



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

Oct 2022

Part 1 Offenses	Oct 2022	Oct 2021	YTD 2022	YTD 2021	YTD Diff	YTD CLR Arrest	YTD CLR Exception	Total Cleared	Total 2021
Homicide									
Rape	1		2	3	-1	0	0	0%	3
Robbery	1		4	2	2	1	0	25%	3
Aggravated Assault	5	1	24	21	3	14	2	67%	28
Arson					0				
Burglary	2	1	7	4	3	2	0	29%	4
Larceny (below categories)	9	5	114	102	12	27	1	25%	128
Pick Pocket					0				
Purse-Snatching					0				
Shoplifting	2	2	35	36	-1	17	1	51%	44
Theft from a Building	3		8	11	-3	0	0	0%	15
Theft from a Coin Machine					0				0
Theft from a Motor Vehicle	3		36	14	22	4	0	11%	17
Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts		1	14	24	-10	1	0	7%	28
All other Larceny	1	2	21	17	4	5	0	24%	24
Auto Theft			11	7	4	5	0	45%	8
Total Part I Offenses	18	7	162	139	23	49	3	32%	174

Other Offenses of Community Concern	Oct 2022	Oct 2021	YTD 2022	YTD 2021	YTD Diff	YTD CLR Arrest	YTD CLR Exception	Total Cleared	Total 2021
Destruction/Vandalism	5	1	65	39	26	14	1	23%	45
Drugs/Narcotics	0	1	9	25	-16	4	0	44%	28
Weapons Violations	1	1	16	12	4	5	1	38%	14
Disorderly Conduct	2		36		36	36	0	100%	
Liquor Law Violations	0	0	2	4	-2	1	0	50%	4

Service Demands and Productivity	Oct 2022	Oct 2021	YTD 2022	YTD 2021	YTD Diff		Total 2021
Calls for Service	514	639	5,645	5,600	45		6,686
Self Initiated Activities	1,026	1,288	13,378	12,487	891		14,635
Criminal Arrests	32	28	284	221	63		252
Traffic Summonses	171	144	1,393	970	423		1,142
DUI Arrests	1	2	12	9	3		10
Accidents	11	14	81	99	-18		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	163	312	159	115
Criminal Arrests	2	3	12	6
DUI Arrests	0	0	1	0
Park, Walk & Talks	95	188	102	102
Incident Reports	20	13	19	9
Traffic Stops	17	56	61	74
Field Interviews	2	0	5	1
P2B/C Contacts	6	4	8	1
Adopt a Senior Visits	0	0	0	0
School Visits	11	9	0	0
Bank Checks	12	7	0	0
Funeral Escorts	1	10	0	0
Property Checks	80	134	711	1019
Open Doors	1	4	1	0
ECO/TDO	0	0	1	0

STAR Corridor Update

Officers handled **17** calls for service in this area; completed **38** park, walk and talk activities as well as **8.5** hours of traffic enforcement and general observation time. Officers had **21** community contacts and conducted **1** roll call meeting.

Patrol Highlights

On October 8, officers conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle in the 500 block of North Washington Highway. Upon completion of an investigation, the driver was arrested for driving under the influence.

On October 8, officers responded to the 600 block of John Street for a call for service. Upon completion of the investigation, an adult male was arrested on an outstanding warrant.

On October 9, officers responded to the 100 block of North Carter Road for a domestic disturbance. Upon completion of the investigation, a subject was arrested for two counts of assault on law enforcement, obstruction of justice and domestic assault.

On October 15, officers stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation in the 100 block of North Washington Highway. The driver was wanted on an outstanding warrant and was arrested without incident.

On October 20, officers assisted investigators with the arrests of two wanted individuals, one in the 600 block of South Taylor Street and the other in the 800 block of England Street.

On October 22, officers responded to the 12300 block of Washington Highway for an unconscious person. Upon completion of the investigation, the subject was arrested for public intoxication, obstruction of justice, and vandalism.

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	14
Cases Assigned (YTD)	207
Cases Cleared (YTD)	97
Clearance Rate (YTD)	46.8%
Surveillance (hours)	10
Report Writing (hours)	32.5
Search Warrants	16
Warrants Obtained	6
Court Proceedings (hours)	27
Forensic Processing (hours)	20
Meetings with Other Agencies	5

Investigative Highlights

On October 15, investigators were assigned a case related to child abuse and neglect. As of now, two suspects have been arrested. This is an open and active investigation.

On October 20, Ashland Investigators in conjunction with the Hanover Sherriff's Office conducted a Human Trafficking Operation. During the operation a total of four people were arrested. Charges related to the arrests were solicitation of prostitution, prostitution, frequenting a bawdy place, distributing a schedule I/II, possession of schedule I/II, and receiving money from earnings of prostitution.

On October 24, investigators responded to a sexual assault call. One suspect was arrested on two charges of indecent liberties with a child. This is an open and active investigation.

On October 26, investigators attended court in reference to a shooting call from December of 2021. The suspect was charged and found guilty of attempted murder, aggravated malicious wounding, discharging a firearm in the commission of a felony, and discharging a firearm from a vehicle.

On October 29, investigators were assigned to assist in locating a critical endangered missing adult. Patrol officers and investigators were able to safely locate the elderly female.

All investigators attended Less-Lethal and Fall Firearms Training.

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, FOIA, and IT Administration.

Crime Prevention Activities	
Neighborhood Watch Meetings	1
Association Meetings	5
Security Assessments	1
Presentations	2
CPTED Plan Reviews	7
Training (hours)	32
Park, Walk and Talk	12
Adopt a Senior Visits	4
School Visits	1
Project Lifesaver Visits	2
FOIA Responses	6
Crime Analysis Meetings	1
Social Media Outreach (Posts)	20

73,124 reached/ 30,192 engagements/1,823 reactions

Crime Prevention Notes

- October 12: Virginia Asian Chamber of Commerce Meeting
- October 12: Central Virginia Criminal Intelligence Meeting
- October 13: MAP & TRIAD Meetings
- October 18: Ashland Woods Neighborhood Watch Meeting
- October 19: Richmond Regional PIO Meeting
- October 25: Richmond Regional Human Trafficking Meeting
- October 28: Hanover CARES Education & Outreach Meeting
- October 29: National Drug Take-Back, 152 lbs. collected
- October 29: REVIVE Opioid Response Training

Training

October 12-14: New Hire Training
October 24 - 25: Fall Use of Force & Firearms Training

Items of Note

A certified applicant completed a ride along, psychological review, and medical examination. This candidate has been sent a final offer letter for hire.
Currently, we have three vacancies. There are two recruits in the academy, and one new hire starting November 21.