



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

Nov 2022

Part 1 Offenses	Nov 2022	Nov 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	3	1	1	0	25%	3
Aggravated Assault	3	6	27	27	0	15	2	63%	28
Arson					0				
Burglary	1		8	4	4	2	0	25%	4
Larceny (below categories)	22	12	137	114	23	27	1	20%	128
Pick Pocket					0				
Purse-Snatching					0				
Shoplifting	12	4	48	40	8	17	1	38%	44
Theft from a Building	2	1	10	12	-2	1	0	10%	15
Theft from a Coin Machine					0				0
Theft from a Motor Vehicle	1		37	14	23	3	0	8%	17
Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts	3	3	17	27	-10	1	0	6%	28
All other Larceny	4	4	25	21	4	5	0	20%	24
Auto Theft			11	7	4	4	0	36%	8
Total Part I Offenses	26	20	189	158	31	49	3	28%	174

Other Offenses of Community Concern	Nov 2022	Nov 2021	YTD 2022	YTD 2021	YTD Diff	YTD CLR Arrest	YTD CLR Exception	Total Cleared	Total 2021
Destruction/Vandalism	3	3	68	42	26	14	1	22%	45
Drugs/Narcotics	0	0	9	25	-16	5	0	56%	28
Weapons Violations	1	1	17	13	4	5	1	35%	14
Disorderly Conduct	2		38		38	37	0	97%	
Liquor Law Violations	1	0	3	4	-1	1	1	67%	4

Service Demands and Productivity	Nov 2022	Nov 2021	YTD 2022	YTD 2021	YTD Diff	Total 2021
Calls for Service	532	561	6,177	6,161	16	6,686
Self Initiated Activities	903	1,054	14,281	13,541	740	14,635
Criminal Arrests	16	18	300	239	61	252
Traffic Summonses	108	87	1,501	1,057	444	1,142
DUI Arrests	0	0	12	9	3	10
Accidents	11	21	92	120	-28	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	194	285	192	100
Criminal Arrests	3	3	3	2
DUI Arrests	0	0	0	0
Park, Walk & Talks	60	191	76	75
Incident Reports	24	23	17	7
Traffic Stops	26	21	65	52
Field Interviews	3	2	0	3
P2B/C Contacts	10	2	9	1
Adopt a Senior Visits	0	0	0	0
School Visits	7	7	0	0
Bank Checks	7	4	0	0
Funeral Escorts	2	4	0	0
Property Checks	44	225	693	682
Open Doors	0	2	5	1
ECO/TDO	3	0	0	0

STAR Corridor Update

Officers handled **9** calls for service in this area; completed **21** park, walk and talk activities as well as **12** hours of traffic enforcement and general observation time. Officers had **3** community contacts and conducted **2** roll call meetings.

Patrol Highlights

On November 7, officers were dispatched to the 100 block of Winter Oak Drive a reported domestic assault. Upon completion of the investigation, one subject was arrested for assault and violation of a protective order.

On November 8, officers were dispatched to a domestic assault in the 300 block of S. Center Street. Upon completion of the investigation, one subject was arrested for domestic assault.

On November 9, officers responded to the 200 block of Chapman Street for a mental health call. During the investigation, an officer was assaulted. As a result, the subject was arrested for assault on law enforcement.

On November 14, four warrants were obtained for a suspect for theft from a building and credit card fraud incident that occurred in October 2022. The subject was located and arrested in another jurisdiction.

On November 18, officers responded to the 100 block of South Carter Road for using counterfeit currency. Upon completion of the investigation, the suspect was arrested for obtaining goods by false pretenses and uttering of counterfeit bills.

On November 17, officers responded to the 100 block of North Carter Road for a reported assault. Upon completion of the investigation, a subject was arrested for sexual battery and possession of a fictitious ID.

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	15
Cases Assigned (YTD)	222
Cases Cleared (YTD)	107
Clearance Rate (YTD)	48.1%
Surveillance (hours)	13
Report Writing (hours)	45
Search Warrants	11
Warrants Obtained	11
Court Proceedings (hours)	10
Forensic Processing (hours)	20
Meetings with Other Agencies	2

Investigative Highlights

On November 2, investigators obtained one grand larceny warrant, and one attempted grand larceny warrant, against a suspect that stole a vehicle on May 9, 2022, from the Ashland Town Square Apartments. Investigators worked with the Hanover County Sheriff's Office and were able to safely take the suspect into custody.

On November 5, investigators obtained a trespassing warrant and a larceny warrant against a subject that returned to a business after being told not to return, in the 600 block of England Street. While there the subject stole several items.

On November 16, investigators received information two juveniles were being abused by their guardian. After the completion of the investigation the guardian was arrested on three counts of domestic assault. The juveniles were safely placed with another family member and a protective order is still in place to prevent contact between the suspect and the juveniles.

On November 21, investigators worked with the Hanover Commonwealth's Attorney's Office after it was discovered a suspect was violating a condition of their bond. Due to the nature of the original crimes and safety concerns for the victims, the court revoked the bond and the suspect is being held while awaiting trial.

Investigators conducted covert surveillance at the polling locations on election day to ensure the safety of the voters while there. This included pre-screening of both locations with the use of the Hanover Fire Marshall's bomb dog.

Investigators taught opioid/overdose detection and NARCAN training to citizens of the Town of Ashland.

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	0
Association Meetings	4
Security Assessments	1
Presentations	3
CPTED Plan Reviews	5
Training (hours)	39
Park, Walk and Talk	15
Adopt a Senior Visits	4
Lunch Buddies	3
Project Lifesaver Visits	2
FOIA Responses	9
Crime Analysis Meetings	2
Social Media Outreach (Posts)	17

43,915 reached/6,206 engagements/7,204 reactions

Crime Prevention Notes

- November 1: Virginia Asian Chamber of Commerce Public Safety Forum presentation.
- November 9: Regional Catalytic Converter Theft Task Force Meeting & Regional Intel Meeting.
- November 10: MAP and TRIAD Meetings.
- November 18: Hanover Cares Opioid Taskforce Meeting.
- November 23: TRIAD Adopt-a-Senior Thanksgiving Meal Deliveries.
- November 29: Holiday Safety Presentation at Ashland Library.
- November 30: Crisis Drill at Hanover Academy.
- November 30: Force Simulator presentation for R-MC Sociology students.

Training

November 15: Fall Use of Force Training
November 21-23: New Hire Training.

Items of Note

<p>Authorized sworn: 27 Actual Sworn: 21 Recruits in the Academy: 1 Recruits in Field Training: 2 Notes: 1 candidate has been extended a conditional offer of employment. We are running a full process that includes three certified candidates to fill the remaining two positions.</p>
