



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.

October 2021

Part 1 Offenses	OCT 2021	OCT 2020	YTD 2021	YTD 2020	YTD Diff	YTD CLR Arrest	YTD CLR Exception	Total Cleared	Total 2020
Homicide									
Rape			2	2	0	0	2	100%	3
Robbery			2	3	-1	0	0	0%	3
Aggravated Assault	1	2	21	8	13	13	2	71%	10
Arson					0				
Burglary	1	2	4	9	-5	1	0	25%	9
Larceny (below categories)	5	8	100	96	4	29	4	33%	120
Pick Pocket					0				
Purse-Snatching					0				
Shoplifting	2	1	36	26	10	25	0	69%	40
Theft from a Building		3	11	15	-4	0	2	18%	17
Theft from a Coin Machine			0	2	-2				2
Theft from a Motor Vehicle			14	20	-6	1		7%	22
Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts	1		23	8	15	1		4%	11
All other Larceny	2	4	16	25	-9	2	2	25%	28
Auto Theft			8	6	2	2		25%	7
Total Part I Offenses	7	12	137	124	13	45	8	39%	152

Other Offenses of Community Concern	OCT 2021	OCT 2020	YTD 2021	YTD 2020	YTD Diff	YTD CLR Arrest	YTD CLR Exception	Total Cleared	Total 2020
Destruction/Vandalism	1	4	36	43	-7	3	4	19%	50
Drugs/Narcotics	1	1	25	30	-5	16	0	64%	40
Weapons Violations	1	1	12	5	7	6	2	67%	6
Drunk in Public	8	0	35	21	14	33	0	94%	25
Liquor Law Violations	0	0	4	3	1	2	0	50%	3

Service Demands and Productivity	OCT 2021	OCT 2020	YTD 2021	YTD 2020	YTD Diff		Total 2020
Calls for Service	639	488	5,600	5,020	580		6,047
Self Initiated Activities	1,288	1,173	12,487	9,852	2,635		12,275
Criminal Arrests	28	16	221	216	5		267
Traffic Summonses	144	76	970	727	243		870
DUI Arrests	2	1	9	10	-1		11
Accidents	14	12	99	73	26		85

PATROL OPERATIONS DIVISION

Patrol Operations is comprised of 16 sworn officers under the leadership of **Captain James Shelhorse**. Officers are assigned to one of four squads, 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	222	326	143	290
Criminal Arrests	6	4	7	13
DUI Arrests	0	1	1	0
Park, Walk & Talks	56	99	70	137
Incident Reports	25	12	13	21
Traffic Stops	21	43	52	61
Field Interviews	6	2	5	9
P2B/C Contacts	11	7	16	11
Adopt a Senior Visits	4	0	0	0
School Visits	7	12	0	2
Bank Checks	8	11	0	1
Funeral Escorts	4	7	0	2
Property Checks	100	21	439	848
Open Doors	0	0	11	3
ECO/TDO	1	0	0	0

STAR Corridor Update

Officers handled **18** calls for service in this area; completed **61** park, walk and talk activities as well as **20** hours of traffic enforcement and general observation time. Officers had **42** community contacts and conducted **8** roll call meetings.

Patrol Highlights

On October 2, officers conducted a traffic stop in the 100 block of North Washington Highway. The driver was arrested for driving while suspended third offense, providing false information to law enforcement, and an outstanding warrant.

On October 9, officers responded to the intersection of England Street and Railroad Avenue for a motor vehicle crash where one driver had fled the scene. Upon completing the investigation, a subject was arrested for felony hit and run.

On October 24, officers responded to the 200 block of Berkley Street for a reported assault. Upon completion of the investigation, a subject was arrested for domestic assault.

On October 25, officers responded to the area of Henry Clay Road. and Snead Street. for the report of an intoxicated driver. The driver was located and arrested for second offense DUI, driving while revoked due to a previous DUI, and obstruction of justice by threats.

On October 27, officers responded to the 400 block of Henry Street for a motor vehicle crash. Upon completion of the investigation, the driver was arrested for DUI.

On October 29, officers responded to the 200 block of Thompson Street for a trespassing. Upon completion of the investigation, a male was arrested for unlawful entry and public intoxication.

SPECIAL OPERATIONS DIVISION

Under the command of Special Operations Division, the **Investigative Unit** is comprised of three investigators led by **Captain Marie Kemp**. 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.

Investigative Activities	
Cases Assigned This Month	16
Cases Assigned (YTD)	134
Cases Cleared (YTD)	72
Clearance Rate (YTD)	53.7%
Surveillance (hours)	14.5
Report Writing (hours)	17
Court Orders	13
Warrants Obtained	2
Court Proceedings (hours)	4
Forensic Processing (hours)	4
Meetings with Other Agencies	5

Investigative Highlights

Investigators assisted the Virginia State Police in locating and arresting a wanted subject for failing to register as a sex offender. The suspect had absconded from the sex offender program and Ashland Investigators were able to locate him and take the subject into custody for VSP.

Investigators obtained two felony narcotics distribution warrants stemming from a citizen contact at a business in town in which the suspect had distribution amounts of methamphetamine, cocaine, mushrooms (psilocybin), and prescription pills.

Investigations provided assistance with Crisis intervention Training in conjunction with Hanover Mental Health and the Hanover Sheriff's Office. The training was conducted at the Hanover Training Academy.

Investigators assisted in instructing the Ashland Police Department Semi-Annual Firearms Training.

Investigations took part in the in the panel interviews for the police officer hiring process.

Investigations researched and submitted law changes to help combat catalytic converter thefts, as well as implemented an intensive, agency wide, two-week plan in Town to combat the thefts.

Investigations assisted in administering the written and physical portion of testing for police applicants.

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, and IT Administration.

Crime Prevention Activities	
Neighborhood Watch Meetings	0
Association Meetings	1
Security Assessments	0
Presentations	1
CPTED Plan Reviews	3
Training (hours)	46
Park, Walk and Talk	7
Adopt a Senior Visits	3
Lunch Buddies	1
Project Lifesaver Visits	1
Patrol/Support hours covered	**
Social Media Outreach (Posts)	22

36,335 *people reached

Crime Prevention Notes

- October 2 & 9: Written and Physical testing for entry level selection.
- October 7: Silent No More Presentation (Virtual)
- October 14: TRIAD Meeting.
- October 14: APD Cadet Training.
- October 20 & 21: Panel Interviews for selection Process.
- October 22: Alcohol safety presentation for R-MC Delta Zeta Sorority.
- October 23: Drug Take Back
- October 27: Instructor at VACP First Line Leadership School.

Training

October 6: Proactive Approach to Mental Health for Law Enforcement
October 19 & 21: Less-Lethal/Fall Firearms/Use of Force Policy Refresher Training

Items of Note

Polygraphs scheduled for selection process.
Conducted seven Town Employee workouts.