

WEST POINT POLICE DEPARTMENT



ANNUAL REPORT

2021

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
- 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 and now 2021 have brought challenges to the West Point Police Department as it has to the world as a whole. The VALEAC Conference was cancelled and meetings were conducted on Zoom. Covid-19 added the need for officers to think of officer and public safety, not only from an injury standpoint, but health safety too. Things have mostly reopened, but there are still some concerns. Most of the training and many meetings for the last half of 2020 and the first half of 2021 were accomplished through on-line classes or through Zoom meetings.



CRIMINAL JUSTICE SPOTLIGHT

1st year criminal justice students participated in mock job interviews Thanks Chief Sawyer & Mrs. Schumacher of The West Point Police Department for helping Mrs. Ellis interview students! pic.twitter.com/CG8301sprO

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Three new officers joined the West Point Police Department. Officer Rodney Womack brings years of law enforcement experience from his prior employment with Hopewell Sheriff's Office. Officer Katie Bujarski also has law enforcement experience for Kings Mill Police Department, as

well as EMT experience from her time in New York state. Officer Chris Womack has also joined West Point Police Department and also brings enforcement experience. It is great to have them on board.

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

- 5 DUI
- 43 assault and battery, includes domestic assault and battery
- 36 vandalism/destruction of property
- 6 breaking and entering
- 32 larceny/shoplifting
- 4 swindle/fraud/forgery/counterfeit
- 27 drunk in public/disorderly/noise disturbance
- 92 verbal/civil disputes/advice given
- 7 drugs/paraphernalia
- 11 trespass
- 61 threatening/harassing phone/text
- 9 suicide threats
- 31 juvenile issues-alcohol/truancy/incorrigible
- 60 reckless driving
- 41 mental subject
- 6 child abuse/neglect/contributing/check child welfare
- 60 motor vehicle crashes
- 41 animal control
- 151 suspicious vehicle/person/activity
- 10 custody/family issues
- 18 found/lost property

Other responses includes, SAFE calls, property checks, park, walk and talk, funeral traffic and other traffic control , highway hazards, mutual aid to other agencies, traffic stops, warrant/wanted checks and service, shots fired and unclassified calls for service.

Traffic citation data

Speeding	588	No License/suspended	22
Equipment violations	2	No registration/inspection	63
Stop on highway/fail to obey	33	Follow too closely	15
Other	21		

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