



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.**

## March 2021

Part 1 Offenses	March 2021	March 2020	YTD 2021	YTD 2020	YTD Diff	YTD CLR Arrest	YTD CLR Exception	Total Cleared	Total 2020
Homicide					0				
Rape	1		1	2	-1	0	0	0%	3
Robbery		1	1	2	-1	0	0		3
Aggravated Assault			2		2	1	1	100%	10
Arson					0				
Burglary	1		1	2	-1	1	0	100%	9
Larceny (below categories)	6	7	43	27	16	22	0	51%	120
Pick Pocket					0				
Purse-Snatching					0				
Shoplifting	4	1	24	9	15	22	0	92%	40
Theft from a Building	1	2	3	7	-4	0	0	0%	17
Theft from a Coin Machine					0				2
Theft from a Motor Vehicle		2	7	4	3	0	0	0%	22
Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts		1	7	3	4	0		0%	11
All other Larceny	1	1	2	4	-2	0	0	0%	28
Auto Theft			1	1	0	0	0	0%	7
<b>Total Part I Offenses</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>51%</b>	<b>152</b>

Other Offenses of Community Concern	March 2021	March 2020	YTD 2021	YTD 2020	YTD Diff	YTD CLR Arrest	YTD CLR Exception	Total Cleared	Total 2020
Destruction/Vandalism	1	6	8	15	-7	2	2	50%	50
Drugs/Narcotics	3	5	11	14	-3	7	0	64%	40
Weapons Violations	1	1	5	1	4	3	1	80%	6
Drunk in Public	2	2	9	8	1	8	0	89%	25
Liquor Law Violations	2	3	2	3	-1	2	0	100%	3

Service Demands and Productivity	March 2021	March 2020	YTD 2021	YTD 2020	YTD Diff		Total 2020
Calls for Service	590	518	1,507	1,462	45		6,047
Self Initiated Activities	1,043	925	3,836	2,841	995		12,275
Criminal Arrests	26	29	85	75	10		267
Traffic Summonses	108	62	269	324	-55		870
DUI Arrests	0	0	1	2	-1		11
Accidents	5	6	12	23	-11		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	270	303	172	200
Criminal Arrests	13	6	1	6
DUI Arrests	0	0	0	0
Park, Walk & Talks	109	148	65	169
Incident Reports	30	16	5	7
Traffic Stops	49	62	3	27
Field Interviews	3	0	1	8
P2B/C Contacts	18	13	8	15
Adopt a Senior Visits	0	1	0	0
School Visits	5	16	0	0
Bank Checks	12	16	0	0
Funeral Escorts	3	8	0	0
Property Checks	160	106	391	1692
Open Doors	0	0	8	4
ECO/TDO	7	7	1	0

## STAR Corridor Update

Officers handled **7** calls for service in this area; completed **53** park, walk and talk activities as well as **20** hours of traffic enforcement and general observation time. Officers had **25** community contacts and conducted **7** roll call meetings.

## Patrol Highlights

On March 11, officers responded to the 100 block of Hill Carter Parkway to assist rescue. The subject became disorderly and violent while officers were on scene. The subject was taken into custody for public intoxication without further incident.

On March 12, officers conducted distracted driving enforcement. The officers focused on enforcement of handheld devices. Officers issued seven citations.

On March 14, officers responded to the 100 block of South Hill Carter Parkway for a shoplifting. After completing an investigation, one subject was arrested for felony shoplifting.

On March 21, officers responded to the 100 block of Cottage Green Drive for an advice call. While on scene, the subject became aggressive and disorderly and was arrested for public intoxication and disorderly conduct.

On March 25, officers responded to Myrtle St. for a wanted person call. Upon completion of their investigation a male was arrested on outstanding warrants and a protective order was served.

On 3/26/21, Officers responded to the 600 blk of England St. for a disorderly subject. Due to the comments and behavior of the subject and ECO was issued. The subject became combative, but Officers were safely able to gain control of the subject and transport the subject to the hospital to seek treatment.

# 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.

Investigative Activities	
Cases Assigned This Month	7
Cases Assigned (YTD)	22
Cases Cleared (YTD)	21
Clearance Rate (YTD)	95.4%
Surveillance (hours)	4
Report Writing (hours)	21
Search Warrants	9
Warrants Obtained	7
Court Proceedings (hours)	8
Forensic Processing (hours)	1
Meetings with Other Agencies	18

## Investigative Highlights

Investigators were assigned to a possible poisoning at a local hotel. The evidence was submitted to the lab for analysis. It was determined to not be a poisonous substance. The case is now closed with a disposition of unfounded.

Investigators were assigned a case involving an individual who was attempting to cash checks fraudulently at local banks. The suspect was apprehended by Hanover Sherriff's Office. Ashland investigators obtained warrants for identity theft and fraud.

Investigators responded to an allegation of past sexual assault involving a minor. Investigators obtained a confession thorough an interview. The individual was arrested and charged with a felony for the criminal violation.

Investigators responded to a fire where the occupant unfortunately did not survive. The Hanover Fire Marshal's Office and the Ashland Police Department are working collaboratively on this tragic incident.

Investigators investigated a stalking case involving a female and a male acquaintance. A warrant was obtained for a male subject and he was located and arrested on criminal stalking charges.

Investigators were assigned a matter where an individual had exposed himself at a local market. The suspect left prior to our arrival. The suspect returned several days later. He was identified through video surveillance and charged with indecent exposure.

# 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	4
Training (hours)	55
Park, Walk and Talk	6
Adopt a Senior Visits	0
Lunch Buddies	2
Project Lifesaver Visits	3
Special Event Meetings	1
Patrol/Support hours covered	**
Social Media Outreach (Posts)	13

People Reached: 25,814

## Crime Prevention Notes

March 6: Participated in RRCJA Public Safety Career Day, one officer and one investigator represented our agency.

March 16: Conducted physical training for Cadets.

March 17: 104th Birthday Celebration for Helen Gilliam.

March 17: Site visit with Code Enforcement at Ashland Inn & Suites.

March 18: VCIN Audit. (passed with flying colors)

March 25 - 28: New hire training - Tyler Anthony.

March 26: VCU Elder Abuse Prevention Conference Call.

## Training

Webinar: Use of Force - Policy or Tactics
VACP Winter Conference
VACP Women in Law Enforcement Conference
Webinar: VRSA Supervisor Training: Employee Disciplinary Considerations
Webinar: VRSA Supervisor Survival

## Items of Note

Selection Progress: Two panel interviews and work performance tests completed, four polygraphs administered, one command staff interview.
Town employee workouts: eight classes coached.