



# SUMMER ACTION PLAN 2026

JUNE 1 - AUGUST 31





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# MISSION

In the spirit of service, the Raleigh Police Department exists to preserve and improve the quality of life, instill peace, and protect property through unwavering attention to our duties in partnership with the community.

# VISION

The Raleigh Police Department promotes a positive level of real and perceived safety within the city of Raleigh that reflects a thriving atmosphere in which to live, work, and play.



# STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

**Employee Development & Wellness** – Advocating for improved employee pay, support, and wellness systems, along with effective recruitment, retention, training, career development, and support systems, is essential. The well-being of our employees is not optional—it is mission-critical.

**Community Engagement** – Strengthening trust through transparency, accessibility, and meaningful interactions with the public that build relationships before crises occur.

**Crime Reduction Strategies** – Implementing intelligence-driven policing to target pressing public safety threats, deploy resources effectively, disrupt violence, and address quality-of-life issues undermining community trust.

**Operational Efficiency** – We will leverage cutting-edge technology, streamline internal processes, and allocate resources based on data to enhance effectiveness.

**Accountability & Leadership** – Upholding the highest standards of integrity, professionalism, and responsibility at all levels.



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## SUMMARY

The Raleigh Police Department's 2026 Summer Action Plan, running from June 1 through August 31, focuses on proactive crime prevention, strategic enforcement, and strong coordination with justice system partners. This effort reflects a strong, proactive commitment to addressing community needs during the active summer months.

In partnership with allied agencies, local organizations, and community stakeholders, this initiative represents a unified and coordinated approach to reducing violent crime. By working together, we are strengthening our collective impact and ensuring that strategies are both thoughtful and effective.

As this plan is implemented, several complementary initiatives will be aligned to maximize results and reinforce one another. This collaborative framework is designed not only to enhance vibrancy but also to promote a sense of real and perceived safety throughout the community. Through these efforts, the Raleigh Police Department aims to support residents, empower small businesses, and create a welcoming environment for visitors.

Together, we are building a safer, more vibrant Raleigh, one where everyone can live, work, and enjoy all that our city has to offer with a greater sense of security and pride.

# SUMMER ACTION PLAN 2026 STRATEGY

## Strategic Enforcement

Crime Mapper  
Code Enforcement  
DWI Enforcement Unit  
ACORNS

## Community Engagement

Summer Safety Series  
Raleigh Hoop Nights  
National Night Out  
Youth Services Partnerships



*"I'm truly excited to see our 2026 Summer Action Plan come together. Public safety remains our top priority here in the city of Raleigh, and these initiatives will help ensure that both community members and visitors can fully enjoy everything the City of Raleigh has to offer.."*

**- Chief Rico L. Boyce**

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## STRATEGIC ENFORCEMENT

### **Targeted Enforcement on Wanted Persons**

Led by the Investigative Division, enforcement efforts will focus on identifying wanted and dangerous offenders operating within the city through proactive investigations, intelligence-sharing, and coordinated enforcement initiatives with our public safety partners at the FBI, United States Marshal Service, and NC Department of Justice.

### **Heightened Focus on Career Criminal Offenders**

We will continue focusing enforcement efforts on identifying and removing criminals who repeatedly commit offenses and contribute to violent crime and disorder within the city. Through proactive investigations, coordinated enforcement operations, and strong partnerships with local, state, and federal agencies, the department will target individuals responsible for recurring criminal activity.

### **Armed Offender Enforcement**

Enforcement operations will prioritize the apprehension and removal of armed and violent offenders from our streets through targeted enforcement actions designed to disrupt criminal activity, improve community safety, and reduce violent crime throughout the city.

### **Juvenile Offender Accountability**

The department will continue to focus on juvenile crime throughout the summer months. While intervention and prevention efforts will remain a priority, enforcement action will be taken when those efforts fail to deter repeated juvenile criminal behavior. In partnership with the Wake County Juvenile Courts and the North Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice, repeat juvenile offenders will be held accountable for their actions.

### **Internal and External Agency Saturation Patrols**

Maintaining safe roadways and public spaces will continue to require coordination with our public safety partners. The department will continue conducting saturation patrols targeting impaired drivers, reckless speeding, unlawful loud exhaust systems, and other violations that negatively impact quality of life. These operations have proven successful, and we appreciate the continued support of our local and state partners assisting with our efforts in Raleigh.

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## CRIME MAPPER

New for the 2026 Summer Action Plan, Crime Mapper is a user-friendly way to explore Raleigh Police incident activity. This public-facing, interactive map is designed to enhance transparency and make it easier than ever for residents to access public safety information. Built on the same reliable data as the Open Data Portal, Crime Mapper delivers a cleaner, more streamlined experience that puts important insights right at your fingertips.

