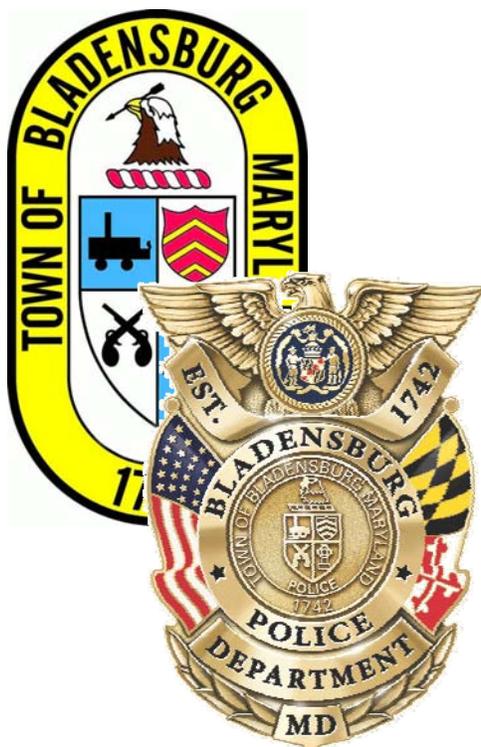


Bladensburg Police Department

Monthly Report

To

Mayor & Town Council



“Partners With The Community”

June 2015

Respectfully submitted by:

**Charles L. Owens
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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Warm Weather Crime Prevention Tips

Here are some summer safety tips to make the time you spend outdoors safe and enjoyable.

Be Observant In Public:

While enjoying your day, keep a close eye on your entire family ... and everyone around you. Look for strangers who seem to be watching you or getting too close. They may be trying to determine if you have something they can take. Protect your loved ones and personal items carefully, and make sure no predator has a chance to steal from you.

Vehicles:

Always keep your car locked and never store valuables inside your vehicle.

Sports complexes, trail heads, and restaurant or hotel parking lots are prime places for auto prowlers to look for cars with valuables inside.

It only takes a second for a thief to break a window and steal an item from inside.

'Hiding' items under the seat is the first place thieves look, please don't store valuables in your vehicle.

Home:

Always lock and secure all doors and windows.

During hot weather it's tempting to leave the windows open to let in air, but it's often an open invitation for a thief to break in.

It only takes a second to remove or cut a screen and then access your home through the open window.

At night, use dowels in windows if you must sleep with a window open a bit; this is especially important in children's rooms.

Some criminals are not afraid to enter an occupied home and not all of them are there to steal.

Yard work safety:

Yard work season is a great time for thieves to really clean up.

Keep garage doors down and locked.

Open garage doors are an invitation for a thief to steal tools, bikes or other valuables, or to access the house through the garage.

Keep gates locked. A thief may enter the back yard unnoticed and access the home from the back door through an open or unlocked gate.

Keep sheds and outbuildings locked and secure as well.

Vacation safety:

Let a trusted neighbor know so they can keep an eye out for anything suspicious.

Have mail and newspapers held so they don't pile up.

Wait until you are back to post your great vacation photos on social media. Criminals check social media and can take that opportunity to burglarize your home while they know you are on vacation.



POLICE BLOTTER

June 2015

COMMUNITY SERVICES

26 families received fresh vegetables donated by Christian Life Center.

1,088 children received nourishment through an after school program sponsored by Family league of Baltimore.

60 seniors received food donated by Capital area food bank.

13 residents were assisted with healthy living resources.

Assisted with food distribution at Newton Green and Port Towns Elementary School.

Meetings:

- Monthly Aesthetics Meeting.
- Port Town Community Health Partnership
- National Night Out Planning Committee
- Empowerment Center A Place to Center Mind
- J. Alexander Realty for the employment of two Bladensburg HS students by Hillcrest Village
- Family League of Baltimore training for summer food program..

Crime Prevention table at William Wirt Middle School and Rogers Heights Elementary School field days.

Welfare checks at Emerson House, Newton Green, and Parkview at Bladensburg.

Summer Youth Employment Program and End Time Harvest Ministries Health and Wellness youth employment program began.

Summer food Program began.

COPS

Attended the Bladensburg Rec-Center for a self-defense class for senior's.

Attended domestic violence court in Hyattsville City.

Conducted safety checks at the Emerson House, Parkview, and Newton Green Senior homes.

Wii bowling at Parkview.

Assisted the Town of Edmonston with traffic control for Edmonston Day.

