

# WEST POINT POLICE DEPARTMENT



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## AGENCY ACTIVITIES

The West Point Police Department is dedicated to the protection and safety of the citizens of West Point. In addition to law enforcement, West Point Police Department provides a number of services to the community to enhance the safety and well-being of its citizens. These programs and services include:

- SAFE CHECK
- Project Lifesaver
- Child ID
- Property Checks
- Child Safety Seat Checks
- Presentations to civic groups
- Tours of the Police Department
- School Safety Audit
- School Resource Officer
- Smart, Safe, Sober
- You Drink, You Drive, You Lose
- Escorts and traffic control for funerals
- Town Hall Meetings
- Special Events such as the Crab Carnival and Chesty Puller Run
- Click It Or Ticket
- Operation Chill
- WPHS Homecoming parade
- Say No to Drugs Walk
- Take Back the Night

Officers are also trained and ready to respond to emergencies that may occur including:

- Motor vehicle crashes, including those with hazardous materials or fires
- Natural disasters such as hurricanes, tornadoes and heavy snow
- Active shooter situations
- Hostage/barricade situations
- Man-made disasters such as fires or hazardous material spills
- Civil disturbances

The above emergencies often require response from multiple agencies depending upon the size, scope and severity. The West Point Police Department promotes good relationships and trains with other agencies so that response to emergencies is efficient. West Point Police Department works and often trains with the following agencies:

- West Point Fire Department
- King William County Sheriff's Office
- King and Queen County Sheriff's Office
- New Kent County Sheriff's Office
- Charles City County Sheriff's Office
- James City County Police Department

- Virginia State Police
- Department of Game and Inland Fisheries
- Virginia Department of Emergency Management
- Twin Rivers Drug Task Force
- Mattaponi Crime Solvers

Officers of the West Point Police Department also attend and participate in many activities in Town and with other agencies. Some of these include:

- VALEAC Accreditation Conference
- VDEM/NOAA meetings for inclement weather
- Central Virginia Law Enforcement Executives meeting
- Twin Rivers Drug Task Force

The year 2020 has brought challenges to the West Point Police Department as it has to the world as a whole. Covid-19 added the need for officers to think of officer and public safety, not only from an injury standpoint, but health safety too. Because of health concerns, tours of the Police Department and special presentations to groups had to be cancelled. Schools closed down in March and SRO Schramm went back on the road. He was able to lead a graduation parade so students could celebrate, but from the safety of their cars.



Kate Winn joined the West Point Police Department as an Auxiliary Officer. She has prior law enforcement experience with James City and New Kent. Welcome Kate. Stewart Meredith was promoted to Sergeant in March. Stewart has prior law enforcement experience in New Kent and has taken on many new tasks and challenges. Congratulations, Stewart.

## AGENCY STATISTICS

From July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020 there were a total of 4,207 calls for service. A call for service could include anything from the report of a crime, to assistance with funeral traffic, to assisting another agency, to highway hazards, to transporting a subject with mental health issues, to medical emergencies and unattended deaths, to investigating traffic crashes. Offenses reported during this period include:

7	DOA
11	DUI
49	assault and battery, includes domestic assault and battery
34	vandalism/destruction of property
36	breaking and entering
54	larceny/shoplifting
59	swindle/fraud/forgery/counterfeit
19	drunk in public/disorderly
19	verbal/civil disputes
4	liquor law violations
11	drugs/paraphernalia
15	trespass
16	threatening/harassing phone/text
9	suicide threats
0	robbery
10	juvenile issues-alcohol/truancy/incorrigible
0	weapons law violations
0	false report to law enforcement
5	reckless driving
24	mental subjects
23	warrant service
12	assist other agency/officer
3	sexual assault
37	child abuse/neglect/contributing/check child welfare
30	motor vehicle crashes

Other responses includes, SAFE calls, property checks, park, walk and talk, funeral traffic, highway hazards, found property, animal control calls and unclassified calls for service. Traffic citation data

Speeding	95	No License	8
Equipment violations	5	No registration	9
Stop on highway/fail to obey	13	Other	32

It should be noted that there may be some discrepancies in numbers due to the way incident based reporting software classifies/tracks incidents.