



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**

**May 2023**

Part 1 Offenses	May 2023	May 2022	YTD 2023	YTD 2022	YTD Diff	YTD CLR Arrest	YTD CLR Exception	Total Cleared	Total 2022
Homicide									2
Rape	1		2	1	1		1	50%	3
Robbery			2		2	1		50%	3
Aggravated Assault	1	2	8	6	2	6		75%	30
Arson					0			0%	0
Burglary	2	1	2	5	-3	1		50%	9
Larceny (below categories)	9	13	54	66	-12	14	1	28%	149
Pick Pocket					0				0
Purse-Snatching					0				0
Shoplifting	1	3	17	16	1	8		47%	58
Theft from a Building		2	6	3	3	1		17%	10
Theft from a Coin Machine			1		1				0
Theft from a Motor Vehicle	1	6	6	24	-18			0%	38
Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts	2	1	8	8	0			0%	17
All other Larceny	5	1	16	15	1	5	1	38%	26
Auto Theft	1	1	5	8	-3	2		40%	12
<b>Total Part I Offenses</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>-13</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>36%</b>	<b>208</b>

Other Offenses of Community Concern	May 2023	May 2022	YTD 2023	YTD 2022	YTD Diff	YTD CLR Arrest	YTD CLR Exception	Total Cleared	Total 2022
Destruction/Vandalism	8	12	25	34	-9	6	1	28%	70
Drugs/Narcotics	2	1	9	5	4	6	0	67%	11
Weapons Violations	0	1	11	7	4	8	0	73%	18
Disorderly Conduct	0	4	14	16	-2	13	0	93%	40
Liquor Law Violations	0	0	0	1	-1	0	0	0%	4

Service Demands and Productivity	May 2023	May 2022	YTD 2023	YTD 2022	YTD Diff	Total 2022
Calls for Service	614	598	2,846	2,807	39	6,636
Self Initiated Activities	1,193	1,424	5,229	7,329	-2,100	15,307
Criminal Arrests	16	32	143	142	1	321
Traffic Summonses	101	112	578	712	-134	1,614
DUI Arrests	1	3	9	8	1	13
Accidents	15	11	61	45	16	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	375	318	263	143
Criminal Arrests	2	5	4	3
DUI Arrests	0	0	0	1
Park, Walk & Talks	208	220	94	85
Incident Reports	28	27	10	8
Traffic Stops	70	42	105	23
Field Interviews	2	0	3	1
P2B/C Contacts	10	2	6	5
Adopt a Senior Visits	0	0	0	0
School Visits	3	7	0	1
Bank Checks	5	8	0	0
Funeral Escorts	2	2	0	0
Property Checks	287	179	705	831
Open Doors	0	3	2	3
ECO/TDO	0	0	0	0

## STAR Corridor Update

Officers handled **10** calls for service in this area; completed **62** park, walk, and talk activities as well as **17** hours of traffic enforcement and general observation time. Officers had **4** community contacts and conducted **20** roll call meetings.

## Patrol Highlights

On May 4, officers responded to the 500 block of South James Street regarding an individual with an outstanding warrant for arrest. Upon completion of the investigation, a female individual was located and arrested.

On May 9, officers responded to the 900 block of Kitty Hamilton Circle regarding an individual with an outstanding warrant for arrest. Upon completion of the investigation, a male individual was located and arrested.

On May 11, officers attempted to conduct a traffic stop on a vehicle in the 12300 block of Washington Highway for a reckless driving offense. The vehicle failed to stop for officers and the driver was later located and arrested for eluding, reckless driving, driving on a suspended license, and speeding.

On May 16, officers responded to the 10000 block of Jamestown Road for a domestic assault. Upon completion of an investigation, a warrant was obtained for one of the subjects and later served for simple assault.

On May 19, officers were dispatched to a crash in the 100 block of South Washington Highway. Upon completion of an investigation, one subject was arrested for DUI and refusal.

# 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	24
Cases Assigned (YTD)	102
Cases Cleared (YTD)	46
Clearance Rate (YTD)	45.0%
Surveillance (hours)	0
Report Writing (hours)	21
Search Warrants	9
Warrants Obtained	1
Court Proceedings (hours)	10
Forensic Processing (hours)	18
Meetings with Other Agencies	1

## Investigative Highlights

On May 2, investigators received information from CPS that a juvenile resident of the Town may have been assaulted by a family member. During the investigation, it was discovered the assault was from a non-resident family member and occurred outside of the Town of Ashland. Investigators worked with the appropriate jurisdiction to help obtain help for the victim in this case.

On May 9, investigators received information that a family was living in local hotels and the children may have been assaulted by a babysitter. During the investigation, it was determined no assault occurred, but it was discovered the family needed housing assistance and monetary assistance for daily needs. Investigators were able to work with local agencies to assist the family with some daily needs and they are working with the family to find permanent housing.

May 20, investigators responded to a sex assault that occurred in the 200 block of Cottage Green Drive. Investigators were able to determine the identity of the suspect and obtain one sexual battery warrant against the subject. Investigators worked with surrounding jurisdictions to help locate and arrest the suspect.

On May 26, investigators responded to the 800 block of Sweet Tessa Drive for a Breaking and Entering. The suspect was known to the victim and investigators were able to obtain one warrant for Burglary. The suspect has been arrested. The investigator is working closely with the Commonwealth's Attorney's Office and the victim regarding additional charges for stalking and burglary.

On May 31, investigators responded to the 200 block of Thompson Street to help locate a missing /runaway juvenile. Investigators were able to safely locate the juvenile in the Richmond area and assist in the juvenile's return home.

# 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	2
Security Assessments	1
Presentations	3
CPTED Plan Reviews	3
Training (hours)	80
Park, Walk and Talk	14
Adopt a Senior Visits	2
Lunch Buddies	1
Project Lifesaver Visits	4
FOIA Responses	13
Crime Analysis Meetings	1
Social Media Outreach (Posts)	32

182,198 reached/28,112 engagements/2,929 reactions

## Crime Prevention Notes

May 5: Citizen Response to Active Shooter presentation at Randolph-Macon College and Hanover Opioid Taskforce Meeting

May 10: Central Virginia Crime Intelligence Meeting

May 11: MAP and TRIAD Meetings

May 11: Safety Presentation at YMCA

May 15: Motel Compliance checks with Codes Enforcement

May 19: Great Shake student event at Gandy Elementary School

May 20: TRAID Food Drive

May 21: Law Enforcement Appreciation and Recruiting event at Green Top

May 23: Force Simulator presentation for APD and HCSO cadets

May 31: Hanover Cares Coalition Meeting

## Training

FLETC Use of Force Instructor Training
2023 APD Spring Training - Firearms, CPR/AED, and Control Techniques
Low Morale and Community Involvement Webinar

## Items of Note

<p>Authorized sworn: 27                      Actual Sworn: 24                      Recruits in the Academy: 1                      Vacancies: 2</p>
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