School Visits

- Safety check at Bladensburg Elementary School.
- Assisted Bladensburg Elementary School with a missing student. Student was located by the Bladensburg COPS unit.
- For the entire month of June, Bladensburg COPS unit assisted Prince George's County Police, School Resource Officer's, with intake and dismissal at Bladensburg High School.

Explorers



Explorers learn the value of a police canine.



Edmonston Day Detail

THE BEAT

June 1, Theft in the 6000 block of Emerson Street.
June 2, Theft in the 4200 block of 58th Avenue.
June 2, Domestic in the 4200 block of 58th Avenue.
June 2, Vandalism in the 5900 block of Emerson Street.
June 3, Stolen vehicle in the 4200 block of 53rd Avenue.
June 3, Burglary in the 4100 block of 55th Avenue.
June 3, Warrant Service in the 5700 block of Emerson Street. An adult male was arrested.
June 4, Burglary in the 5300 block of Upshur Street.
June 5, Theft in the 4300 block of 57th Avenue.
June 5, Domestic in the 5500 block of Decatur Street.
June 5, Assault 4900 block of Taylor Street.
June 6, Theft in the 5200 block of Newton Street.
June 7, Missing Person in the 5700 block of Emerson Street.
June 7, Vandalism in the 4300 block of Tilden Road.
June 8, Theft in the 5300 block of Newton Street.
June 8, Warrant Service in the 4200 block of 58th Avenue.
June 9, Tampering with Automobile in the 4400 block of Blue Heron Way.
June 9, Theft in the 4200 block of 51st Street.
June 9, Missing Person in the 6000 block of Logan Way.
June 9, Stolen Vehicle in the 4200 block of 58th Avenue.
June 10, Narcotics Complaint in the 4300 block of Edmonston Road.
June 10, Theft in the 4900 block of Annapolis Road.

June 11, Domestic in the 5400 block of Taussig Road.
June 12, Theft in the 4500 block of 46th Street. An adult male was arrested.
June 13, Domestic in the 5400 block of Varnum Street. An adult male was arrested.
June 13, Theft in the 6000 block of Emerson Street.
June 14, Vandalism in the 4200 block of 58th Avenue.
June 14, Domestic in the 5700 block of Emerson Street. An adult female was arrested.
June 14, Theft in the 5800 block of Annapolis Road.
June 14, Assault in the 4800 block of Annapolis Road.
June 14, Stolen Vehicle in the 6000 block of Emerson Street.
June 15, Theft in the 4900 block of 57th Avenue.
June 16, Missing Person in the 4900 block of Quincy Street.
June 17, Warrant Service at Baltimore Avenue /Annapolis Road. An adult female was arrested.
June 18, Narcotics Complaint in the 4100 block of 46th Street.
June 18, Theft in the 5500 block of Volta Avenue.
June 18, Death Investigation in the 5800 block of Annapolis Road.
June 18, Recovered Vehicle in the 5600 block of Emerson Street.
June 19, Stolen Vehicle in the 5200 block of Newton Street.
June 19, Theft in the 4200 block of 57th Avenue.
June 19, Missing Person in the 6000 block of Emerson Street.
June 19, Theft in the 5500 block of Volta Avenue.
June 20, Vandalism in the 5800 block of Annapolis Road.

June 21, Trespassing in the 5600 block of Annapolis Road. An adult male was arrested.

June 21, Vandalism in the 5600 block of Annapolis Road.

June 21, Robbery in the 4000 block of Annapolis Road. An adult male was arrested.

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

June 22, Vandalism in the 4100 block of 53rd Avenue.

June 22, Emergency Petition in the 4400 block of Blue Heron Way.

June 23, Vandalism in the 5200 block of Newton Street.

June 23, Theft in the 4800 block of Annapolis Road.

June 23, Warrant Service in the 4900 block of Tilden Road.

June 24, Burglary in the 6000 block of Emerson Street.

June 25, Burglary in the 5300 block of Taylor Street.

June 25, Domestic in the 5400 block of Taussig Road.

June 26, Recovered Vehicle in the 6000 block of Emerson Street.

June 26, Vandalism in the 4500 block of 57th Avenue.

June 26, Driving Under the Influence in the 5600 block of Annapolis Road.

June 26, Vandalism in the 4200 block of 58th Avenue.

June 27, Burglary in the 5600 block of Emerson Street. An adult male was arrested.

June 27, Theft in the 5400 block of Annapolis Road.

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

June 28, Stolen Vehicle in the 4100 block of 53rd Avenue.

