



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

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Presented by: Interim Chief of Police D. Frishkorn

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 May 1, 2026, thru May 31, 2026.

II. Crime Statistics and Trends

A. Reported Crime Summary: Monthly comparison between April 2026 and May 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 (May)	Previous Period (April)	% Change	YTD%
Violent Crimes	5	10	-75.0%	-4.8%
Property Crimes	19	25	-24.0%	-37.9%
Traffic Stops	58	170	-65.0%	
Calls for Service	1188	1174	+1.2%	-17.7%
Arrests	13	11	+18.2%	-40.7%

B. Notable Trends:

- The department noted a continued trend of theft from autos during the month of May. Based upon crime analysis a detail was set up by our Special Assignment Team (SAT) to prevent or apprehend those responsible for theft from autos/auto theft. Residents are reminded not to leave valuables visible in their vehicles and to lock their vehicles. Residents are also reminded to report any suspicious persons or activity.

III. Community Engagement

Recent Initiatives/Events:

- May 5, staff attended the Police Chiefs Association's Annual Fallen Heroes Memorial Service and the Bladensburg Honor Guard presented colors at the event.
- May 6, Lt. Poole attended the Business Roundtable at Town Hall
- May 6, Chief attended the Port Towns Youth Council 2026 Graduation Awards Ceremony at Bladensburg High School

- May 8, the CAT Team hosted a Movie in the Park at David C Harrington Park
- On May 8, 2026, the police department hosted a community Movie in the Park event at the David C Harrington Park.
- May 13, Staff attended the Town's Mental Health Awareness Event at the Publick Playhouse
- May 20, staff attended an orientation at Domain Fitness and Performance related to the Gloves up Guns Down Boxing Program. This is one of several locations where participants in the program will train.
- May 25, Staff attended the Memorial Day Ceremony held at Town Hall
- May 26, Chief attended the Prince George's County Municipal Chief's Meeting
- May 27, Chief and Lt. Poole attended the quarterly Police Accountability Board's meeting in which numerous topics were discussed
- May 30, staff attended the Taste of Seton event held at the Elizabeth Seton High School

Upcoming June Events:

- June 4, 2026, staff will be running in the 2026 Law Enforcement Torch Run for public awareness for the Special Olympics
- June 10, Coffee with a Cop will be held at 3801 Kenilworth Avenue at 10 am
- June 13, 2026, anticipated kick off of the Bladensburg Police Department's Boxing Program. The kickoff will be done at 7600 Barlowe Road during the Rookie Rumble, which is hosted by the Police Athletic League.
- June 18, 2026, Staff will attend the Town's Juneteenth Paint and Unity event from 5:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. at the David C. Harrington Park.
- June 22, 2026, Staff will attend the Police Explorers Awards Ceremony.
- Jun 25, 2026, is the first day of the Citizen's Police Academy. Please speak with Sgt. Ramirez if you have interest in attending
- June 27, 2026, Bladensburg Police Department Car Show-details forthcoming.
- June 29-July 2, is the Junior Police Academy registration can be done at <https://bit.ly/BPDJPA2026>

IV. Traffic and Enforcement Activity

- Traffic/Parking Citations/SERO/Warnings Issued: 252
- Premise Checks: 532
- Accidents Investigated (Reports Taken): 13
- DUI/DWI Arrests: 0
- Officers continue to enforce a variety of traffic related offenses throughout the Town and have initiated 58 traffic stops during the month of May 2026.
- Officers were assigned a traffic detail during school dismissal times near Bladensburg Elementary School due to crossing guard concerns that vehicles were driving in the middle lane to skip traffic and ignore their direction.

- Officers were assigned a speed enforcement detail on 53rd Street due to a concern of speed violations.
- Reminder the red-light camera on Annapolis Road at Edmonston Road has been installed and is currently operating. Residents are reminded that they need to stop on red prior to making a right turn.
- A new red-light camera has been installed on Edmonston Road at Annapolis Road and is expected to be operational by June 15, 2026.
- The Department has continued discussions with our stop sign camera vendor and we are awaiting County Council approval and updated site studies for the locations so that the cameras can be installed.

V. Department Operations

Personnel Updates:

- The Department currently has openings for one Dispatcher position and one four Police Officer positions and continue to seek qualified individuals.
- A/Lt. Goins has resigned from the agency to pursue a position as Police Chief for Oxford North Carolina Police Department. We wish him well in his new position.
- Sgt. Harris has been assigned as A/Lieutenant in charge of Support Services pending the outcome of the department's promotional process in September.
- Det. Webb was assigned to oversee recruiting and background investigations.

Training:

- During the month of May officers attended mandated annual firearms recertification.
- Sgt. Harris and Pfc. Moon attended the Institute of Police Technology and Management Symposium on Traffic Safety
- Bladensburg PD aided Mount Rainier Police Department by conducting a firearms class and annual firearms training for two of their members
- During the month of May staff were assigned Workplace Bullying training through the Police One Training platform.
- Det. Webb attended a 40-hour course at the National computer Forensic Institute hosted by the Secret Service on Digital Evidence Investigations

Equipment/Technology Updates:

- The Department is currently using "Police App" platform for recruitment and anyone interested in a position in the police department is encouraged to apply via the platform.
- Two new marked patrol vehicles are still awaiting upfitting and are estimated to be completed in the next several weeks. The new vehicles will be equipped with partitions to assist with unruly prisoners and reduce the need for allied agency assistance in those situations.

VI. Notable Incidents

On May 28, 2026, officers responded to the 5800 block of Annapolis Road for the report of an Armed Robbery. The victim was struck in the head with a hammer. The suspect was arrested later that night and charged in relation to the incident.

On May 20, 2026, officers to include SAT were working on a crime suppression detail to address the trend of theft from autos and stolen autos. Officers arrested three suspects in relation to a stolen auto that was in the area of 57th Avenue and Emerson Street. The three suspects were apprehended after a foot pursuit, and a stolen handgun was recovered. One suspect was able to escape apprehension.

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 and begin bike patrol as staffing allows.
- Continue focusing on addressing current trends noted in this report (trend in theft from autos)
- Increase staffing by aggressively recruiting for open officer and dispatch positions. There is a scheduled Law Enforcement Career Fair that we will be participating in at the DC Armory on June 9th at 10:00 A.M. Interested applicants are encouraged to attend and speak with staff.
- Sgt. Ramirez of the CAT Team has started an initiative entitled "Walk with a Cop". This initiative which is tentatively scheduled to begin June 30th is to proactively engage with residents and address community concerns across multiple neighborhoods, and strengthen relationships through positive face-to-face interaction in a casual walking setting.

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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