



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Cramerton Police Announce 11% Decrease in 2009 Crime Rate**

Cramerton Police announced today that the Town of Cramerton saw an 11% decrease in the overall crime rate from 2008 based on the Index Crime Data released this month from the North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation. Cramerton Police Department voluntarily reports index crimes to the State Bureau of Investigation through the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) System. Cramerton's crime data will be published in the *2009 Annual Summary Report* and posted to the NCSBI's website at [www.ncdoj.gov](http://www.ncdoj.gov).

Cramerton Police Chief Greg Ratchford stated that although the crime statistics were positive overall that much work still needs to be completed in certain areas. Ratchford cited an increase in calls for police service in 2009 as well as an increase in juvenile crime. "It is important to remember that not every response made by the police falls into the reporting category. Murder, Rape, Robbery, Aggravated Assault, Burglary, Larceny, Motor Vehicle Theft and Arson are the index crimes that are reported. General calls for police service still tend to be where officers spend the majority of their time." Ratchford said.

Cramerton reported no murders or rapes in 2009 unchanged from the 2008 reporting year. Robbery and Arson were both down by 100%, Burglary was down by 17%, Larcenies were down by 8%, and Motor Vehicle Theft was down by 66%. Cramerton's only increase in crime index numbers in 2009 was a 50% increase in Aggravated Assaults.