



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 October 1, 2025, thru November 10, 2025.

II. Crime Statistics and Trends

A. Reported Crime Summary: (Monthly comparison Sept 2025 and Oct 2025:

Category	Current Period (Oct)	Previous Period (Sept)	% Change	YTD%
Violent Crimes	3	8	- 62.5%	-21.7%
Property Crimes	14	44	- 68.2%	-12.7%
Traffic Stops	236	215	+ 9.7%	
Calls for Service	1091	1038	+ 5.1%	
Arrests	12	7	+ 71.4%	

B. Notable Trends:

- There has been a trend of theft of vehicle tires and rims that have occurred in the 4200 block of 58th Avenue and 5800 block of Annapolis Road, and 3800 block of Kenilworth Avenue most occurring early morning hours.

III. Community Engagement

Recent Initiatives:

- On October 1st, 2025, "Coffee with a Cop" event was held at Starbucks at 6300 Annapolis Road
- On October 1st, 2025, the 12th Annual Purple Light Nights Ceremony sponsored by Prince George's County Sheriff's Department related to domestic violence awareness
- On October 11th, 2025, a Domestic violence panel was set up at Town Hall and attended by Ms. Monfort of the CAT Team who distributed informational material
- On October 18th, 2025, staff participated in Bladensburg Day which included a parade and festivities at the David C. Harrington Park and were well attended by community members

- On October 21, 2025, staff attended the Seton After 6 Event at Elizabeth Seton High School at 5715 Emerson Street. Staff met with current and former students during the event.
- On October 30th staff hosted and participated in Trunk or Treat at the Community Center. Several other agencies and organizations participated, and the event was well attended.
- On November 5th staff attended a resident meeting at Bladensburg Commons (4200 58th Ave) for a discussion on crime, crime prevention and crime stats.
- On November 6, 2025, staff attended a Bingo event with discussion on red light cameras at Park View Apartments.

Upcoming November Events:

- On November 11th, 2025, the Veterans Day Ceremony at the Memorial Park at 11:00 AM. Police Honor Guard and other staff will be in attendance.
- On November 17th, 2025, a Community Resource Fair will be held at the Bladensburg High School from 5:30 to 7:30 P.M. Staff will attend and have a table at the event.
- On November 21st, 2025, staff will be attending and conducting presentations at Roger Heights Elementary School Career Day.
- November 22, 2025, 9:00 A.M to 11:00 A.M, Thanksgiving meal distribution will take place at Town Hall, police department staff will participate.

IV. Traffic and Enforcement Activity

- Traffic/Parking Citations/SERO/Warnings Issued: 378
- Premise Checks: 623
- Accidents Investigated: 11
- DUI/DWI Arrests: 0
- Special Enforcement Details: A stop sign enforcement detail was conducted by officers at 56th and Tilden Road due to a resident's complaint of motorists running the stop sign at that location.
- Metro count was deployed for a one-month period in the 5200 block of Tilden Road due to a complaint from a citizen regarding speeding violations, and to determine the need for rumble strips. 74.9% of the traffic was traveling at or below the speed limit and the avg speed on the road was 22mph.

V. Department Operations

Personnel Updates:

- An employment offer was given to and accepted by a new officer candidate Andrew Lowery. The new officer will start on November 17th and is a lateral officer with prior law enforcement experience.

Training:

- Officers completed training on "Notifications of Victims of ID Fraud and Related Crimes of Their Rights Under Federal Law" as mandated by the Maryland Police and Correctional Training Commission.
- An officer attended Taser Instructor school for the new Taser 10 platform

- Officers attended "Arrest Search and Seizure" training
- Officers attended annual and bi/annual firearms training

Equipment/Technology Updates:

- The department obtained new Taser 10 platform to replace the Taser 7s. The new platform came with Virtual Reality (VR) Training capabilities that will enhance officer's use of the Taser, and the ability to perform de-escalation and scenario-based training.

VI. Notable Incidents

- Fatal vehicle collision that occurred on October 18th, 2025, in the 4100 block of 56th Avenue in which 14 victims were injured including 8 children. An arrest was made in the incident and is currently pending court proceedings.
- On October 17, 2025, there was an armed robbery in the 5600 block of Annapolis Road and an arrest was made on October 20th with the assistance of and collaboration with Cheverly PD

VII. Goals and Initiatives

Short-Term Priorities:

- Maintain a safe environment for the residents and visitors to the Town of Bladensburg during the upcoming holiday season.
- Continue to show a visible police presence in the community and business areas through vehicle and foot patrols.

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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