June 28, Burglary in the 4800 block of Annapolis Road.

June 28, Domestic in the 5300 block of Shepard Street.

INVESTIGATIONS

Justice for Elder Abuse Victims—Zainab Kamara had for years been running unlicensed assisted living facilities in Bladensburg (Bladenwoods) and Prince George's County. Unfortunately, there are many flaws in the system that allowed her to operate unpunished due to the myriad of various agencies involved (Shelters, Rehab centers, Hospitals, DSS, DHMH, APS, MDHR) and the lack of coordination to successfully bring these cases for prosecution. Kamara would get people from various locations, often times they were receiving government benefits (SSI, SSDI, Medicaid, etc). She would promise them a nice clean place to live and to take care of their medical needs. Of course they would agree and then they would be left in squalor and regularly left unattended, without proper medication, and often Kamara would steal their property.

Zainab Kamara was convicted of 29 criminal offenses (kidnaping, vulnerable adult abuse and theft). Some of the charged offenses were dismissed because unfortunately one of the victims died before trial.

On June 25th, Kamara was sentenced on her elder abuse convictions and two other cases involving Medicaid Fraud and Theft from Social Security.

In total she received a sentence of 100 years. The court suspended all but 24 years. After her incarceration, she will then likely be deported.

Message from the Chief of Police

Congratulations



Investigator of the Year—We congratulate Detective Charles F. Earle on receiving the prestigious award of "Investigator of the Year" from the Chiefs' Association of Prince George's County.

Detective Earle is an outstanding representative of the Bladensburg Police Department. His care, compassion, and competence are demonstrated on a daily basis as he interacts with the public. He goes out of his way to care for the people he serves, and the officers and staff he serves with.

Earle is described by colleagues as a highly dedicated Bladensburg Police Officer with courage, integrity, and a strong dedication to public service.

Legal Update

Maryland

- Drivers will pay lower tolls on state roads and bridges. The \$6 cash toll to cross the Bay Bridge will drop to \$4. The discount for E-Zpass holders will increase from 10 percent to 25 percent for the Baltimore Harbor and Fort McHenry tunnels, the Francis Scott Key Bridge and the Thomas J. Hatem Memorial Bridge.
- The so-called "rain tax" has been repealed.
- The gas tax will increase from 2 percent to 3 percent, about 2 cents per gallon more.
- The state will study the risks and benefits of drones.
- Ride-sharing companies like Uber will be regulated by the Maryland Public Service Commission. Drivers will be required to be fingerprinted.
- The minimum wage increases to \$8.25 from \$8. It is set to go up again to \$8.75 in 2016 and \$9.25 in 2017. It is scheduled to reach \$10.10 in 2018.
- MTA commuter bus routes expands in Prince George's County, Anne Arundel County and the District.
- Local law enforcement agencies will be required to provide the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention with information on officer-involved deaths and deaths in the line of duty. The office will be required to report information annually on officer-involved deaths and deaths in the line of duty to lawmakers.

- ❑ The state's \$5,000 tax exemption on military retirement pensions for people over 65 will increase to \$10,000.

Prince George's County

- ❑ Bans on coal tar pavement products; disposal of plastic bags/film in single-stream recycling start July 1, 2015.

It is illegal to sell, use or permit the use of coal tar pavement products on property in Prince George's County. Coal tar pavement products are commonly used to seal asphalt driveways and parking lots and contain high levels of polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) that are known to cause cancer in humans and are toxic to fish and other aquatic life. Contractors or property owners that use a coal tar product are subject to a fine of up to \$1,000 per day for each violation.

The County says the ban will minimize the unnecessary stormwater runoff of harmful contaminants to local waterways. Studies conducted by the U.S. Geological Survey found that PAHs are significantly elevated in stormwater flowing from parking lots and other areas where coal tar products were used as compared to stormwater flowing from areas not treated with the sealant.

Runoff from rain can pick up dangerous chemicals, including those found in coal tar, and spread those contaminants into area water sources, says Prince George's County Department of the Environment Director Adam Ortiz. Safer alternatives to coal tar have been developed and have led to improvements in water quality. This ban will assist in our efforts in cleaning our local waterways.

