

Bladensburg Police Department

Monthly Report

To

Mayor & Town Council



“Partners With The Community”

June 2016

Respectfully Submitted by:

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A/Chief of Police**

Department of Public Safety

VISION

A recognized and regional leader in providing comprehensive law enforcement services

MISSION

The Bladensburg Police Department, in partnership with our community, is dedicated to:

- Preventing crime
- Enforcing laws
- Resolving community problems
- Improving the quality of life

GOALS

Maximize department effectiveness targeting the reduction of crime

- Focused deployment of resources
- Target crime analysis strategies toward worst offenders
- Resolve chronic nuisances and criminal activity using code enforcement, public works, training, and community

Provide outstanding service to our community

- Recruit and retain a highly qualified, diverse workforce
- Emphasize customer service internally and externally
- Recognize excellent performance and service
- Maintain professional standards through training, leadership, and mentoring

Identify and prepare resources for successful response to local and regional public safety needs

- Identify and leverage new technologies to address emerging issues
- Update, implement, and train emergency preparedness plans
- Maintain and develop partnerships to address criminal justice needs

Accountability Community Integrity Service

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Children Left in Unattended Vehicles

Leaving a child unattended in a vehicle is a crime. Worse than the criminal penalties, however, is the personal and family trauma which results when a child is killed or seriously injured as the result of being left unattended in a hot vehicle. The hot summer months are upon us. AAA Mid Atlantic and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration offer the following safety tips:

Never leave a child alone in a car – even with the windows partially opened – as a vehicle’s interior can still heat up quickly to deadly temperatures.

Do not leave your children in a running vehicle with the air conditioner on even for a few minutes; your child may put the car into drive or even get caught in a closing power window, not to mention that you increase the risk of your vehicle being carjacked and your child abducted.

Make a habit of looking in the vehicle – front and back – before locking the door and walking away. Children have died because they fell asleep in their car seats and their parents or caregivers didn’t realize they were still in the car.

If your spouse or a guardian is taking your children to day care ask him or her to call you to make sure the drop-off went according to plan.

Do things to remind you that a child is in the vehicle:

Leave a written note in your vehicle where you will see it as you leave the vehicle, such as on the dashboard area.

Place your purse, briefcase or something else you need in the back seat where your child is seated so that you will have to check that area when you leave the vehicle.

Keep an object in your child’s car seat, such as a stuffed toy. When the child is buckled in, place the object where the driver will notice it when leaving the vehicle, as a reminder that a child is in the back seat.

Do not let your children play in an unattended vehicle – teach them that a car is not a play area; always lock your car doors and keep car keys out of children’s reach.

If you do see a child or pet locked in a car and cannot find the owner of the vehicle, call the Bladensburg Police Department at 301-864-0400 or dial 911 immediately.

POLICE BLOTTER

June 2016

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The Bladensburg Police Department's Community Oriented Policing (COPS) Unit participated in several events during the month of June.



June 9th - COPS Unit meet with Newton Green residents about residential safety. The residents were advised if they see something they should say something.



June 12th - Bladensburg police officers took a field trip with the Bladensburg Police Explorers to the Washington National Zoo.



June 13th - COPS Unit attended Field Day at Rogers Heights Elementary School. Officers spoke with the students about after school safety.



June 25th - COPS Unit participated in the Bladensburg Library's Bicycle Rodeo at the Waterfront Park. PFC Brown of the Mt Rainier Police Dept assisted with the event.



THE BEAT

June 1, Missing person in the 4200 block of 58th Avenue.

June 1, Vandalism in the 4500 block of 57th Avenue.

June 2, Loitering in the 4100 block of 53rd Place.

June 2, Fraud in the 5400 block of Annapolis Road,

June 2, Vandalism in the 4300 block of 57th Avenue.

June 3, Robbery in the 4500 block of 57th Avenue.

June 3, Burglary in the 4200 block of 58th Avenue.

June 3, Weapon Offense in the 4100 block of 55th Avenue.

June 3, Trespassing in the 5600 block of Annapolis Road.

June 4, Drugs in the 5400 block of Annapolis Road.

June 4, Vandalism in the 4100 block of 56th Avenue.

