

PUBLIC SAFETY

The Public Safety function is composed of the Sheriff's Department, Emergency Services, Communications Center, and Other Public Safety activities (Lake Norman Marine Commission, Pre-Trial Services, Repay Sentencing Service Program, and Conflict Resolution Center). The Sheriff's Department includes the following activities: Administration, CVCC Officer, Resource Officers, Records, Mental Health Transport, Crime Prevention, Narcotics, Detectives, Lake Norman Water Patrol, Court Security, Newton Detention Facility, Prisoner Food Service, and the Burke-Catawba District Confinement Facility. Emergency Services consists of Emergency Services Administration, Veterans' Services, Emergency Medical Services, Fire/Rescue Division, Fire Fighting Alarms, Animal Control, and the Animal Shelter. The Emergency Services division is also responsible for Rescue Squads and Volunteer Fire Departments. The E-911 Communications Center provides emergency and administrative communications for the citizens of Catawba County by placing them in touch with public safety and related government services agencies.

The Public Safety function budget is \$30,245,511 representing 15.7 percent of all expenditures for the fiscal year. The departments work to provide a safe, secure community and to provide emergency medical transportation to medical care facilities. The services provided are both salary and equipment intensive and increased costs generally reflect equipment replacements.