Residents should request their contractor to use coal tar free products that are less toxic such as asphalt-based or latex sealants and to review ingredients and Materials Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) when purchasing products from local home improvement stores or other retailers for do-it-yourself projects. The County will work with partners to implement the ban and provide additional outreach to property owners, contractors, distributors and retail vendors. To see a list of coal tar free alternative products and to learn more about the coal tar pavement ban, visit: www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/sites/environmentalresources/Pages/default.aspx

- ❑ Another law in effect is the ban of plastic bags of any color, size or shape and plastic film in the County's Residential Curbside Single-Stream Recycling Program. The plastic bags and plastic film currently placed into the single-stream recycling program are not being recycled because there is no end market for the material after it is mixed with other recyclables and becomes dirty and contaminated. They also pose a problem with the sorting process and clog the machinery often causing staff downtime and costly maintenance.

Residents are encouraged to return the plastic bags and plastic film to local grocery stores and other retailers that have plastic bag recycling collection programs and have placed collection boxes in their stores usually located at or near a store's main entrance. Most clean and dry plastic bags are recyclable at local drop-off locations. To find one near you, visit <http://plasticfilmrecycling.org/>

Contact: Linda Lowe, Public Information Officer, Department of the Environment at 301-883-5952.

Events and Meetings

- ❑ June 2, End Time Harvest Ministries to discuss the placement of student interns who can work with you this summer in ETHM Health Policy and Stormwater Management Program.
- ❑ June 8, Council work session and public meeting.
- ❑ June 12, Rogers Heights Elementary School PTA meeting to discuss the County's proposed changes in bus transportation.
- ❑ June 18, Patrol Division assisted the Motor Vehicle Administration investigators in recovering flagged registration plates.

Detail Results:

Total Recovered Plates: 15 sets (\$22,379.09 in unpaid fees)

Recovered Stolen Vehicle: 1

Total Vehicles Scanned: 2,603

- ❑ June 19, President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing.
- ❑ June 25, Chiefs' Association of Prince George's County Annual Awards Ceremony.
- ❑ Attended all staff meetings.

Statistical Abstract

Traffic Enforcement	June 2015
Vehicle Stops	148
Citations	93
Warnings	97
Repair Orders (Issued)	56
Parking Citations	25

Departmental Activity	June 2015
Arrests	17
Assigned to Calls (in hours)	1,632
Calls for Service	602
Court Appearances (in hours)	51
Off-Duty Response (in hours)	3
Prisoner Processing (in hours)	35
Self Initiated Service (in hours)	274
Special Activity (in hours)	42
Training (in hours)	22

Part 1 Crimes

Part I crimes fall into two categories: violent and property crimes. Aggravated assault, forcible rape, murder, and robbery are classified as violent while arson, burglary, larceny-theft, and motor vehicle theft are classified as property crimes. These crimes are considered quite serious, tend to be reported more reliably than others, and are reported directly to the police.

**Bladensburg Police Department
Part 1 Offense Comparison**

3014	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
Assault	9	5	3	6	11	3	9	11	14	7	5	8	91
Burglary	18	8	10	3	11	7	8	7	4	6	12	4	98
Forcible Rape	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Homicide	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Larceny-Theft	29	13	9	19	31	21	15	16	21	28	19	28	249
Motor Vehicle Theft	5	5	5	5	5	7	6	4	6	10	19	3	80
Robbery	5	3	1	0	5	1	4	2	4	7	4	4	40
Total	66	34	28	34	63	39	42	40	49	58	59	47	559

2015	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
Assault	2	4	4	4	8	4							26
Burglary	2	4	6	9	4	7							32
Forcible Rape	0	1	0	0	0	0							1
Homicide	0	0	0	0	0	0							0
Larceny-Theft	24	14	17	14	19	18							106
Motor Vehicle Theft	2	3	3	6	6	5							25
Robbery	6	2	2	1	1	1							13
Total	36	28	32	34	38	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	203

Variance	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
Assault	-77.78%	-20.00%	33.33%	-33.33%	-27.27%	33.33%							-71.43%
Burglary	-88.89%	-50.00%	-40.00%	200.00%	-63.64%	0.00%							-67.35%
Forcible Rape	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%							100.00%
Homicide	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	-100.00%	0.00%	0.00%							-100.00%
Larceny-Theft	-17.24%	7.69%	88.89%	-26.32%	-38.71%	-14.29%							-57.43%
Motor Vehicle Theft	-60.00%	-40.00%	-40.00%	20.00%	20.00%	-28.57%							-68.75%
Robbery	20.00%	-33.33%	100.00%	100.00%	-80.00%	0.00%							-67.50%
Monthly Comparison	-30	-6	4	0	-25	-4							-356
	-45.45%	-17.65%	14.29%	0.00%	-39.68%	-10.26%							-63.69%