June 5, Auto Theft in the 5600 block of Annapolis Road.

June 7 , Domestic in the 6000 block of Emerson Street.

June 8 , Theft in the 5400 block of Annapolis Road.

June 8, Missing Person in the 5000 block of 57th Avenue. '

June 9, Fraud in the 3800 block of Kenilworth Avenue.

June 10 , Theft in the 4300 block of 58th Avenue.

June 10, Drugs in the 4800 block of Annapolis Road. An adult female was arrested.

June 10, Theft in the 4500 block of Annapolis Road.

June 11, Weapon Offense in the 4700 block of Annapolis Road. An adult male was arrested.

June 11, Theft in the 4200 block of 58th Avenue.

June 11, Theft in the 4100 block of 51st Street.

June 13, Vandalism in the 4300 block of 54th Place.

June 14, Vehicle Theft in the 4400 block of 54th Place.

June 14 , Domestic in the 5000 block of Townsend Way.

June 15 , Assault in the area of 58th Avenue and Emerson Street.

June 15, Assault in the 4900 block Annapolis Road.

June 15, Theft in the 4900 block of Annapolis Road.

June 15 , Assault in the 5700 block of Emerson Street.

June 16, Drugs in the 4300 block of Annapolis Road.

June 16, Theft in the 5200 block of Varnum Street.

June 16, Theft in the area of 57th Avenue/ Joyce Place.

June 16, Burglary in the 3800 block Kenilworth Avenue.

June 17, Sex Offense in the 5600 block of Annapolis Road.

June 17, Warrant Service in the 4200 block of Edmonston Road.

June 18, Theft in the 3800 block of Kenilworth Avenue.

June 18 , Theft in the 4700 block of Annapolis Road.

June 18 , Stolen Vehicle in the 4100 block of 56th Avenue.

June 20 , Stolen Vehicle in the 5300 block of Quincy Street.

June 20 , Missing Person in the 4200 block of 58th Avenue.

June 20 , Death Report in the 4200 block of 58th Avenue.

June 21 , Stolen Vehicle in the 4900 block of Taylor Street.

June 21 , Stolen Vehicle in the 5400 block of Spring Road.

June 21, Vandalism in the area of Kenilworth Avenue/ Annapolis Road.

June 22, Burglary in the 5600 block of Emerson Street.

June 22, Theft in the 4100 block of 51st Street.

June 22, Theft in the 5400 block of Annapolis Road.

June 22, Domestic in the 5000 block of Townsend Way.

June 25, Theft in the 4400 block of Blue Heron Way.

June 25 , Vandalism in the 5600 block of Spring Road.

June 25, Trespassing in the 5600 block of

Emerson Street.

June 25, Burglary in the 4800 block of Annapolis Road.

June 26, Theft in the 5400 block of Annapolis Road.

June 27, Assault in the 4300 block of Kenilworth Avenue.

June 27, Theft in the 5300 block of Quincy Street.

June 27, Domestic in the 4200 block of 58th Avenue.

June 28 , Vandalism in the 4300 block of 58th Avenue.

June 29 , Theft in the 4600 block of Upshur Street.

June 29, Theft in the 4000 block of Edmonston Road.

June 30, Vandalism in the 4200 of 57th Avenue.

INVESTIGATIONS

Attempted Murder/Shooting - on 06/15/2016 officers were called to the 5000blk of Townsend Way for a shooting. Officers arrived to find one person injured by gunfire. Investigation determined that the shooting occurred during a fight between a group of people. The shooting victim has since been released from the hospital. Anyone with information regarding this incident is encouraged to call the Bladensburg Police Department at 301-864-6080.

Injured Person - on 06/21/2016 a resident suffered serious injury after falling from a balcony in the 4200blk of 58th Ave. Investigation determined there was no criminal activity or foul play involved.

Message from the Chief of Police

During the month of June we honored one of our own: PFC Walker Dunbar of the Bladensburg Police Department. PFC Dunbar was presented with a MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL and certificate for his response to and action taken at a burglary in progress at a business in Bladensburg.

