



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

July 2023

Part 1 Offenses	July 2023	July 2022	YTD 2023	YTD 2022	YTD Diff	YTD CLR Arrest	YTD CLR Exception	Total Cleared	Total 2022
Homicide									2
Rape			2	1	1	1	1	100%	3
Robbery			2	1	1	1	0	50%	3
Aggravated Assault	3	4	13	13	0	9	0	69%	30
Arson					0				0
Burglary	1		5	5	0	2	0	40%	9
Larceny (below categories)	18	11	85	92	-7	20	2	26%	149
Pick Pocket					0				0
Purse-Snatching					0				0
Shoplifting	3	8	28	28	0	13	1	50%	58
Theft from a Building	1	1	10	5	5	1	0	10%	10
Theft from a Coin Machine			1	0	1	0	0		0
Theft from a Motor Vehicle	7	1	14	31	-17	0	0	0%	38
Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts	3	1	11	12	-1	0	0	0%	17
All other Larceny	4		21	16	5	6	1	33%	26
Auto Theft	2	1	9	11	-2	2	0	22%	12
Total Part I Offenses	24	16	116	123	-7	35	3	33%	208

Other Offenses of Community Concern	July 2023	July 2022	YTD 2023	YTD 2022	YTD Diff	YTD CLR Arrest	YTD CLR Exception	Total Cleared	Total 2022
Destruction/Vandalism	6	6	38	49	-11	8	1	24%	70
Drugs/Narcotics	2	1	15	7	8	9	1	67%	11
Weapons Violations	1	4	13	12	1	10	0	77%	18
Disorderly Conduct	3	8	19	28	-9	18	0	95%	40
Liquor Law Violations	0	1	1	2	-1	1	0	100%	4

Service Demands and Productivity	July 2023	July 2022	YTD 2023	YTD 2022	YTD Diff	Total 2022
Calls for Service	627	577	4,156	4,009	147	6,636
Self Initiated Activities	1,179	1,374	7,319	10,042	-2,723	15,307
Criminal Arrests	39	40	226	191	35	321
Traffic Summonses	120	105	764	960	-196	1,614
DUI Arrests	0	1	11	9	2	13
Accidents	14	7	82	58	24	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	243	307	162	170
Criminal Arrests	10	4	9	4
DUI Arrests	0	0	0	0
Park, Walk & Talks	129	91	59	118
Incident Reports	30	35	14	8
Traffic Stops	72	48	18	52
Field Interviews	14	0	7	0
P2B/C Contacts	6	3	8	6
Adopt a Senior Visits	0	0	0	0
School Visits	1	0	0	0
Bank Checks	2	7	0	0
Funeral Escorts	0	0	0	0
Property Checks	241	68	470	834
Open Doors	5	1	5	4
ECO/TDO	1	1	2	0

STAR Corridor Update

Officers handled **15** calls for service in this area; completed **39** park, walk and talk activities as well as **11** hours of traffic enforcement and general observation time. Officers had **12** community contacts and conducted **4** roll call meetings.

Patrol Highlights

On July 1, officers responded to the 10000 block of Jamestown Road for a domestic assault call. Upon completion of the investigation, a subject was arrested for domestic assault.

On July 4, officers responded to the 1000 block of Maple Street for a call for service. Upon completion of the investigation, a subject was arrested for vandalism and eluding.

On July 4, an officer on patrol observed a traffic violation in the 500 block of S. Washington Highway. The driver of the vehicle was found to be wanted on outstanding warrants and was subsequently arrested.

On July 5, officers responded to the 600 block of Henry Street for a suspicious person call. Upon completion of the investigation, a subject was arrested for possession of a concealed weapon, obstruction of justice, and an outstanding warrant.

On July 8, traffic safety provided a presentation to a local youth group on traffic stops. The event was for teenagers and their parents to develop community outreach, provide safety tips, and answer questions regarding traffic stops.

On July 29, officers responded to the 100 block of Ten Oak Drive for a report of subjects breaking into sheds. After the investigation was completed, two subjects were located and arrested for petit larceny.

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	18
Cases Assigned (YTD)	137
Cases Cleared (YTD)	65
Clearance Rate (YTD)	47.4%
Surveillance (hours)	28
Report Writing (hours)	25
Search Warrants	13
Warrants Obtained	8
Court Proceedings (hours)	6
Forensic Processing (hours)	10
Meetings with Other Agencies	4

Investigative Highlights

Investigators conducted surveillance at a local motel where a known wanted subject was residing. Investigators observed the subject open the motel door. A search warrant was obtained for the motel room for the wanted subject along with any evidence pertaining to reported larcenies in the Town of Ashland. Investigators along with members from the Patrol Unit executed the search warrant without incident and the wanted subject was taken into custody. Multiple power tools were located in the room along with narcotics. Additional charges are pending and the investigation is ongoing.

Investigators obtained a search warrant for real-time location data to locate a subject wanted for stealing a car. Investigators communicated with agencies in Pennsylvania and New Jersey and the individual was located in Pennsylvania along with the stolen vehicle. The vehicle was towed to be picked up by the owner.

Investigators continue to follow leads on a burglary to a local business and have met with several other regional and federal partners for assistance in identifying additional possible suspects to the burglary.

Investigators obtained arrest warrants for theft of automotive parts, credit card theft and fraud, and petit larceny pertaining to an incident in the 400 Block of Myrtle Street. The subjects were subsequently arrested on these warrants.

Investigators have been working closely with local partners to combat recent 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, FOIA, and IT Administration.

Crime Prevention Activities	
Neighborhood Watch Meetings	0
Association Meetings	3
Security Assessments	0
Presentations	0
CPTED Plan Reviews	3
Training (hours)	28
Park, Walk and Talk	14
Adopt a Senior Visits	2
Lunch Buddies	0
Project Lifesaver Visits	4
FOIA Responses	11
Crime Analysis Meetings	1
Social Media Outreach (Posts)	6

15,718 reached/792 engagements/122 reactions

Crime Prevention Notes

July 12: Central VA Crime Intel Meeting.

July 13: MAP Meeting.

July 13: TRAIID Meeting.

July 18: Records Management System update to comply with Community Policing Reporting.

July 19: HOA meeting with Lauradell neighborhood.

July 20: Future applicant meeting and tour.

July 26: Hanover Cares Coalition Meeting.

July 27: Motel Compliance checks with Code Enforcement.

Training

June 28 - July 7: New Hire Training (police recruit)

June 27 - July 7: Remedial Field Training.

July 3 & 11: Officer completed General Instructor Apprenticeship at RRCJA.

July 26 & 27: New Hire Training (support services officer)

Items of Note

Authorized sworn: 30

Actual Sworn: 22

Recruits in the Academy: 1

Vacancies: 7

Selection: 6 polygraphs conducted, five in backgrounds