



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 A. Troy Aronhalt

April 2022

Part 1 Offenses	April 2022	April 2021	YTD 2022	YTD 2021	YTD Diff	YTD CLR Arrest	YTD CLR Exception	Total Cleared	Total 2021
Homicide									
Rape				2	-2				2
Robbery		1	1	2	-1	1	0	100%	3
Aggravated Assault	2	1	4	3	1	4	0	100%	28
Arson					0				
Burglary	1		4	1	3	1	0	25%	4
Larceny (below categories)	14	3	53	46	7	13	0	25%	126
Pick Pocket					0				
Purse-Snatching					0				
Shoplifting	5	2	13	26	-13	10	0	77%	44
Theft from a Building			1	3	-2			0%	14
Theft from a Coin Machine					0				0
Theft from a Motor Vehicle	2		19	7	12	1	0	5%	17
Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts	3		7	7	0	1	0	14%	28
All other Larceny	4	1	13	3	10	1	0	8%	23
Auto Theft	3	1	7	2	5	1	0	14%	8
Total Part I Offenses	20	6	69	56	13	20	0	29%	171

Other Offenses of Community Concern	April 2022	April 2021	YTD 2022	YTD 2021	YTD Diff	YTD CLR Arrest	YTD CLR Exception	Total Cleared	Total 2021
Destruction/Vandalism	7	4	22	13	9	4	1	23%	42
Drugs/Narcotics	0	1	4	12	-8	2	0	50%	28
Weapons Violations	0	0	6	5	1	2	1	50%	14
Drunk in Public	3	1	12	10	2	12	0	100%	39
Liquor Law Violations	0	2	1	4	-3	1	0	100%	4

Service Demands and Productivity	April 2022	April 2021	YTD 2022	YTD 2021	YTD Diff	Total 2021
Calls for Service	588	493	2,209	2,000	209	6,686
Self Initiated Activities	1,480	1,157	5,905	4,993	912	14,635
Criminal Arrests	31	16	109	101	8	252
Traffic Summonses	162	83	600	352	248	1,142
DUI Arrests	2	2	5	3	2	10
Accidents	7	13	34	25	9	127

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, 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	290	342	206	198
Criminal Arrests	4	5	9	5
DUI Arrests	0	0	0	2
Park, Walk & Talks	134	167	113	139
Incident Reports	25	19	24	13
Traffic Stops	69	87	38	78
Field Interviews	0	0	7	5
P2B/C Contacts	14	4	12	6
Adopt a Senior Visits	0	0	0	0
School Visits	9	14	0	0
Bank Checks	10	12	0	0
Funeral Escorts	6	10	0	0
Property Checks	53	57	475	1243
Open Doors	0	4	3	11
ECO/TDO	0	1	0	0

STAR Corridor Update

Officers handled **10** calls for service in this area; completed **51** park, walk and talk activities as well as **15** hours of traffic enforcement and general observation time. Officers had **31** community contacts and conducted **17** roll call meetings.

Patrol Highlights

On April 3, officers were dispatched to a disorderly subject in the 100 block of North Washington Highway. Upon completion of an investigation, the subject was arrested for public intoxication and shoplifting.

On April 4, a presentation on fraud awareness was provided to members of the Ashland Kiwanis about the dangers of cyber fraud.

On April 6, officers conducted a traffic stop for a traffic violation in the 700 block of Henry Street. During the traffic stop, it was found the driver exhibited signs of intoxication. Upon completion of the investigation, the driver was arrested for driving under the influence.

On April 12, officers conducted a pedestrian crosswalk enforcement event on Ashcake Road, England Street, and Thompson Street. Officers stopped 14 vehicles for traffic violations, handed out 12 educational brochures on pedestrian safety, and made 1 criminal arrest.

On April 16, officers conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for a traffic violation in the 100 block of New Street. Upon completion of an investigation, the driver was arrested for driving under the influence.

On April 21, an officer was alerted to a child alone inside of a vehicle in the 100 block of South Hill Carter Parkway. Upon completion of an investigation, the parent was located and arrested for felony child neglect.

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	19
Cases Assigned (YTD)	90
Cases Cleared (YTD)	43
Clearance Rate (YTD)	47.0%
Surveillance (hours)	0
Report Writing (hours)	18
Court Orders	11
Warrants Obtained	1
Court Proceedings (hours)	49
Forensic Processing (hours)	23
Meetings with Other Agencies	7

Investigative Highlights

On April 14, investigators responded to the 100 block of South Cottage Green Drive for a reported robbery. Through the investigation, suspects were developed. Investigators consulted with the Hanover Commonwealth Attorney's Office and it was recommended that warrants for assault be obtained. Investigators obtained two warrants for assault.

On April 18, investigators located a suspect who had stolen items from a business in the 500 block of South Washington Highway. The suspect confessed to the crime and investigators were able to retrieve all the stolen items. Investigators obtained a larceny warrant and worked with surrounding jurisdictions for its execution.

April 22, investigators attended and testified in court for a homicide that took place in 2018. Due to the investigators efforts in the case, the suspect was convicted and received a term of two life sentences.

On April 30, investigators participated in the National Drug Take Back Program and collected over 90lbs of expired and/or no longer used prescription drugs. During this program, investigators also educated town citizens in the use of NARCAN. Narcan is a life saving option used during opioid overdoses.

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 **Captain 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	2
Security Assessments	1
Presentations	1
CPTED Plan Reviews	2
Training (hours)	3
Park, Walk and Talk	10
Adopt a Senior Visits	3
Lunch Buddies	1
Project Lifesaver Visits	1
Crime Analysis Meetings	1
Social Media Outreach (Posts)	19

26,074 *people reached/1,421 engagements

Crime Prevention Notes

- April 6: LE presentation to First Baptist Church Child Development Center
- April 9: Child Seat/Resource Table at The Bridge of Connections Event
- April 13: Central VA Crime Intelligence Meeting
- April 14: MAP Meeting
- April 14: TRAIID Meeting
- April 14: Dispatch Review Committee Meeting
- April 15: Opioid Taskforce Meeting
- April 21: APD Cadet Training
- April 30: National Prescription Drug Take-Back
- April 30: Dia De Los Ninos event

Training

Cadet Training

Items of Note

April 8: Started full selection process
Three panel interviews and one polygraph for police officer selection
Received and distributed new officer worn cameras