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Second Year in A Row, Reidsville Makes a Top 100 Safest Cities List

REIDSVILLE — The City of Reidsville has made the “Safest Cities in North Carolina” list for 2018 compiled by a national home security professionals’ trade association.

The National Council for Home Safety and Security ranked Reidsville 51st on its list. The top two safest cities were Pinehurst and Elon, respectively.

In 2017, the City took the 81st spot on LendEDU’s Top 100 Safest Cities in North Carolina while Safe Wise named Reidsville the 98th safest city in the State in an earlier survey last year.

The National Council reviews the most recent FBI Uniform Crime Report statistics along with its own population data and internal research. No cities under 10,000 in population or those that failed to submit a complete crime report to the FBI were included. Remaining cities were ranked based on the number of reported violent crimes, including aggravated assault, murder, rape and robbery, and property crimes per 1,000 people.

“This just goes to prove what we have known all along, that Reidsville is a safe place to live and work,” said Mayor Jay Donecker. “And now, others are noticing that we are a safe community.”

The Mayor credits the proactive strategies being employed by the Reidsville Police Department, including its efforts to not only be more visible in the community but also to reach out to foster citizen awareness. Yet he noted the need for continued collaboration between residents and officers.

“We can’t just leave it up to our police force to make us safe,” Mayor Donecker stated. “All of us must work together, staying aware and informed, so that we can ensure Reidsville continues to be a safe community in which to live and raise a family.”

According to Reidsville Police Chief Robert Hassell, the City saw a 17% decrease in violent crime and a 6% decrease in property crime in 2017 compared to the previous year. He credits this decrease to improved community and police efforts, a variety of policing programs, and increased awareness by residents, who are willing to get involved.

“Together we are making a difference in our City,” Chief Hassell said.

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