With a focus on clarity and accessibility, Crime Mapper allows users to quickly view and understand incident trends across the city. At the same time, it thoughtfully protects privacy by excluding sensitive, victim-centered information and certain service-related reports.

Crime Mapper represents a meaningful step in transparency with how we share information, empowering the community with accessible tools while maintaining a strong commitment to responsibility and care.





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## CODE ENFORCEMENT

As part of the 2026 Summer Action Plan, our focus on the newly created Code Enforcement Unit will deploy a dedicated Noise Compliance Unit to conduct proactive noise enforcement of entertainment venues during peak nightlife hours. The unit will focus on sound compliance, regulatory oversight, and early identification of conditions that could undermine quality of life or safety.

Compliance Officers will work closely with venue operators to encourage voluntary compliance and sound mitigation while utilizing GPS-enabled sound meters to document noise levels across Raleigh's nightlife areas. Through routine inspections, compliance monitoring, and coordinated efforts with partners such as North Carolina Alcohol Law Enforcement (ALE), Wake County ABC, the North Carolina ABC Commission, the Raleigh Fire Marshal's Office, and the City of Raleigh Office of Special Events, the unit will help promote a safe, compliant, and vibrant nightlife environment.

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## DWI ENFORCEMENT UNIT

The Raleigh Police Department's DWI Enforcement Unit is dedicated to reducing impaired driving and protecting the community through proactive enforcement. The unit focuses on decreasing crashes caused by alcohol and drug use, with the goal of preventing serious injuries and fatalities on our roadways.

The unit was established with support from the Governor's Highway Safety Program (GHSP), whose grant funding helped provide essential equipment, training, and resources for its launch. This partnership allows the DWI Enforcement Unit to contribute to broader statewide traffic safety efforts.

In coordination with our public safety partners, the department will continue conducting saturation patrols targeting impaired drivers, reckless speeding, unlawful loud exhaust systems, and other violations that impact the city's quality of life.

The Raleigh Police Department remains committed to reducing impaired driving and ensuring safer streets for everyone who lives, works, and travels in our city.



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## ACORNS

ACORNS (Addressing Crises through Outreach, Referrals, Networking and Service) provides assistance to individuals impacted by homelessness, mental illness, and substance use disorders. The ACORNS Unit and the newly formed Raleigh CARES (Crisis Alternative Response for Empathy and Support) help individuals connect with community resources to establish long-term stability by breaking down barriers through care navigation, crisis call diversion, and community response team. Participation is voluntary.



SINCE THE CREATION OF ACORNS IN 2021, THE TEAM HAS MADE 2,067 CONTACTS. In 2025, ACORNS received **796** contact referrals. They also participated in **70** community events.

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## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Community engagement remains a top priority for the Raleigh Police Department. The 2026 Summer Action Plan will place significant emphasis on community-building strategies to advance this critical initiative.

We recognize the value of building strong connections within the community and have pinpointed key ways to achieve this. By implementing outreach initiatives and programs for youth and families, we strive to create secure and supportive environments where young individuals can connect and interact. Our goal is to offer beneficial alternatives for recreation and engagement.

If you have any questions or would like to learn more about our Community Engagement programs, please contact our Community Policing Program Coordinator Calvin Mitchell at [calvin.mitchell@raleighnc.gov](mailto:calvin.mitchell@raleighnc.gov)



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## RALEIGH SUMMER SAFETY SERIES

We're excited to share that this summer, our Community Impact and Engagement Division is launching an expanded Summer Safety Series designed specifically for our Raleigh community!



**Water Safety**



**Fire Safety**



**Road Safety**



**Community  
Safe Spaces**



**Nightlife Safety**

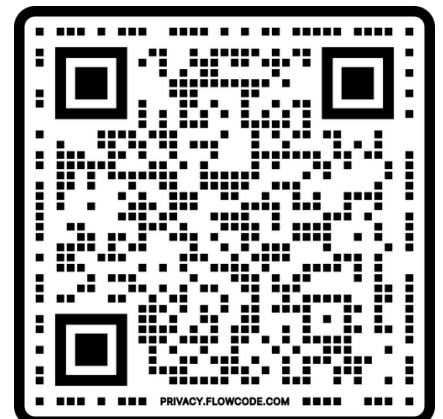


**Trail & Outdoor  
Safety**

The Summer Safety Series runs concurrent with the 2026 Summer Action Plan and will be offered both in person and through live streaming, making it accessible to everyone. Whether you attend on-site or join from home, you'll have the opportunity to engage, ask questions, and gain valuable tools to help keep you, your family, and your neighborhood safe.

We are proud to offer this resource to our community and look forward to connecting with you throughout the summer. Scan the QR Code to view the full schedule of topics, dates, and locations.

