

## Conover Police Department



Catalytic converter thefts have been on the rise over recent months, not only in the City of Conover, but across the nation. It only takes a few minutes for a thief to cut off the converter and leave the area. Conover Police would ask that our citizens be vigilant in looking for suspicious activity near vehicles. If you see individuals at businesses or around vehicles in parking lots after hours, please call Conover Police at 828-464-4698.

Conover Police recommend that citizens park their vehicles in a well-lit area and near other vehicles to make it more difficult to gain access under your vehicle. Also, if possible, park your vehicles in a garage or make sure that security cameras are pointed in the direction of your vehicles. As always be safe, stay vigilant and contact police if you see suspicious activity.

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## Manufacturing Solutions Center – Phase II PPE-NC Initiative

The COVID-19 pandemic has created a burning platform to source, produce and certify personal protective equipment (PPE) in the United States. The first entity many companies called upon is right here in Conover; the Manufacturing Solutions Center (MSC). MSC was tasked to assist businesses in prototyping and testing textile products for PPE. COVID-19 has revealed the U.S. supply chain for PPE is in an extreme deficit, as almost 97% of all PPE is made in China. The U.S. did not have the necessary supply of PPE to react to the crisis. Many U.S. companies immediately wanted to help and changed their production to make PPE. However, the requirements of medical PPE are more difficult to meet than apparel, furniture upholstery or other sewn products. The North Carolina General Assembly allotted \$9 million of CARES Act funding to Conover to build a facility for MSC to prototype, test and commercialize PPE for U.S. manufacturers.



Pictured above is the new 75,000 sq. ft. facility to be built at Conover Station as a partnership with the private sector to grow and expand manufacturers based in the United States. MSC was created at Catawba Valley Community College in 1990 with a mission to create and retain jobs in the U.S. Located in a facility constructed and owned by the City of Conover, MSC currently offers training, prototyping, applied R&D, testing, domestic product sourcing, on-site business incubation and commercialization to entrepreneurs and hundreds of United States manufacturers.

## **Santa Cops**

The Conover Police Department would like to thank area businesses and our Conover citizens for their generosity to help make the Conover Police Department 2020 Santa Cops a huge success. We were able to help 37 families/94 children. Toy drop off points included CVS, Walgreens, Dollar General Stores, Conover Hardware, and Shuford Elementary School. The following businesses: Armacell, Camfil Farr company, Specialty Metals, Nufabrx, and 1-800-Packouts all conducted toy drives at their businesses. Rock Barn Golf and Spa hosted a toy drive golf tournament and S & A Sports hosted a toy drive softball tournament. The Norman B. Coley foundation and many citizens made monetary donations that helped the Conover PD elves purchase needed gifts that were not donated.

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## **Snow Removal Schedule**

When roads become impassable due to fallen snow or ice, the Street Department has several objectives. These objectives include providing clear passage for emergency vehicles, reducing hazards for motorists and pedestrians, and minimizing the economic loss to the community caused by the workers' inability to travel to their respective jobs.



When roads reach impassable conditions, arterial roads (major roads and streets that carry large volumes of traffic) are given priority. These roads are scraped as bare as possible following two or more inches of snow accumulation, then once every four hours, unless extreme conditions require that more frequent scraping be done. Parking lanes and shoulders will be cleared as soon as the travel lanes are open. Further, collector streets (general access and residential streets) are scraped following three or more inches of snow accumulation and plowed every four to five hours as conditions dictate.

If ice conditions are anticipated, the City has the means to liquid brine the streets prior to icy conditions. Each quadrant of the City will be dealt with equally. When extreme cold conditions exist, sand will be spread in lieu of brine treatment. The City does scrape some state roads, excluding Interstate 40, in residential and downtown areas.

Please refrain from parking on the street during snow or ice events so the Street Department has access for maintenance for snow removal.

For more information on road conditions during snow or ice periods, call the Public Works Department at 464-4808, or the Catawba County Communications Center at 464-3112.

### **Planning Ahead:**

<b>City Council:</b>	Meets the first Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at Conover City Hall
<b>Planning Board:</b>	Meets the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Conover City Hall

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