On May 9, 2016 at 4:58 AM, the Bladensburg police dispatch center received a report of a burglary in progress at a business in the 4100blk of 46th Street. The caller reported that two males were breaking into the building. PFC Dunbar and other officers were dispatched to the scene. PFC Dunbar was the first to arrive and he observed two males run into the building. The building was surrounded and a K-9 was called in to search the building. One suspect was found hiding inside the building and was arrested. PFC Dunbar was certain that there was a second intruder inside so a second K-9 was requested but no other intruders were located. PFC Dunbar didn't give up. He continued to search and found the second intruder hiding inside a barrel in the building. He was arrested without further incident.

Teamwork of all the officers and dispatcher involved lead to the arrest of a commercial burglar caught in the act. The persistence of PFC Dunbar lead to the apprehension of a second commercial burglar. In total there were two arrests. The vehicle that the suspects arrived in was found to have been stolen in Saint Mary's County. The vehicle contained several thousand dollars worth of property which was found to have been stolen from other jurisdictions. Thank you to PFC Dunbar and the other police personnel involved in this incident.

On June 30, Chief Charles Owens retired from the Bladensburg Police Department. Chief Owens began his distinguished career with the Bladensburg Police Department in 1974! During his 42 years with the Bladensburg Police Department he has served in every capacity up to and including Chief of Police (he has a total of 46 years in law enforcement). During his tenure Chief Owens attended and graduated from the FBI Academy - a prestigious accomplishment. Chief Owens was often called upon to serve as Town Administrator and Treasurer. His institutional knowledge of the Town of Bladensburg is unmatched. He was with us through many trying times including 9/11 and the Beltway sniper incidents. Although these incidents did not occur in Bladensburg they were times of extreme uncertainty demanding leadership within the department. In 2012 a microburst struck Bladensburg. Numerous buildings in the 5300blk of Newton Street were severely damaged resulting in the displacement of dozens of families. Chief Owens managed the response of the entire department during the evacuation period and 24-hour-a-day coverage which followed. Chief Owens was also instrumental in bringing the Town into the computer age, years ahead of other jurisdictions. The Bladensburg Police Department and the Town of Bladensburg are better because of his service. We wish Charlie the best.

As of July 1, I will be serving as Acting Chief of Police. I look forward to working with the residents and businesses and continuing the community policing philosophies you have come to expect.

Lt Tracy Stone
Acting Chief of Police

**BLADENSBURG
Police Department
Totals for the first half of: 2015-2016
Crimes against Persons**

	JAN15	JAN16	FEB15	FEB16	MAR15	MAR16	APR15	APR16	MAY15	MAY16	JUN15	JUN16	YTD15	YTD16	% Chng
ASSAULT	2	5	4	2	4	6	4	4	8	2	4	4	26	23	-11.54
FORCIBLE RAPE			1										1		-100.00
ROBBERY	6		2	2	2	2	1	2	1	4		2	12	12	0.00
SEX OFFENSE	1	2	1	1					1	1		1	3	5	40.00
Total	9	7	8	5	6	8	5	6	10	7	4	7	42	40	
% Change		-22.2		-37.5		25.0		16.7		--30.0		42.9		-4.76	

**BLADENSBURG
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Totals for the first half of: 2015-2016
Crimes against Property**

	JAN15	JAN16	FEB15	FEB16	MAR15	MAR16	APR15	APR16	MAY15	MAY16	JUN15	JUN16	YTD15	YTD16	% Chng
BURGLARY	2	2	3	2	6	1	9	6	4	3	7	4	31	18	-41.94
FRAUD	1									2		1	1	3	66.67
LARCENY-THEFT	24	15	16	15	17	9	14	14	19	15	19	24	109	92	-15.60
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	2	5	6	3	3	1	6	2	6	4	6	8	29	23	-20.69
RECOVERED VEHICLE	1		3	3	2	1	2		4	1	2		14	5	-64.29
VANDALISM	15	14	8	16	13	13	7	11	7	12	12	10	62	76	18.42
Total	45	36	36	39	41	25	38	33	40	37	46	47	246	217	
% Change		-20.0		7.7		-39.0		-13.2		-7.5		2.1		-11.79	

Traffic Enforcement	June 2016
Vehicle Stops	166
Citations	99
Warnings	113
Repair Orders	43
Total Violations	255
Parking Citations	11
Vehicle Impounds	16