



Town of Bladensburg Police Department Public Safety Update to the Town Council

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I. Overview

This report provides the Town Council with an update on police department activities, crime trends, community engagement initiatives, and notable incidents for the reporting period January 1, 2026, thru January 31, 2026.

II. Crime Statistics and Trends

A. Reported Crime Summary: Monthly comparison between Dec 2026 and Jan 2026

Note: The numbers below may change as updated UCR information is verified and submitted. The YTD% reflects comparison between 2025 and 2026 statistics year to date.

Category	Current Period (Jan)	Previous Period (Dec)	% Change	YTD%
Violent Crimes	0	6	-100%	-100%
Property Crimes	19	34	- 44.1%	-57.8%
Traffic Stops	158	170	-7.05%	
Calls for Service	1258	1204	+4.5%	-19.1%
Arrests	11	15	-26.7%	-56.0%

B. Notable Trends:

- Theft from autos continued to be prevalent throughout the month of January at various locations in Town. Residents are reminded to lock their vehicles and not to leave valuables visible in the vehicles.

III. Community Engagement

Recent Initiatives:

- On January 17, 2026, members of the Department attended a community meeting at Town Hall that was arranged by Councilmember Brown.
- On January 22, 2026, members of the Department held a Bingo event at Emerson House for the seniors.
- On January 23, 2026, Bladensburg Honor Guard and members of the Department attended the funeral of DCMPD officer Terry Bennett who died in the line of duty
- On January 30, 2026, members of the Department participated in the annual Polar Bear Plunge at Sandy Point State Park.

Upcoming February Events:

February 10, 2026, Coffee with a Cop

February 13, 2026, Business roundtable

February 21, 2026, Exploring Bladensburg Black History Event at the Community Center

IV. Traffic and Enforcement Activity

- Traffic/Parking Citations/SERO/Warnings Issued: 244

- Premise Checks: 356

- Accidents Investigated (Reports Taken): 8

- DUI/DWI Arrests: 0

- Officers continue to enforce a variety of traffic related offenses throughout the Town and have initiated 158 traffic stops during the month of January 2026.

V. Department Operations

Personnel Updates:

- On January 5, 2026, Officer Lowery will graduate from his Comparative Compliance class with MPCTC and will be sworn in at the February 9th council meeting.

- Dispatcher Taishima Reddick has submitted her notice of resignation and the department is actively recruiting for a dispatch position.

- The department is actively recruiting for one police officer position.

Training:

- On January 5, 2026, Officer Lowery started his Comparative Compliance training with the Maryland Police and Corrections Training Commission and will graduate on February 5, 2026.

- Staff have been assigned training on Computer Security Basics to help prevent risks involving spyware and Viruses etc., on Town computers.

- Officers were trained in the new Taser 10 platform which included virtual reality scenario based training.

Equipment/Technology Updates:

- The GovPilot parking enforcement platform that allows for the issuance and tracking of parking citations and their payments as well as Code activities continued to receive updates during January with software development issues being addressed. The parking module software issues have not been completed and that module is not available for use at this time.

- Department vehicle maintenance issues continue to be addressed and vehicles needing repair/service are being serviced. Two vehicles were recently completed and returned from the body shop.

- Two new police vehicles were ordered in January to replace vehicles that are being dead-lined.

VI. Notable Incidents

On January 21, 2026, Det. Webb charged a juvenile with an incident that occurred on December 14, 2025, in the 4200 block of 58th Avenue. The incident involved a juvenile firing a handgun inside an apartment, there were no injuries that occurred. The case is pending in court.

On January 22, 2026, two subjects were arrested for a package theft that occurred in the 5300 block of Varnum Street. There had been previous package thefts from resident's porches, and the department was notified, responded, and located the two subjects responsible for the recent theft.

VII. Goals and Initiatives

Short-Term Priorities:

- Continue to show a visible police presence in the community and business areas through vehicle and foot patrols.
- Focus on addressing current trends noted in this report
- Increase DUI/DWI enforcement efforts

Long-Term Focus:

- Continue the decrease in violent and property crimes, and address any crime trends through collaboration with the police department and the community.
- Continue the department's efforts in building partnerships with all of the stakeholders in the Town through our community policing efforts.

VIII. Conclusion

The Bladensburg Police Department remains committed to transparency, community partnership, and proactive public safety strategies. We appreciate the continued support of the Mayor and Town Council.

Respectfully submitted,

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