



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 March 1, 2026, thru March 31, 2026.

II. Crime Statistics and Trends

A. Reported Crime Summary: Monthly comparison between February 2026 and March 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 (March)	Previous Period (February)	% Change	YTD%
Violent Crimes	9	4	+125.0%	-50.0%
Property Crimes	31	25	+24.0%	-37.1%
Traffic Stops	237	393	-39.7%	
Calls for Service	1283	1346	-4.7%	-17.2%
Arrests	14	20	+30.0%	-41.5%

B. Notable Trends:

- The department noted a trend of theft from autos and attempted stolen autos during the month of March. 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:

- On March 3, 2026, A/Lt. Goins presented information to the community Civics Academy at Town Hall related to police department operations.
- On March 18, 2026, staff attended the Bladensburg Elementary School Career Day.
- On March 28, 2026, staff participated in the department's Eggstravaganza at David C. Harrington Park.

Upcoming April Events:

- April 18, 2026, Bladensburg Health Fair being held at the Bladensburg elementary school from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.
- April 25, 2026, clean and Green Event being held at Town Hall between 9:00 A.M. and 11:00 AM.
- April 29, 2026, starting of the Citizen's Police Academy

IV. Traffic and Enforcement Activity

- Traffic/Parking Citations/SERO/Warnings Issued: 461
- Premise Checks: 677
- Accidents Investigated (Reports Taken): 20
- DUI/DWI Arrests: 2
- Officers continue to enforce a variety of traffic related offenses throughout the Town and have initiated 237 traffic stops during the month of March 2026.
- Installation has begun on a red-light camera on Annapolis Road at Edmonston Road and we are currently waiting for Pepco to complete their portion so that the camera can be installed. State Highway Administration (SHA) gave approval for a camera on Edmonston Road at Annapolis Road and installation is forthcoming.

V. Department Operations

Personnel Updates:

- During the month of March Officer Lowery continued with his Field Training and was recently released to start patrolling solo.
- Sgt. Ramirez was transferred from the Chief's Executive Assistant role to the Community Action Team (CAT).
- The Department has instituted recognition for an Officer of the Quarter and Pfc. Moon has been selected as Officer of the Quarter for the first quarter of 2026 based upon his job performance.

Training:

- During the month of March Det. Webb attended the National Computer Forensic Institute's Report Authors Course
- On March 15-18, 2026, Det. Webb attended the 2026 MARGIN Gang Conference.
- On March 17, 2026, Interim Chief Frishkorn attended the FY27 LGIT Renewal Leadership Workshop which provided LGIT Updates.
- On March 20, 2026, Pfc. Hur and Pfc. Pichardo attended Reid Interview and Interrogation training.
- On March 25, 2026, Cpl. Thompkins and Pfc. Moon and Pfc. Pichardo attended Search and Seizure & the 4th Amendment training.

Equipment/Technology Updates:

- The GovPilot parking enforcement platform parking module that allows for the issuance and tracking of parking citations is now live and Sgt. Harris has trained officers on its use. The rental licensing module is live and Code Enforcement has begun and has completed some rental inspections.
- The stop sign camera enforcement contract has been signed, and we are awaiting County Council approval for the locations.
- Two new marked patrol vehicles were received on 04/09/26 and were issued, which facilitated other vehicle assignments. Two additional vehicles are expected in the upcoming week.

VI. Notable Incidents

On March 6, 2026, an armed robbery occurred of a student from Elizabeth Seaton High School in the 4500 block of 57th Avenue. The matter is currently under investigation.

On March 20, 2026, Bladensburg Police Department participated in the Blue Lights Night with allied agencies conducting special enforcement details throughout the area.

On March 27, 2026, an individual who was charged in July 2025 with Attempted Murder and related offenses pled guilty to Attempted 2nd Degree Murder and his sentencing will be held on June 9, 2026.

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 the weather gets warmer.
- Focus on addressing current trends noted in this report (increase in theft from autos)
- 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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