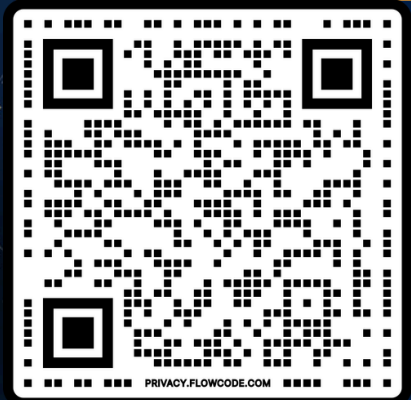
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# RALEIGH HOOP NIGHTS

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## SUMMER ACTION PLAN 2026 RALEIGH HOOP NIGHTS

In partnership with the Raleigh Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Resources Department, Raleigh Hoop Nights will return to multiple park locations this summer. These free events, open to teens ages 13–18, provide a positive space for connection, mentorship, and recreation. Officers will engage youth through basketball and conversation, strengthening relationships, investing in the next generation, and promoting safe, active community spaces.

Hoop Nights will kickoff event on June 20 at Roberts Park. This high-energy event will feature basketball, music, food, and opportunities to connect with our officers. The kickoff sets the tone for a summer focused on engagement, trust-building, and positive interactions with our youth. Scan the QR Code or visit ReLink to register.



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## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

National Night Out is a nationwide initiative aimed at promoting community engagement and building trust between the police and the public. The Raleigh Police Department recognizes that collaborating and engaging in dialogue with our neighbors is essential for creating a safer community. National Night Out seeks to cultivate and enhance relationships between communities and police departments throughout the United States.

This year, National Night Out will be on Tuesday, August 4. Stay tuned for more information about event locations. If you are interested in hosting an event in your neighborhood, please email [Nationalnightout@raleighnc.gov](mailto:Nationalnightout@raleighnc.gov).

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## YOUTH SERVICES

### SUMMER CAMPS

Get the youth active and inspired this summer with the Raleigh Police Department's free youth summer camps! These programs are a fantastic way for the youth in the community to sharpen their skills in baseball, basketball, soccer, STEM, or tennis while building positive, lasting connections with RPD officers in a fun and supportive environment.

### YOUTH MENTORS

Based at community centers in downtown and southeast Raleigh, our mentors are dedicated to building meaningful, lasting bonds with local youth. They go beyond daily guidance by creating unforgettable experiences—recently taking kids on exciting field trips to cheer on the Charlotte Hornets basketball team.

### PUBLIC SAFETY CADETS

The Raleigh Police Department Public Safety Cadets Unit offers young men and women (ages 14–20) an introduction to the world of criminal justice. Through a scaled-down version of actual police academy training, cadets take on real-world challenges, learn information on proper nutrition, build physical fitness through light fitness exercises, and discover if a career in law enforcement is their true calling. Beyond the training, the program fosters a sense of community through team-building, educational field trips, participation in local parades, and competitive events.

To learn more about Youth Services, contact Sergeant Davis at [Matthew.Davis@raleighnc.gov](mailto:Matthew.Davis@raleighnc.gov)

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## PARTNERSHIP

The Raleigh Police Department actively collaborates with various local and regional law enforcement agencies to ensure prompt responses to incidents that span multiple jurisdictions. By partnering with other first responders and city representatives, we prioritize effective communication and exceptional customer service.

Our key partnerships include:

- Raleigh Fire Department
- Wake County Sheriff's Office
- City of Raleigh Departments
- City Council
- Capital Special Police
- Wake Emergency Medical Services

These collaborations enhance our ability to serve and protect our Raleigh community efficiently.



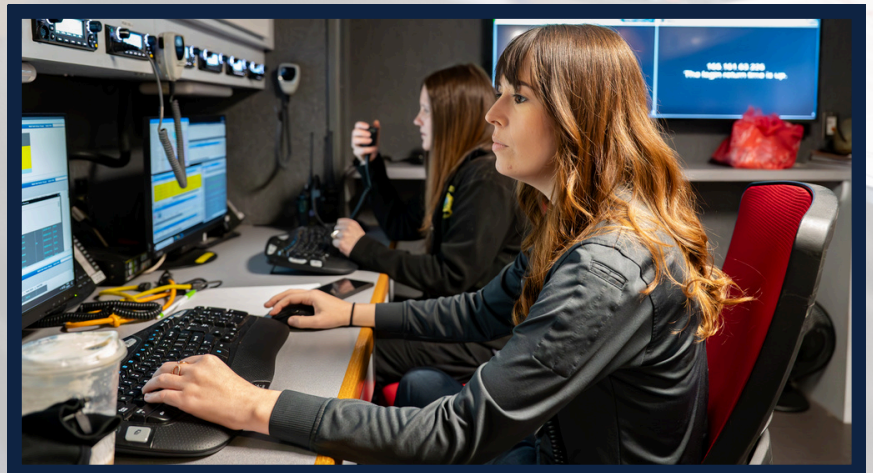
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## PARTNERSHIP

