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Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office Sees Unprecedented Surge in Purchase Permit and New Concealed Carry Applications

(CHARLOTTE, NC) – Sheriff Garry McFadden reports unprecedented increases in purchase permit and concealed handgun permit applications since March. Prior to March 2020 purchase permit applications averaged 1,506 per month for fiscal year 2020 and 1,130 for fiscal year 2019. Since March, the average climbed to an average of 4,698. This past Friday the Sheriff's Office registered the highest number of outstanding applications ever with 11,038 applications. Currently staff are working hard to process applications and are processing applications as of June 29, 2020. [Click here](#) for information regarding the process to apply for purchase permit. The Sheriff has authorized additional overtime and has approved staff from other divisions to assist in the effort to meet the demand.

Since reopening the division on June 1 for new concealed handgun permit applicants, there has been an 122% increase in the monthly average of applicants for new and renewal concealed handgun permit (CHP) applications for June and July 2020 compared to the previous eleven months. Staff are currently processing and issuing CHP as of June 26, 2020, and appointments are booked already into December 2020. Information regarding the application process for concealed handgun permits can be found at [Click here](#).

As we notified customers beginning on March 19, 2020, we continue to mail approved pistol purchase permits and concealed handgun permits to reduce the number of customers entering our office.

Sheriff McFadden says; "I am committed to ensuring we continue to provide this service to the citizens of Mecklenburg County during this unprecedented crisis and appreciate everyone's understanding and patience while we strive to process all applications ensuring the safety of the public."

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