	Aug.	Sept.
Total Arrests	29	36	Fraud	6	4
Total incident	86	84	Investigations	25	28
Warrants Issued	3	5	Larceny	17	13
911 Calls	214	807	Medical Calls	7	8
Accidents	59	65	Missing Persons	10	4
Animal Complaints	3	7	Vehicle Stops	139	116
Arrest Warrants Served	10	9	DWI/Drugs/Overdose	8	10
Alarm Calls	64	41	Suspicious Persons	146	134
Disturbances	42	42	Threats & Assaults	12	23
Domestic Disturbances	20	25	Well-Being Checks	28	31

MISSION STATEMENT: *The Kings Mountain Police Department is committed to consistently providing a safe environment to our citizens, visitors & businesses through professional Law Enforcement Services. We are further committed to leading community problem solving by providing effective services to improve the quality of life. We will work aggressively in a joint effort with the citizens of our community forming a partnership to address crime and disorder in a safe & professional manner, so help us God...*

Dear Citizens of Kings Mountain,

I want to personally thank you for your continued support of the Kings Mountain Police Department. Your partnership and trust mean so much to us as we work together to keep our community safe and strong. This newsletter is one of the ways we aim to stay connected with you—providing timely updates, valuable information, and important community highlights. Our goal is to keep you informed and engaged, offering a consistent & reliable channel of communication you can count on. Thank you for standing with us and for helping make Kings Mountain a great place to live, work, and serve. — **Chief Gerald Childress**



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www.cityofkm.com

CONTACT US

DIAL 911 FOR EMERGENCIES

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Kings Mountain NC 28086

Non-Emergency

(704) 734-0444

Crime Stoppers

(704) 481-TIPS

Or by scanning the QR code below