The Raleigh Police Department enjoys strong collaborative partnerships with our Federal, state, and local partners to investigate and prosecute dangerous and violent offenders. RPD officers serve on federal task force units, including:

- Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF)
- Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA)
- Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)
- Homeland Security (HSI)
- United States Marshals Service (USMS)
- North Carolina State Troopers

In November 2023, the Raleigh Department was selected for the U.S. Department of Justice's (DOJ) National Public Safety Partnership (PSP) program, a violence reduction initiative running to conclude in November 2026. Through this program, the Raleigh Police Department received intensive training, assessments and technical assistance (TTA) in gun violence reduction, investigations, community engagement, crime analysis, crisis communication, and technology. The program also provided opportunities for peer exchanges with law enforcement agencies nationwide to explore innovations, share best practices, and collaborate on public safety topics.



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## PARTNERSHIP



Raleigh Police Department  
**FOUNDATION**

*“The funds raised through the Raleigh Police Department Foundation (RPDF) support the health and safety of our community. By providing better technology, education, and programming, the Raleigh Police Department Foundation is dedicated to assuring safer neighborhoods and a highly skilled and equipped police force.” (RPDF)*

## RALEIGH POLICE DEPARTMENT FOUNDATION PURCHASES

- Three horses were purchased for mounted patrol
- K9 officer with equipment
- 4 Enduro electric motorcycles and associated equipment for Greenway and Transit Units
- 12 Recon bicycles with pertinent equipment
- Cobwebs Technologies social media data analysis software
- FUSUS Real Time Center Platform
- 25 Avon gas masks with accessories
- 15 entry helmets
- Six tactical entry vests with plates
- Seven Digital forensics laptops with docking stations
- Polygraph instrument with Activity Sensors
- Polaris UTV for TRACE unit
- 2 Camera Trailers for the Special Operations Division
- 2 fully renovated police district gyms to support officer wellness and fitness initiatives



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## PARTNERSHIP

Building on the partnership established in 2025, the Raleigh Police Department will continue to partner with Greg's Groceries throughout the summer to support food accessibility and strengthen community relationships. On June 23, 2026, officers and professional staff will participate in a packing and distribution event that will provide food to individuals and families across Raleigh.

This partnership directly supports the department's Community Engagement strategic priority by fostering meaningful connections between officers and the community in a supportive and service-oriented environment. It also aligns with Crime Reduction Strategies by helping address underlying quality-of-life factors, such as food insecurity, that can impact community stability.



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## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

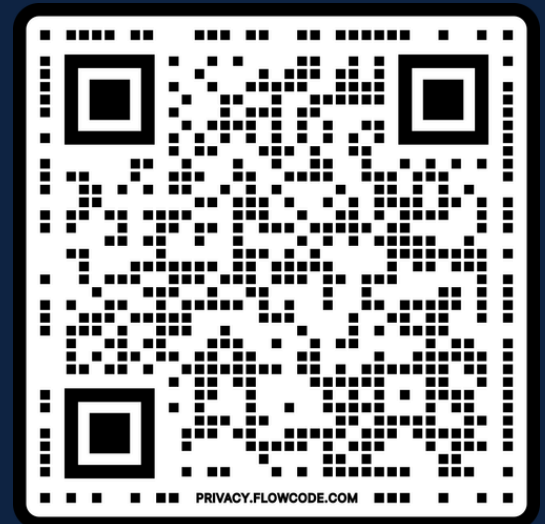
### LATERAL POLICE SCHOOL

The Raleigh Police Department is excited to announce a Lateral Training School this June for experienced officers looking to continue their careers in Raleigh. North Carolina certified officers will complete approximately 5 to 6 weeks of transition training, while out-of-state officers will complete 10 to 12 weeks, depending on certification requirements. The program is designed to make the transition into our department as smooth as possible, including a \$5,000 hiring incentive to assist officers relocating or continuing their service in a growing and supportive community.

### POLICE ACADEMY

The Raleigh Police Department's Police Academy provides comprehensive training for new recruits, focusing on essential skills, integrity, and community engagement. Accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA), the program prepares officers for various specialty units and career paths while enhancing job satisfaction in the vibrant and diverse community of Raleigh.

For more information about these opportunities, scan the QR Code or visit [joinraleighpd.org](https://joinraleighpd.org).



# THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE RALEIGH POLICE DEPARTMENT



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The Raleigh Police Department is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). On March 14, 2026 we were recognized a **CALEA Flagship Agency**.