



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

March 2023

Part 1 Offenses	March 2023	March 2022	YTD 2023	YTD 2022	YTD Diff	YTD CLR Arrest	YTD CLR Exception	Total Cleared	Total 2022
Homicide									2
Rape			1		1			0%	3
Robbery	1		2	1	1	1	0	50%	3
Aggravated Assault	1		5	2	3	3	0	60%	30
Arson					0				0
Burglary				3	-3				9
Larceny (below categories)	16	15	30	39	-9	4	0	13%	149
Pick Pocket					0				0
Purse-Snatching					0				0
Shoplifting	7	2	13	8	5	4	0	31%	58
Theft from a Building	2		5	1	4	0	0	0%	10
Theft from a Coin Machine			1	0	1	0	0		0
Theft from a Motor Vehicle	1	9	3	17	-14	0	0	0%	38
Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts	3	1	4	4	0	0	0	0%	17
All other Larceny	3	3	4	9	-5	0	0	0%	26
Auto Theft	1		3	4	-1	2	0	67%	12
Total Part I Offenses	19	15	41	49	-8	10	0	24%	208

Other Offenses of Community Concern	March 2023	March 2022	YTD 2023	YTD 2022	YTD Diff	YTD CLR Arrest	YTD CLR Exception	Total Cleared	Total 2022
Destruction/Vandalism	3	3	14	15	-1	5	0	36%	70
Drugs/Narcotics	1	0	3	4	-1	1	0	33%	11
Weapons Violations	3	1	9	6	3	6	0	67%	18
Disorderly Conduct	3	4	9	11	-2	8	0	89%	40
Liquor Law Violations	0	1	0	1	-1	0	0	0%	4

Service Demands and Productivity	March 2023	March 2022	YTD 2023	YTD 2022	YTD Diff	Total 2022
Calls for Service	582	622	1,579	1,621	-42	6,636
Self Initiated Activities	1,081	1,587	3,050	4,425	-1,375	15,307
Criminal Arrests	33	27	85	78	7	321
Traffic Summonses	124	188	373	438	-65	1,614
DUI Arrests	4	3	7	3	4	13
Accidents	6	13	34	27	7	100

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	269	327	266	121
Criminal Arrests	7	5	13	2
DUI Arrests	0	0	4	0
Park, Walk & Talks	104	191	147	94
Incident Reports	16	21	18	11
Traffic Stops	47	59	75	19
Field Interviews	2	0	0	0
P2B/C Contacts	8	7	1	3
Adopt a Senior Visits	0	0	0	0
School Visits	16	14	0	0
Bank Checks	9	16	0	0
Funeral Escorts	3	3	0	0
Property Checks	80	261	1080	783
Open Doors	0	1	5	1
ECO/TDO	1	0	2	0

STAR Corridor Update

Officers handled **18** calls for service in this area; completed **49** park, walk and talk activities as well as **13** hours of traffic enforcement and general observation time. Officers had **14** community contacts and conducted **14** roll call meetings.

Patrol Highlights

On March 8, officers received a call to the 100 block of Linden Street regarding a domestic involving an individual brandishing a knife and a vandalism. The suspect fled before officers arrived on scene. Warrants were obtained for the suspect and served by another jurisdiction.

On March 11, officers responded to a traffic complaint in the 600 block of England Street. Upon completion of the investigation, the driver was arrested for DUI, Refusal of Breath Test, and Felon in Possession of a Firearm.

On March 13, officers responded to the 500 block of North James Street for a domestic call for service. Upon completion of the investigation, an adult male was arrested for domestic assault.

On March 24, officers responded to the 100 block of Beverly Road in reference to a past domestic assault and child abuse. Upon completion of the investigation, an offender was determined and arrested on March 26th.

On March 24, officers conducted a traffic stop in the 800 block of England Street. Upon completion of the investigation, the driver was arrested for DUI.

On March 30, officers attempted to conduct a traffic stop in the 800 block of England Street before the driver fled in a vehicle. Upon completion of the investigation, the driver was identified and arrested for reckless driving and eluding.

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	28
Cases Assigned (YTD)	64
Cases Cleared (YTD)	30
Clearance Rate (YTD)	46.8%
Surveillance (assignments)	3
Report Writing (hours)	39
Search Warrants	4
Warrants Obtained	18
Court Proceedings (hours)	6.5
Forensic Processing (hours)	15
Meetings with Other Agencies	5

Investigative Highlights

On March 8, investigators obtained a larceny warrant against a subject for shoplifting in October of 2022. The offense occurred at a business in the 100 block of N. Washington Highway. Investigators worked with surrounding jurisdictions and the subject was located and arrested.

On March 14, investigators obtained a larceny warrant against a suspect for stealing several cartons of cigarettes from a business in the 100 block of N. Washington Highway in November of 2022. This subject is a suspect in several cigarette larcenies in surrounding areas and Ashland investigators have been working with other jurisdictions on this case.

March 15, investigators obtained three warrants for a subject that committed a breaking and entering in the 1500 block of West Omni Court in December of 2022. The issued warrants were for burglary, larceny, and vandalism. Investigators are working with surrounding jurisdictions to locate the suspect.

March 16, investigators were called out to an armed robbery that occurred in the 800 block of England Street. Investigators identified both suspects and warrants were obtained on March 24 for three individuals. One suspect was arrested for conspiracy to commit robbery, another suspect was arrested for conspiracy to commit robbery, robbery, and use of a firearm in the commission of a felony, and the third suspect was arrested for felony marijuana distribution.

March 23, investigators obtained arrest warrants for three suspects for their involvement in a malicious wounding assault that occurred in the 100 block of Winter Oak Drive in August of 2022. Two suspects were charged with malicious wounding and the third was charged with malicious wounding and strangulation. One suspect has been located and arrested.

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 civilian volunteers (CADETS) 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	2
Security Assessments	0
Presentations	5
CPTED Plan Reviews	4
Training (hours)	40
Park, Walk and Talk	11
Adopt a Senior Visits	4
Lunch Buddies	0
Project Lifesaver Visits	5
FOIA Responses	8
Crime Analysis Meetings	1
Social Media Outreach (Posts)	16

11,365 reached/2,721 engagements/597 reactions

Crime Prevention Notes

- March 3: Hanover Cares Opioid Taskforce Meeting
- March 7: Crime Prevention/Code Enforcement motel compliance check
- March 8: Central Virginia Crime Intel Meeting
- March 9: LE Career presentation to RMC Criminology Speaker Series
- March 9: MAP & TRAIID Meetings
- March 9: "Silent No More" presentation for Hanover Cares Opioid Awareness program
- March 16: RMC Career and Internship Recruiting Fair
- March 17, March 24 and March 31: Active Shooter Civilian Response presentation for RMC faculty and staff
- March 21: Regent University Virtual Job Fair.
- March 29: Cadet meeting.
- March 31: Attended HECC Graduation Ceremony.

Items of Note

Authorized sworn: 27 Actual Sworn: 24 Recruits in the Academy: 1 Vacancies: 2 (one conditional offer made)
