



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 June 1, 2026, thru June 30, 2026.

II. Crime Statistics and Trends

A. Reported Crime Summary: Monthly comparison between May 2026 and June 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 (June)	Previous Period (May)	% Change	YTD%
Violent Crimes	16	12	+33.3%	-15.2%
Property Crimes	41	36	-13.9%	-26.3%
Traffic Stops	130	58	+124.0%	
Calls for Service	1449	1188	+22.0%	-17.7%
Arrests	15	13	+15.4%	-38.9%

B. Notable Trends:

- The department noted a continued trend of theft from autos during the month of June. Based upon crime analysis specific measures are being deployed to address the issues to include the continued use of our Special Assignment Team (SAT) to prevent or apprehend those responsible for theft from autos/auto thefts. 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:

- 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, kick off of the Bladensburg Police Department's Boxing Program. The kickoff was done at 7600 Barlowe Road during the Rookie Rumble, which is hosted by the Police Athletic League.

- June 22, 2026, Staff attended the Police Explorers Awards Ceremony.
- Jun 25, 2026, was the first day of the Citizen's Police Academy.
- June 29-July 2, Junior Police Academy was held.
- June 30th, 2026, staff participated in "Walk with a Cop" in the Red Hawk Terrace area where staff walked with the neighborhood watch and discussed neighborhood issues.
- July 2nd Bladensburg's 4th of July event was held

Upcoming July Events:

- Citizen Police Academy still ongoing
- July 6-10 Explorer Leadership Conference will be held
- July 16 Coffee with a Cop at the Bladensburg Library at 10 A.M.
- July 17 Ice Cream with a Cop
- July 21, Tea and Crafts event at Newton Green
- July 21 thru July 31, start of boxing camp being held at the Salvation Army

IV. Traffic and Enforcement Activity

- Traffic/Parking Citations/SERO/Warnings Issued: 231
- Premise Checks: 795
- Accidents Investigated (Reports Taken): 16
- DUI/DWI Arrests: 1
- Officers continue to enforce a variety of traffic related offenses throughout the Town and have initiated 107 traffic stops during the month of June 2026.
- The Department has had continued discussions with our stop sign camera vendor and we have received County Council approval for various intersections where traffic studies have been done. Stop sign cameras will be installed at locations identified with high violation rates in order to address safety issues. Installation is expected to begin by the end of July.

V. Department Operations

Personnel Updates:

- The Department currently has openings for one Dispatcher position and three Police Officer positions and continue to seek qualified individuals.
- Newly hired police officer Tyla Parris started the Prince George's County police academy on June 30th.

Training:

- During the month of June an officer attended training entitled "Street Crime Seminar" which was held by Maryland Park Police in Hyattsville.
- During the month of June an investigator attended a U.S. Secret Service 40-hour course through the National Computer Forensics Institute entitled "Command Line Principles Program".
- Police Department staff attended online "Workplace Bullying" training on the Police One platform during the month of June.
- Several sworn officers attended mandatory annual firearms training during the month of June.
- A police supervisor attended online "Supervisor Skills" training on the Police One platform during the month of June.
- During the month of June several officers completed the mandatory annual Physical Agility Assessment that is required by the Maryland Police Training Commission.

Equipment/Technology Updates:

- Two new marked patrol vehicles are in the final upfitting phase and are estimated to be completed in the next Two 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 June 2nd, 2026, officers responded to the 6000 block of Emerson Street for a burglary. The suspect was known to the victim and returned and stole the victim's vehicle. The suspect was later arrested on the same day and the vehicle was recovered.
- On June 13th there was a commercial burglary that occurred in the 4800 block of Annapolis Road. The investigation is ongoing.
- On June 13th, 2026, officers responded to the 4800 block of Annapolis Road for the report of a citizen armed robbery. The victim received minor injuries from the incident, and the incident is currently under investigation.
- On June 20th, 2026, officers responded to the 4200 block of Edmonston Road for the report of a First Degree Assault involving a firearm that was pointed at the victim. The suspect in this case was located and arrested.

VII. Goals and Initiatives

Short-Term Priorities:

- Continue to show a visible police presence in the community and business areas through vehicle, foot and bike patrols 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 was a Law Enforcement Career Fair that was held at the DC Armory on June 9th that staff attended and received information from interested applicants.

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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