



## Beatties Ford Rd. Update

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department

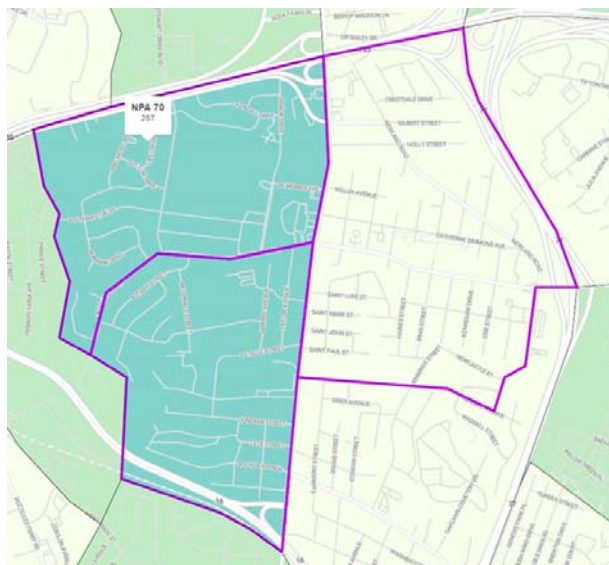
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### OVERVIEW

- \* Current work on Beatties Ford Rd.
- \* Efforts over the years
- \* Juneteenth celebrations update
  - Calls for service
  - Mass shooting on June 21
- \* 14-year-old homicide update



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## BEATTIES FORD RD. – CURRENT WORK

- Vibrant area with businesses and a very active community
- Communities most impacted by crime:
  - Lincoln Heights
  - University Park
- CMPD efforts in the area include:
  - Bike patrols
  - Walking beats
  - Traffic enforcement operations
  - Food drives
  - Door-to-door community interactions
  - Community meetings
  - Partnerships



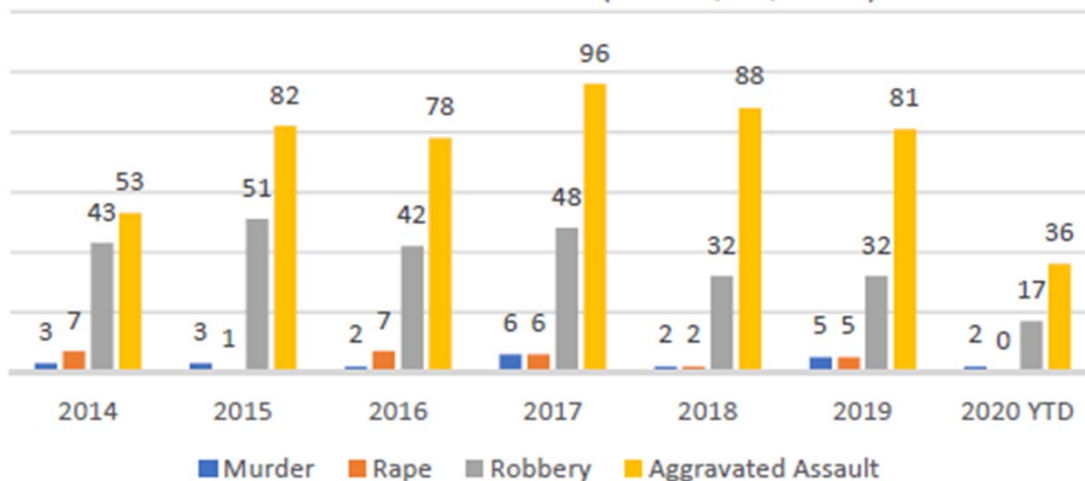
## BEATTIES FORD RD. – WORK OVER THE YEARS

- Planned/executed seatbelt, traffic safety and speeding operations
- Drug/gun operations
- Use of technology and the Real Time Crime Center
- Beatties Ford-LaSalle Initiative
  - Upgraded lighting
  - New bus shelters
  - Community Corners events connecting residents with Metro Division Officers
  - Speed studies through CDOT to address issues along LaSalle St.
  - Re-stripping of crosswalks for pedestrian safety
- Cross-departmental partnerships (Code Enforcement, CDOT, CATS, H&NS)
- Federal partnerships



## VIOLENT CRIME IN BEATTIES FORD RD. AREA

Beatties Ford Rd Area Violent Crime, by Type, by Year,  
2014 - 2020 Year-to-Date (as of 6/30/2020)



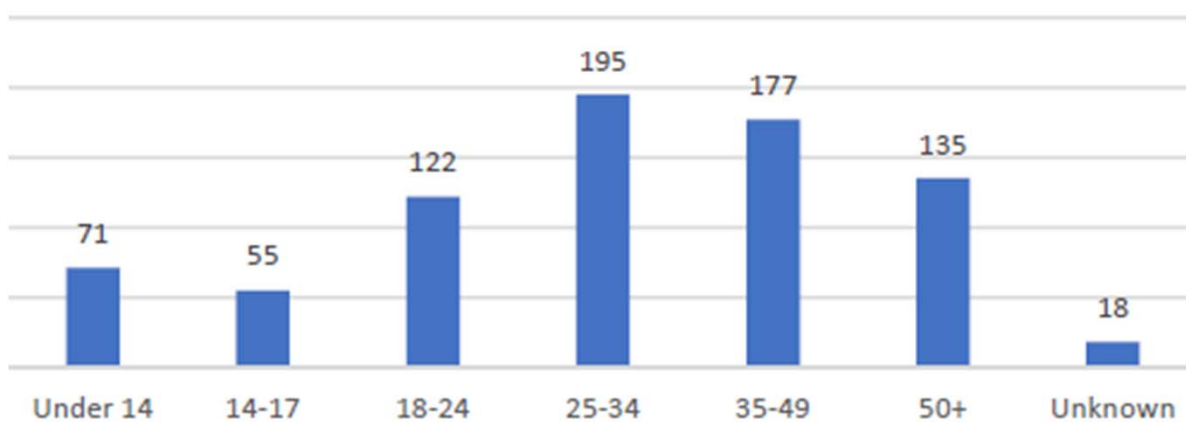
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## VIOLENT CRIME IN BEATTIES FORD RD. AREA

