



The monthly report is intended to serve as an overview of the Ashland Police Department's effort to combat crime within the Town of Ashland. The report contains information about the number of criminal offenses during the past month and the activities undertaken by the Police Department to improve the overall quality of life for the community.

The data helps the Police Department develop strategies for providing a safe environment in which to live, work, visit and play.

**Chief Douglas A. Goodman, Jr.**

**April 2021**

Part 1 Offenses	April 2021	April 2020	YTD 2021	YTD 2020	YTD Diff	YTD CLR Arrest	YTD CLR Exception	Total Cleared	Total 2020
Homicide									
Rape			1	2	-1		1	100%	3
Robbery	1		2	2	0	0	0	0%	3
Aggravated Assault	1	1	3	1	2	2	1	100%	10
Arson					0				
Burglary			1	2	-1	0	0	0%	9
Larceny (below categories)	3	11	46	38	8	23	0	50%	120
Pick Pocket					0				
Purse-Snatching					0				
Shoplifting	2	4	26	13	13	23	0	88%	40
Theft from a Building		2	3	9	-6	0	0	0%	17
Theft from a Coin Machine					0				2
Theft from a Motor Vehicle			7	4	3	0	0	0%	22
Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts		2	7	5	2	0	0	0%	11
All other Larceny	1	3	3	7	-4	0	0	0%	28
Auto Theft	1		2	1	1	0	0	0%	7
<b>Total Part I Offenses</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>49%</b>	<b>152</b>

Other Offenses of Community Concern	April 2021	April 2020	YTD 2021	YTD 2020	YTD Diff	YTD CLR Arrest	YTD CLR Exception	Total Cleared	Total 2020
Destruction/Vandalism	3	3	12	18	-6	2	2	33%	50
Drugs/Narcotics	1	1	12	15	-3	8	0	67%	40
Weapons Violations	0	1	5	2	3	3	1	80%	6
Drunk in Public	1	2	10	10	0	9	0	90%	25
Liquor Law Violations	2	0	4	3	1	2	0	50%	3

Service Demands and Productivity	April 2021	April 2020	YTD 2021	YTD 2020	YTD Diff	Total 2020
Calls for Service	493	466	2,000	1,922	78	6,047
Self Initiated Activities	1,157	791	4,993	3,632	1,361	12,275
Criminal Arrests	16	14	101	89	12	267
Traffic Summonses	83	14	352	338	14	870
DUI Arrests	2	0	3	2	1	11
Accidents	13	3	25	26	-1	85

## PATROL OPERATIONS DIVISION

Patrol Operations is comprised of 16 sworn officers under the leadership of **Major Troy Aronhalt**. Officers are assigned to one of four squads, each led by a Sergeant, working 12-hour shifts. Patrol Operations handles all dispatched calls for service, conducts self-initiated enforcement activities and provides high visibility patrols in hopes to prevent and deter criminal activity.

Patrol Activities	Day Squads		Night Squads	
	710	720	730	740
Responses to Calls	196	242	100	180
Criminal Arrests	5	12	2	1
DUI Arrests	1	0	1	0
Park, Walk & Talks	96	121	69	144
Incident Reports	24	22	8	6
Traffic Stops	37	64	2	30
Field Interviews	1	2	3	3
P2B/C Contacts	12	11	24	12
Adopt a Senior Visits	0	0	0	0
School Visits	6	12	0	0
Bank Checks	11	15	0	0
Funeral Escorts	3	5	0	0
Property Checks	204	53	841	1388
Open Doors	7	0	12	4
ECO/TDO	4	4	2	0

### STAR Corridor Update

Officers handled **9** calls for service in this area; completed **46** park, walk and talk activities as well as **21** hours of traffic enforcement and general observation time. Officers had **48** community contacts and conducted **5** roll call meetings.

### Patrol Highlights

On April 5, officers responded to a brandishing call in the 200 block of Randolph Street. Officers were able to safely take the armed subject into custody. He was arrested for brandishing.

