



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

Dec 2022

Part 1 Offenses	Dec 2022	Dec 2021	YTD 2022	YTD 2021	YTD Diff	YTD CLR Arrest	YTD CLR Exception	Total Cleared	Total 2021
Homicide	1		1		1				
Rape			2	3	-1			0%	3
Robbery			3	3	0				3
Aggravated Assault	3	1	30	28	2	18	2	67%	28
Arson					0				
Burglary	1		9	4	5	2	0	22%	4
Larceny (below categories)	12	14	149	128	21	31	2	22%	128
Pick Pocket					0				
Purse-Snatching					0				
Shoplifting	10	4	58	44	14	21	2	40%	44
Theft from a Building		3	10	15	-5	1	0	10%	15
Theft from a Coin Machine					0				
Theft from a Motor Vehicle	1	3	38	17	21	3	0	8%	17
Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts		1	17	28	-11	1		6%	28
All other Larceny	1	3	26	24	2	5		19%	24
Auto Theft		1	12	8	4	5		42%	8
Total Part I Offenses	17	16	206	174	32	56	4	29%	174

Other Offenses of Community Concern	Dec 2022	Dec 2021	YTD 2022	YTD 2021	YTD Diff	YTD CLR Arrest	YTD CLR Exception	Total Cleared	Total 2021
Destruction/Vandalism	1	3	70	45	25	14	1	21%	45
Drugs/Narcotics	2	3	11	28	-17	6	0	55%	28
Weapons Violations	1	1	18	14	4	6	1	39%	14
Disorderly Conduct	2		40			39	0	98%	NA
Liquor Law Violations	1	0	4	4	0	2	1	75%	4

Service Demands and Productivity	Dec 2022	Dec 2021	YTD 2022	YTD 2021	YTD Diff		Total 2021
Calls for Service	459	525	6,636	6,686	-50		6,686
Self Initiated Activities	1,026	1,094	15,307	14,635	672		14,635
Criminal Arrests	22	14	321	253	68		253
Traffic Summonses	107	85	1,614	1,142	472		1,142
DUI Arrests	1	1	13	10	3		10
Accidents	5	7	100	127	-27		127

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	196	220	184	88
Criminal Arrests	6	2	13	2
DUI Arrests	1	0	0	0
Park, Walk & Talks	111	153	75	104
Incident Reports	16	12	19	9
Traffic Stops	31	41	80	27
Field Interviews	1	1	1	5
P2B/C Contacts	12	6	8	3
Adopt a Senior Visits	0	0	0	0
School Visits	4	8	2	0
Bank Checks	7	6	0	0
Funeral Escorts	4	2	0	0
Property Checks	101	126	613	959
Open Doors	1	3	4	1
ECO/TDO	1	0	1	0

STAR Corridor Update

Officers handled **5** calls for service in this area; completed **40** park, walk and talk activities as well as **13** hours of traffic enforcement and general observation time. Officers had **10** community contacts and conducted **7** roll call meetings.

Patrol Highlights

On December 7, officers responded to the 300 block of Glencairn Court for an assault. Upon completion of the investigation, a subject was arrested for abduction.

On December 12, officers responded to the 200 block of South Hill Carter Parkway for a stolen vehicle. Upon completion of the investigation, warrants were obtained for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. The subject was served the warrant in another jurisdiction.

On December 17, officers responded to the 900 block of Thompson Street for a suspicious vehicle. Upon completion of the investigation, the driver of the vehicle was arrested for DUI.

On December 29, patrol officers conducted a "Distracted Driving" enforcement operation. At the conclusion, a total of 14 traffic stops were conducted resulting in the issuance of 15 traffic summons and 11 hands free violations. Additionally, 2 warrants were served on a wanted subject.

On December 31, officers responded to the 10400 block of Dow Gil Road for a suspicious situation. Upon completion of the investigation, two subjects were arrested for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

On December 31, officers located an intoxicated male in the 400 block of England Street. Upon completion of the investigation, the subject was arrested for public intoxication, concealed weapon, possession of schedule I/II, obstruction of justice and assault on an officer.

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	16
Cases Assigned (YTD)	238
Cases Cleared (YTD)	118
Clearance Rate (YTD)	49.5%
Surveillance (hours)	1
Report Writing (hours)	24
Search Warrants	27
Warrants Obtained	2
Court Proceedings (hours)	11.5
Forensic Processing (hours)	15
Meetings with Other Agencies	4

Investigative Highlights

On December 6, investigators worked with investigators from the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles on a case involving alleged vehicle title fraud that occurred in the area of the 12000 block of South Washington Highway. It was determined through the investigation, that it was a clerical error and there was not a criminal offense.

On December 9, investigators obtained two reckless handling of a firearm warrants on two subjects for their roll in a shooting incident that occurred in June of 2022 in the Laurel Woods Apartment complex. At this time one subject has been located and arrested. The second subject lives outside of Ashland and the suspect has not yet been located.

On December 12, a juvenile ran away from his residence in the 500 block of West Omni-Court. Investigators were able to safely locate the juvenile and return him home.

On December 24, investigators were called out to a shooting that occurred in the 100 block of East Omni Court. Due to the current case load, this case was turned over to HCSO. APD has provided assistance and will continue to assist to ensure a successful prosecution.

On October 31, investigators began investing a domestic abuse case that occurred in the 10000 block of East Patrick Henry Rd. At the time, no arrests could be made and the victim was hesitant to move forward with protective orders. The victim was given resources and local assistance was offered. On December 28, investigators responded to the same residence at which time they were able to assist the victim in obtaining a Protective Order against the suspect.

Since August 2022, we have received several "swatting" calls in the area of Railroad Avenue. We received additional calls in December. It was determined that the suspect may live outside of the United States. It is also believed the suspect has committed similar crimes throughout the Country. Due to this information, the cases have been turned over to the FBI for additional investigation.

Investigations trained the members of the department on a new mental health awareness program called Powerline. This program will supplement our existing services provided to employees who may be in need.

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	0
Presentations	0
CPTED Plan Reviews	1
Training (hours)	15
Park, Walk and Talk	23
Adopt a Senior Visits	4
Lunch Buddies	2
Project Lifesaver Visits	3
FOIA Responses	9
Crime Analysis Meetings	1
Social Media Outreach (Posts)	18

53,865 reached/13,241 engagements/1,618 reactions

Crime Prevention Notes

December 1: Attended the 2022 Regional VALOR Awards.

December 6: Attended RRCJA Board Meeting.

December 8: MAP Meeting.

December 8: TRAIID Meeting.

December 12: Training Meeting for 2023 cycle.

December 19: Attended RRCJA Training Officers Meeting.

December 19-25: APD and ACES Shop-with-a-Cop assisted 36 children from 12 families with holiday gifts and meals.

Training

December 5: Less-Lethal make up training

December 7-8: Post-Academy Administrative Training.

December 28-29: New Hire Training

Items of Note

Authorized sworn: 27

Vacancies: 2

Actual Sworn: 22

Recruits in the Academy: 2

Recruits in Field Training: 1