



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 2023

Part 1 Offenses	April 2023	April 2022	YTD 2023	YTD 2022	YTD Diff	YTD CLR Arrest	YTD CLR Exception	Total Cleared	Total 2022
Homicide									2
Rape			1		1	0	0	0%	3
Robbery			2	1	1	1	0	50%	3
Aggravated Assault	2	2	7	4	3	5	0	71%	30
Arson					0				0
Burglary		1	0	4	-4	0	0	0%	9
Larceny (below categories)	13	14	45	53	-8	11	0	24%	149
Pick Pocket					0				0
Purse-Snatching					0				0
Shoplifting	3	5	16	13	3	7	0	44%	58
Theft from a Building	1		6	1	5	1	0	17%	10
Theft from a Coin Machine			1	0	1	0	0	0%	0
Theft from a Motor Vehicle	2	2	5	19	-14	0	0	0%	38
Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts	2	3	6	7	-1	0	0	0%	17
All other Larceny	5	4	11	13	-2	3	0	27%	26
Auto Theft	1	2	4	6	-2	2	0	50%	12
Total Part I Offenses	16	19	59	68	-9	19	0	32%	208

Other Offenses of Community Concern	April 2023	April 2022	YTD 2023	YTD 2022	YTD Diff	YTD CLR Arrest	YTD CLR Exception	Total Cleared	Total 2022
Destruction/Vandalism	3	7	17	22	-5	5	0	29%	70
Drugs/Narcotics	4	0	7	4	3	6	0	86%	11
Weapons Violations	2	0	11	6	5	8	0	73%	18
Disorderly Conduct	5	3	14	15	-1	13	0	93%	40
Liquor Law Violations	0	0	0	1	-1	0	0	0%	4

Service Demands and Productivity	April 2023	April 2022	YTD 2023	YTD 2022	YTD Diff		Total 2022
Calls for Service	653	588	2,232	2,209	23		6,636
Self Initiated Activities	986	1,480	4,036	5,905	-1,869		15,307
Criminal Arrests	34	32	127	109	18		321
Traffic Summonses	104	162	477	600	-123		1,614
DUI Arrests	1	2	8	5	3		13
Accidents	12	7	46	34	12		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	228	340	254	144
Criminal Arrests	8	14	9	5
DUI Arrests	0	0	0	1
Park, Walk & Talks	109	252	139	111
Incident Reports	23	25	10	12
Traffic Stops	22	58	24	43
Field Interviews	0	2	1	2
P2B/C Contacts	12	8	6	3
Adopt a Senior Visits	0	0	1	0
School Visits	9	8	0	0
Bank Checks	6	14	0	0
Funeral Escorts	2	3	0	0
Property Checks	102	132	614	901
Open Doors	0	2	1	0
ECO/TDO	0	1	1	0

STAR Corridor Update

Officers handled **13** calls for service in this area; completed **74** park, walk and talk activities as well as **20** hours of traffic enforcement and general observation time. Officers had **16** community contacts and conducted **26** roll call meetings.

Patrol Highlights

On April 5, officers concluded a crash investigation from January in the 500 block of North Washington Highway and warrants were obtained for the suspect for possession of schedule I/II narcotics and felony driving revoked

On April 5, officers were alerted to a wanted subject in the 100 block of North Hill Carter Parkway. The subject was located and arrested for 9 outstanding warrants as well as additional charges of possession of schedule I/II narcotics.

On April 6, officers responded to the 300 block of Ashcake Road for a single vehicle crash. Upon completion of the investigation, an adult female was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol.

On April 21, officers responded to the 400 block of England Street for a disorderly subject. Upon completion of the investigation, a subject was arrested for Public intoxication, Possession of Schedule I/II, Assault on Law Enforcement, and Obstruction of Justice.

On April 21, officers responded to the 300 block of North Snead Street for a subject making threats. Upon completion of the investigation, a subject was arrested for Abduction and Assault.

On April 21, officers responded to the 400 block of South Washington Highway for a bank fraud. A male subject was located and an investigation was completed. A male adult was arrested for Identity Theft, Fraud, and Possession of Schedule I or II drug.

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)	78
Cases Cleared (YTD)	37
Clearance Rate (YTD)	47.4%
Surveillance (hours)	6
Report Writing (hours)	26
Search Warrants	13
Warrants Obtained	1
Court Proceedings (hours)	17
Forensic Processing (hours)	0
Meetings with Other Agencies	6

Investigative Highlights

April 6, Investigators attended court for a subject they had previously arrested for soliciting prostitution and maintaining a bawdy place. The subject was found guilty on both charges.

April 13, Investigators attended court for a subject they arrested for committing several crimes of violence. The subject was previously found guilty on these charges and was sentenced to 36 months in jail with all the time suspended. The suspended time was a stipulation placed on the subject if the subject followed specific court rules and kept the peace in the community. Investigators discovered the subject was not obeying the court orders and placing the community in harm. After working with the CA's Office, and Probation and Parole, the subject was arrested, found guilty, and sentenced to the suspended jail sentence.

April 21, Investigators arrested a subject for grand larceny and intent to sell stolen property. This stemmed from an investigation that began on March 31, in which a subject stole items from a residence in the Ashland Towne Square Apartment complex.

April 22, Members of the investigative unit participated in the Drug Take Back Day event collecting approximately 147 pounds of unused prescription medications. Investigators also taught the use of Narcan to citizens during this event.

Members of the investigative unit attended ALERRT/Stop the Bleed Training, Field Training Officer Certification, De-escalation Training, and drone exam preparation training. Members also attended a Regional Vice/Narcotics meeting, Child Abuse Response Team meeting, Sexual Assault Response Team meeting, and an online meeting with other agencies to discuss recent "swatting" trends.

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 Cadet Program 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	1
CPTED Plan Reviews	1
Training (hours)	75
Park, Walk and Talk	16
Adopt a Senior Visits	2
Lunch Buddies	1
Project Lifesaver Visits	0
FOIA Responses	9
Crime Analysis Meetings	1
Social Media Outreach (Posts)	16

19,393 reached/2,744 engagements/462 reactions

Crime Prevention Notes

- April 11: APD hosted the Citizen's Leadership Academy
- April 12: Crisis Drill at Hanover Academy
- April 13: MAP Meeting
- April 13: TRIAD Finding Value in Your Prime Senior Resource Fair
- April 15: Metro Richmond Crime Victim's Resource Fair
- April 19: Regional PIO Meeting
- April 20: R-MC Mass Shooter Trends Presentation
- April 22: National Drug Take Back/Naloxone Training
- April 26: Community Criminal Justice Board meeting
- April 30: Los Regios Kids Day Celebration

Items of Note

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