On April 6, officers were dispatched to a motor vehicle collision on England Street in the area of Washington Highway. After conducting their investigation, officers determined the driver was under the influence of alcohol.

On April 10, officers responded to the 600 block of England Street for a disorderly subject. After investigating, the subject was arrested for an outstanding warrant, obstruction, and possession of controlled substances.

On April 22, officers were dispatched to a wanted call regarding six felony indictments. After a brief search, the wanted person was located in the 200 block of South Washington Highway. She was taken into custody without incident.

On April 28, officers responded to the 12000 block of Washington Highway for a reckless driver. Officers located the vehicle in the area and conducted an investigation. The driver was arrested for DUI and refusal to take a breath test.

## SPECIAL OPERATIONS DIVISION

Under the command of Special Operations Division, the **Investigative Unit** is comprised of three investigators led by **Capt. James Shelhorse**. This operational component is responsible for the investigation of all felony and serious/repeat misdemeanor offenses reported to the police department. Additionally, this unit is tasked with proactive investigations into narcotics trafficking and other criminal behavior.

Cases Assigned This Month	17
Cases Assigned (YTD)	39
Cases Cleared (YTD)	30
Clearance Rate (YTD)	76.9%
Surveillance (assignments)	4
Report Writing (hours)	12
Search Warrants/Court Orders	6
Warrants Obtained	1
Court Proceedings (hours)	1
Forensic Processing (hours)	7
Meetings with Other Agencies	5

### Investigative Highlights

Investigators were assigned two missing persons cases. After extensive efforts, both individuals were located found to be safe and returned home.

Investigators were assigned a case for failure to pay for services rendered. An investigation was conducted and warrants obtained for obtaining money through false pretenses.

Investigators were assigned a case involving a missing laptop that occurred at Randolph Macon College. This case is still pending investigation.

Investigators were assigned a robbery. The victim approached patrol officers on foot patrol to report the crime that occurred several days earlier. The case is still under investigation.

Investigators conducted an underage alcohol purchase operation. Two ABC OFF businesses in town were in violation of state law.

Investigators took part in the National Drug Take Back Program. Over 270 pounds of prescription drugs were turned in by citizens.

# SPECIAL OPERATIONS DIVISION

Under the command of the Special Operations Division, the **Crime Prevention/Logistics Unit** entails several functional components of the agency: Crime Prevention (1 officer), and the Auxiliary Unit (1 volunteer officers) and civilian volunteers all led by **Capt. Marie Kemp**. In addition to duties tasked to individual members, this component is responsible for Recruitment, Selection, Training, Public Information, Special Event Coordination, and IT Administration.

Crime Prevention Activities	
Neighborhood Watch Meetings	0
Association Meetings	0
Security Assessments	0
Presentations	2
CPTED Plan Reviews	2
Training (hours)	34
Park, Walk and Talk	13
Adopt a Senior Visits	0
Lunch Buddies	2
Project Lifesaver Visits	2
Special Event Meetings	3
Patrol/Support hours covered	**
Social Media Outreach (Posts)	21

People Reached: 154,656

## Crime Prevention Notes

- April 6: Bike Safety Rodeo at Toddler Town
- April 14: Presentation to R-MC Spanish Class
- April 14: Cadet Class Instruction - Physical Training
- April 20: Participated in Toy Drive for Children's Day 2021 with YMCA
- April 21: First Line Leadership School Instruction for VACP
- April 24: Drug Take-Back; 270 lbs. collected
- April 28: Emergency Response Discussion with RMC student

## Training

4/13 & 4/20: DWI Detection & SFST Refresher
4/15 & 4/16: New Hire Training - Dalton Harding
4/27: TASER Instructor re-certification

## Items of Note/Special Events

Town employee workouts - 6 conducted
Completed Panel, Command Staff Interview and Psychological Tests for applicants