

# THE GIST

Governor's Crime Commission Monthly Newsletter

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## New Snapshot on COVID and Crime in NC

CJAC has released a new publication examining crime trends a year before and after Governor Cooper's March 2020 Stay-at-Home Order. Notable changes were seen in both the type and locations of reported crime. Violent crimes, such as assaults, increased in residences, while residential property crimes saw a decrease.

### Stay-at-Home Order's Impact on Crime



## New Justice Data Portal Dashboard Released – Traffic Stops by County

You can now view traffic stop data by county with a new interactive dashboard on the North Carolina Justice Data Portal. Selections can be made to view traffic stops by reason for stop, such as speeding or suspected DUI; citations written versus warnings issued; as well as the types of searches conducted during traffic stops and if those searches resulted in finding contraband. The dashboard displays information for traffic stops conducted over the last 5 years and is updated with new data every quarter. Demographic information including race/ethnicity and gender are also included.

## Attention Law Enforcement Applicants/Grantees!

The Traffic Reporting Statute [NCGS §143B-903](#) requires that most state and local law enforcement agencies report data on traffic stops within 60 days to the SBI. A list of agencies required to report each year is available on the [SBI website](#). Any agency that does not submit this data as required "shall be ineligible to receive any law enforcement grants available by or through the state." Ensure your agency is in compliance with this requirement to prevent a hold on grant funds.

## GEMS is Retiring!

GCC Subrecipients have used GEMS (Grants Enterprise Management System) to apply for and administer grants with GCC since 2012. After many years of faithful service, it's time for GEMS to retire. GCC will be migrating to the NC EBS (Enterprise Business Services) platform later this fall. As we approach that time, GCC will provide more information and training. Several other state agencies use this system to manage large grant programs. Keep looking for information in The GIST, and watch out for additional emails from GCC for information on migrating your current Projects to EBS and training in the new system. Please join us in thanking GEMS for 11+ years of hard work. We hear that GEMS is planning to retire to the Outer Banks and spend the rest of its days in the sun and waves!

## New GCC Commissioner- Courtney Banks-McLaughlin

In April, Courtney Banks-McLaughlin joined the CJJ committee.

Courtney was elected in November 2019 by the residents of District 8 to serve her first term on the Fayetteville City Council. Courtney is a graduate of Arkansas Baptist College, where she earned a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration. Courtney earned her Master of Arts in Human Resource Management from Webster University in 2008.



Courtney welcomes the opportunity to create an environment that allows our children, families, and businesses to have the opportunity to thrive. She believes we must work together as a community and city to delve into the root causes that threaten the health and safety of our community. Most importantly, Courtney believes we must strive to attract jobs that allow more residents to enjoy a better quality of life. She has demonstrated her zeal and commitment to our community as a small business owner and as an advocate for veterans and their families, along with her community involvement with groups that serve our elderly, homeless and youth.

Volunteerism is one of Courtney's favorite hobbies along with traveling, kayaking and hiking. Her eagerness and drive to help the community resulted in her running for City Council in 2019. Mrs. Banks-McLaughlin also serves on many committees for the city of Fayetteville, as her goal is to promote a better community and attain knowledgeable information on community affairs. She served on the following committees: Fayetteville-Cumberland Parks and Recreation, Cumberland County People of Disability, Fayetteville-Cumberland Liaison Committee, Stormwater, Military RULAC, and Homeless Advisory Committee.

Courtney is married to Melvin McLaughlin, an 82nd Airborne Division disabled veteran, and is the proud mother of five children and one grandchild. Courtney understands the importance of leading by example. She instills values and the need in servicing the community to her children. The McLaughlin family are members of Lewis Chapel Missionary Baptist Church. She is a member of the NAACP. Courtney is a positive role model, who understands the dedication in molding future leaders by investing in our youth and adolescent future, which led her to receive two awards in 2021 from The Fayetteville Observer 40 under 40 and Think Smart

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