



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 Douglas A. Goodman, Jr.**

## Aug 2020

Part 1 Offenses	Aug 2020	Aug 2019	YTD 2020	YTD 2019	YTD Diff	YTD CLR Arrest	YTD CLR Exception	Total Cleared	Total 2019
Homicide									
Rape			2	1	1	0	0	0%	1
Robbery	1		3	2	1	1	0	33%	4
Aggravated Assault			6	11	6	5	1	100%	13
Arson					0				1
Burglary	3		6	7	-1	2	0	33%	8
Larceny (below categories)	20	10	80	101	-22	12	10	28%	144
Pick Pocket				1	0				1
Purse-Snatching					0				
Shoplifting	6	2	23	26	-3	9	3	52%	40
Theft from a Building	1	1	12	16	-4	0	2	17%	21
Theft from a Coin Machine	2		2		0	0	0	0%	
Theft from a Motor Vehicle	6	1	16	27	-11	1	1	13%	37
Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts		2	8	6	2	0	1	13%	11
All other Larceny	5	4	19	25	-6	2	3	26%	34
Auto Theft	3	1	5	8	-3	0	1	20%	9
<b>Total Part I Offenses</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>-18</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>31%</b>	<b>180</b>

Other Offenses of Community Concern	Aug 2020	Aug 2019	YTD 2020	YTD 2019	YTD Diff	YTD CLR Arrest	YTD CLR Exception	Total Cleared	Total 2019
Destruction/Vandalism	6	4	35	50	-15	5	7	34%	65
Drugs/Narcotics	3	6	25	42	-17	15	1	64%	60
Weapons Violations	1	2	4	12	-8	3	0	75%	13
Drunk in Public		7	17	33	-16	17	0	100%	56
Liquor Law Violations		1	3	7	-4	3	0	100%	7

Service Demands and Productivity	Aug 2020	Aug 2019	YTD 2020	YTD 2019	YTD Diff	Total 2019
Calls for Service	596	542	4,043	4,389	-346	6,634
Self Initiated Activities	1,057	1,209	7,388	9,508	-2,120	14,009
Criminal Arrests	22	29	168	291	-123	429
Traffic Summonses	69	181	565	1,309	-744	1,911
DUI Arrests	3	2	7	21	-14	32
Accidents	10	10	50	63	-13	112

# PATROL OPERATIONS DIVISION

*Captain Troy Aronhalt*

Patrol Operations is comprised of 16 sworn officers under the leadership of a Captain. 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	215	139	249	140
Criminal Arrests	19	0	7	3
DUI Arrests	0	0	2	1
Park, Walk & Talks	110	104	137	126
Incident Reports	33	13	18	10
Traffic Stops	55	14	8	5
Field Interviews	6	0	0	3
P2B/C Contacts	9	2	24	2
Adopt a Senior Visits	0	0	0	0
School Visits	0	0	0	0
Bank Checks	15	27	0	0
Funeral Escorts	5	4	0	0
Property Checks	129	180	595	704
Open Doors	0	0	1	1
ECO/TDO	2	1	0	0

## STAR Corridor Update

Officers handled **30** calls for service in this area; completed **82** park, walk and talk activities as well as **28** hours of traffic enforcement and general observation time. Officers had **149** community contacts and conducted **3** roll call meetings.

## Patrol Highlights

On August 12, officers located a suspicious vehicle in the 300 block of North Washington Highway. After an investigation, the driver was arrested for possession of narcotics and possession of paraphernalia.

On August 12, officers responded to the 100 block of North Carter Road to investigate a hit and run. The suspect was located, and arrested for driving under the influence while operating a commercial vehicle.

On August 18, officers responded to the 500 block of Arlington Street for a report of a reckless driver. The vehicle was located and after completion of their investigation the suspect was arrested for DUI.

On August 19, officers responded to the 200 block of Randolph Street for a disorderly subject. Upon the completion of the investigation, the subject was arrested for 2 counts of breaking and entering and 2 counts of assault and battery.

On August 25, an officer on patrol observed a vehicle in a ditch in the 12200 block of Washington Highway. It was determined the driver was impaired and arrested for DUI.

# SPECIAL OPERATIONS DIVISION

*Major Anthony Callahan*

Under the command of Special Operations Division, the **Investigative Unit** is comprised of three investigators led by Lt. James Shelhorse. 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.

<b>Investig</b>	
Cases Assigned This Month	12
Cases Assigned (YTD)	83
Cases Cleared (YTD)	44
Clearance Rate (YTD)	53.0%
Surveillance Assignments)	5
Report Writing (hours)	30
Court Orders Obtained	8
Warrants Obtained	3
Court Proceedings (hours)	5
Forensic Processing (hours)	18
Meetings with Other Agencies	10

## Investigative Highlights

Investigators assisted with patrol coverage due to staffing shortages. This required coverage for 15 shifts.

Investigators conducted 3 background investigations on possible candidates to fill vacancies.

Investigator processed several phones connected to criminal activity in the town.

Investigators responded to two separate overdose calls. These cases are still pending investigation.

Investigators responded to a robbery at a commercial business in the I-95 corridor. A possible suspect was identified and the case is still pending further investigation.

Investigators completed a multi-year narcotics investigation which led to the arrest of an individual in the Sedgefield Community for distribution of methamphetamine and fentanyl. A search warrant was conducted at the residence with assistance from federal authorities, Virginia State Police, US Postal Inspectors Office and Hanover Sheriff's Office. Large amounts of narcotics and a firearm were recovered.

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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 Lt. Marie Kemp. In addition to duties tasked to individual members, this component is responsible for Recruitment, Selection, Training, Public Information, Special Event Coordination, and IT Administration.

Crime Prevention Activities	
Neighborhood Watch Meetings	0
Association Meetings	0
Security Assessments	1
Presentations	0
CPTED Plan Reviews	3
Training (hours)	5
Park, Walk and Talk	26
Adopt a Senior Visits	0
Lunch Buddies	1
Project Lifesaver Visits	2
Special Event Meetings	2
Patrol/Support hours covered	**
Social Media Outreach (Posts)	11
People Reached: 32,823	

## Crime Prevention Notes

- August 5: Instructor for VACAP - Transitioning from Friend to Supervisor.
- August 19: Civic Plus - website revamp meeting.
- August 20: EVO App kick-off meeting.
- August 25: Security Assessment at Circle K.

## Training

August 4: Serving Amid Chaos - Taking Care of Your Community - webinar
August 5,12 & 19: FLETC Integrated Use of Force Series
Implicit Bias - VACP online
August 25: Lexis Nexis - webinar
August 26: Alzheimer's & LE - webinar

## Items of Note

August 5,12 & 19: FLETC Integrated Use of Force Series
Panels Interviews, Work Performance Tests, Polygraphs completed for selection process.
FOIA - full video redaction

## Special Events

August 29 - Patrick Henry Half-Marathon