Beatties Ford Area Violent Crime Victims by Age, 2017 -  
2020 Year-to-Date (as of 6/30/2020)



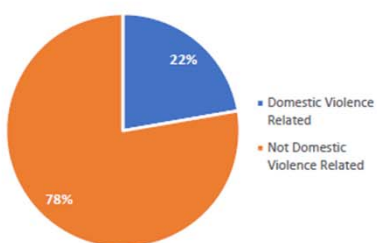
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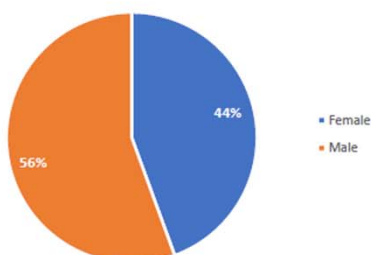


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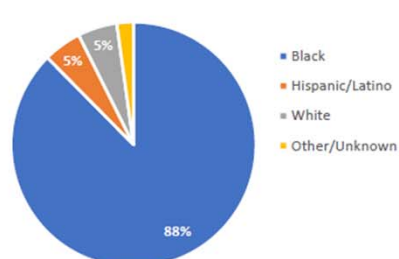
Beatties Ford Rd Area Percent of Violent Crime that is Domestic Violence Related, 2017 - 2020 Year-to-Date (as of 6/30/2020)



Beatties Ford Area Violent Crime Victims by Gender, 2017 - 2020 Year-to-Date (as of 6/30/2020)



Beatties Ford Area Violent Crime Victims by Race/Ethnicity, 2017 - 2020 Year-to-Date (as of 6/30/2020)



## CHALLENGES

- Several businesses will not work with police regarding significant loitering problems.
- Misdemeanor enforcement
- Many local residents are hesitant to call or speak with police due to a fear of retaliation
- Bus stops in the area are very busy, so it is difficult to distinguish between people needing to take transit and those loitering around the designated CATS areas.



## JUNETEENTH CELEBRATIONS RECAP



### QUICK OVERVIEW

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- Overall, 3 days of celebrations and gatherings
- Approximately 20 calls for service
  - Several calls about gunshots, vehicles and people blocking traffic
- No CEU deployments
- No arrests



## FRIDAY, JUNE 19 – DAY 1 OF JUNETEENTH CELEBRATIONS

- Daytime march was preplanned and permitted.
  - No calls for service.
- Evening gatherings resulted in several calls for service that officers responded to including calls about:
  - Vehicles blocking intersection
  - Fireworks
  - Large groups spinning out tires, jumping in front of and on vehicles
  - Gunshots



## SATURDAY, JUNE 20 – DAY 2 OF JUNETEENTH CELEBRATIONS

Officers responded to calls for service including:

- Too many people including kids on the street corner
- People potentially selling drugs
- Gunshots
- People (including teenagers) drinking alcohol and smoking marijuana
- 100 people in the convenience store parking lot
  - Drinking alcohol and smoking marijuana
  - Officers unable to clear the lot safely

Officers closed Beatties Ford Rd. due to crowds in the street

- Reopened street to traffic when crowd size decreased



## SUNDAY, JUNE 21 – DAY 3 OF JUNETEENTH CELEBRATIONS

Crowds gathered on sidewalks and in the street.

Officers responded to calls for service including:

- Loitering in the convenience store parking lot
- MEDIC call referencing a pedestrian struck by a vehicle
  - As officers responded, they heard several gunshots in the immediate area
  - A total of nine people were struck by gunfire
  - Four people are deceased (one was shot and hit by a vehicle)
  - An additional four people were hit by vehicles; suffered minor injuries
  - Recovered approximately 180 bullet cases from the scene
  - Multiple guns/shooters involved
  - No arrests; no witnesses



## 14-YEAR-OLD SHOOTING/HOMICIDE UPDATE



## 14-YEAR-OLD SHOOTING/HOMICIDE UPDATE

This is an active and ongoing investigation. Some information is being withheld to protect the integrity of the investigation.

- On Tuesday, June 30, at 1:30 p.m., officers responded to an Assault with a Deadly Weapon call for service.
- An altercation took place between at least two subjects.
- When officers arrived, they located a 14-year-old male with an apparent gunshot wound outside of a business on Beatties Ford Rd. He was transported by Medic to a local hospital where he was later pronounced deceased.



## 14-YEAR-OLD SHOOTING/HOMICIDE UPDATE

- A second victim from this incident was also located with a gunshot wound near the 1400 block of West Trade Street and transported by Medic with non-life-threatening injuries.
- CMPD is actively pursuing several strong leads in the investigation.
- The public is encouraged to call Crime Stoppers at 704-334-1600 with any information.



