



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.

January 2021

Part 1 Offenses	January 2021	January 2020	YTD 2021	YTD 2020	YTD Diff	YTD CLR Arrest	YTD CLR Exception	Total Cleared	Total 2020
Homicide									
Rape		1		1	-1				3
Robbery	1		1		1			0%	3
Aggravated Assault	1		1		1	1		100%	10
Arson					0				
Burglary		1		1	-1				9
Larceny (below categories)	18	9	18	9	9	8	0	44%	120
Pick Pocket					0				
Purse-Snatching					0				
Shoplifting	10	3	10	3	7	8		80%	40
Theft from a Building	1	3	1	3	-2			0%	17
Theft from a Coin Machine					0				2
Theft from a Motor Vehicle	3	1	3	1	2			0%	22
Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts	3	1	3	1	2			0%	11
All other Larceny	1	1	1	1	0			0%	28
Auto Theft					0				7
Total Part I Offenses	20	11	20	11	9	9	0	45%	152

Other Offenses of Community Concern	January 2021	January 2020	YTD 2021	YTD 2020	YTD Diff	YTD CLR Arrest	YTD CLR Exception	Total Cleared	Total 2020
Destruction/Vandalism	1	3	1	3	-2	0	0	0%	50
Drugs/Narcotics	5	8	5	8	-3	3	0	60%	40
Weapons Violations	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	100%	6
Drunk in Public	3	5	3	5	-2	2	0	67%	25
Liquor Law Violations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%	3

Service Demands and Productivity	January 2021	January 2020	YTD 2021	YTD 2020	YTD Diff	Total 2020
Calls for Service	447	470	447	470	-23	6,047
Self Initiated Activities	1,497	963	1,497	963	534	12,275
Criminal Arrests	32	28	32	28	4	267
Traffic Summonses	88	106	88	106	-18	870
DUI Arrests	1	0	1	0	1	11
Accidents	5	6	5	6	-1	85

PATROL OPERATIONS DIVISION

Patrol Operations is comprised of 16 sworn officers under the leadership of **Major Troy Aronhalt**. 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	218	241	160	113
Criminal Arrests	6	5	6	5
DUI Arrests	0	0	1	0
Park, Walk & Talks	168	133	84	123
Incident Reports	22	22	6	6
Traffic Stops	36	39	22	24
Field Interviews	1	0	9	1
P2B/C Contacts	11	39	7	6
Adopt a Senior Visits	2	0	0	0
School Visits	11	2	0	0
Bank Checks	15	5	0	0
Funeral Escorts	4	9	0	0
Property Checks	256	84	767	1328
Open Doors	1	0	4	0
ECO/TDO	0	0	0	0

STAR Corridor Update

Officers handled **8** calls for service in this area; completed **35** park, walk and talk activities as well as **25** hours of traffic enforcement and general observation time. Officers had **32** community contacts and conducted **2** roll call meetings.

Patrol Highlights

On January 7, officers responded to a hit and run crash in the 100 block of Brown Bark Place. The reporting officer was able to develop a suspect and obtain charges for operating a vehicle without a license and reckless driving.

On January 16, officers responded to the 100 block of South Railroad Avenue for a disorderly subject. After investigating, the subject was arrested for appearing in public in an intoxicated condition.

On January 13, officers responded to the 200 block of Henry Clay Road for a domestic call. Upon completing their investigation, a female was arrested for felony domestic assault.

On January 17, an officer on patrol observed a vehicle driving recklessly in the 12100 block of Washington Highway. The vehicle was stopped and the driver was arrested for DUI and driving without a license.

On January 27, officers responded to 100 block of North Railroad Avenue for a disorderly call. Upon completion of their investigation, a male was arrested for trespassing, obstruction of justice, and disorderly conduct.

On January 28, an officer stopped a vehicle for speeding in the 100 block of North Washington Highway. It was discovered that the driver was wanted for felony abduction out of another jurisdiction. The driver was also charged with possession of a concealed firearm.

SPECIAL OPERATIONS DIVISION

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

Investig	
Cases Assigned This Month	6
Cases Assigned (YTD)	6
Cases Cleared (YTD)	5
Clearance Rate (YTD)	83.3%
Surveillance (assignments)	8
Report Writing (hours)	23
Search Warrants/Court Orders	16
Warrants Obtained	6
Court Proceedings (hours)	6
Forensic Processing (hours)	5
Meetings with Other Agencies	10

Investigative Highlights

Investigators conducted an unattended death investigation at a townhouse. The investigation concluded that the death was due to natural causes.

Investigators conducted an investigation into a past sex assault. After an investigation, it was determined there was sufficient probable cause and warrants were obtained. The individual turned himself in to the magistrate.

Investigators were contacted for a sex assault that was alleged to have occurred at a local motel. Both subjects were known to one another. This is still under investigation.

Investigators responded to two separate opioid overdoses in 24 hours. One individual unfortunately did not survive. This case is still under investigation.

Investigators were assigned an assault where three juveniles became involved in an altercation. This case has been resolved with prosecution denied by the parents.

Investigators are investigating a computer hacking and extortion case. This is still an active investigation.

Investigators conducted 3 possible child abuse cases; 2 were unfounded and the third transferred to another jurisdiction for investigation.

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 **Capt. 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	0
Presentations	0
CPTED Plan Reviews	3
Training (hours)	14
Park, Walk and Talk	51
Adopt a Senior Visits	2
Lunch Buddies	3
Project Lifesaver Visits	3
Special Event Meetings	1
Patrol/Support hours covered	**
Social Media Outreach (Posts)	17

People Reached: 47,923

Crime Prevention Notes

January 5: Assigned to Pro-Trump Parade Operation.

January 20: Attended Bola Wrap Demonstration.

January 21: Conducted remedial firearms training.

January 23 & 30: Completed Written and Physical Agility Testing for applicants.

Training

VCIN recertification Training
Webinar: Using Data to Support Community Strategies
PowerDMS Training - prepared and completed.

Items of Note

Completed evaluations for assigned employees.
Setup Command Staff Interview for one lateral applicant.
Completed Quarterly Critical Equipment Audit.
Completed Annual Pursuit Analysis Report.

Memorandum

To: Mr. Josh Farrar, Town Manager
From: Douglas A. Goodman, Jr., Chief of Police
Date: February 5, 2021
Re.: General Order Updates
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Pursuant to actions taken by the Virginia General Assembly Special Session, the following General Orders (policies) have been revised to meet law effective March 1, 2021.:

- GO 1-5 *Search and Seizure*: Removes no-knock search warrant alternative, adds restrictions of only day-time warrant execution (except blood draws) and adds language prohibiting a search based solely on the odor of marijuana.
- GO 1-10 *Use of Force*: Adds references to new code language for existing APD policy language, adds definition of totality of the circumstances as defined in code. * **No other changes necessary as order was compliant with all passed law prior to the special session.**
- GO 1-19 *FN 303 Less-Lethal*: Adds reference to new code language for existing APD policy language, adds prohibition that the FN-303 cannot be fired into crowds.
- GO 26-1 *Discipline and Awards*: adds revised code language regarding the decertification requirements for officers who commit certain criminal or policy violations.
- GO 32-1 *Selection*: adds reference to new code language for existing APD policy language
- GO 52-1 *Internal Affairs*: Adds references to new code language for existing APD policy language, adds Brady language
- GO 61-2 *Uniform Traffic Enforcement*: adds list of VA Code violations that have been declared secondary offenses.