

Hendersonville Police Department

Public Monthly Report

May 2022



Chief's Monthly Summary

Let me first say, the mass murders in Buffalo and Uvalde absolutely sicken me. I pray we never see a crime on this scale in this community. I simply cannot comprehend a person's desire to commit mass murder against innocent people. We must find a way to prevent these types of events from continuing. While I do not have the ultimate solution, I offer my commitment that, with your help, we will do our very best to keep you safe from harm.

With respect to the killings in Uvalde, it appears, at least initially, that more could have been done during the response that may have saved lives. In the coming months and as the investigation unfolds, more will be learned that may help us improve our procedures. It will be our responsibility to study these findings and ensure that we strengthen our policies and training to avoid duplicating any shortcomings.

Saying that, we are being deliberate in enhancing our active shooter training. Such training will become part of our ongoing and continuous training program. Our officers will be better trained, better equipped, and more capable of stopping a crime like this from occurring in Hendersonville. Our goal is to respond and stop anyone intent on harming others, especially young defenseless children. Remember, you are also a vital link in helping prevent mass violence. To assist you in that endeavor, here is a hyperlink to a toolkit to help you prepare: [Preventing Mass Attacks, Saving Lives | RAND](#)

Lastly, our social media is not monitored continuously. Our phone lines are though. Calling us directly is the single best way of getting information to us quickly. You can always call us by dialing 911 or 828-697-3025. I promise, if you call, we will answer and we will take your concerns seriously. Give us the chance to intervene and stop violence from happening.

In closing, be safe. Take care of each other. Evil does not care about your gender, your political affiliation, your denomination, your bank balance, or your sexual orientation. Evil preys on good people; plain and simple. Only by working together will good overcome evil. Please keep these victims and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

Thank you for your support and trust in us. We continue to strive to provide you with "Mountain Excellence."



Blair Myhand,
Chief of Police

Calls for Service

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
5,247	3,281	4,479	4,340	4,373							

Traffic Safety Unit Activities

Total Traffic Stops:

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
233	299	388	362	311							

Total Citations Issued:

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
151	201	243	265	207							

DWI Arrests:

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2	8	9	6	9							

Motor Vehicle Crashes:

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
115	101	90	111	99							

Top five crash locations:

#1	Chimney Rock Road at Highlands Square Drive (5)
#2	Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd at Ashe St (3)
#3	Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd at Dana Rd (2)
#4	6th Ave at Church St (2)
#5	7 th Ave at King St (2)

Crimes, Reports, and Arrest Activities

Criminal Arrests:

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
90	93	140	94	118							

(*felony -44, misdemeanor -74)

Incident Reports:

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
169	134	277	222	259							

Drug Offenses:

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
38	34	37	36	51							

Larcenies:

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
42	49	47	28	35							

(*5 from motor vehicles)

Assaults:

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
15	10	17	15	10							

Employee Actions

- Retired Lieutenant, Ab Kappler was laid to rest on 5/12/2022. Ab retired from HPD in 1997. He is survived by his wife and a host of children, grandchildren, and other family members. Several of his former coworkers attended his funeral at Forest Lawn Funeral Home Chapel.
- Officer Hartline traveled to our nation’s capital in support of families with the Henderson County Law Enforcement Honor Guard during National Police Week.



Albert 'Ab' Kappler 1942 - 2022



Officer Hartline (far left) and the HCLEHG

Complaints and Findings

- 5/5/2022 – An external complaint was received alleging an Officer’s demeanor was inappropriate when talking to students. The investigation determined the Officer raised her voice only to be heard over the crowd of students. The complaint was therefore unfounded, and no action was taken.
- 5/5/2022 – External complaint was received alleging an Officer was rude when speaking to a juvenile. The investigation determined the Officer was using a “scared straight” tactic at the request of the parents who were present during the encounter. The complaint was therefore unfounded, and no action was taken.

Vehicle Pursuits and Findings

- None

Use of Reasonable Force (UORF) Incidents and Findings

- UORF – 5/1/22: Officer pointed his firearm at a male who was believed to be armed. The male was walking back to his vehicle, where the gun was later found. The use of force was deemed reasonable and necessary. No action taken.
- UORF – 5/4/22: Three officers pointed their firearms at a male after receiving a call that he was shooting the weapon in a backyard. Officers retrieved a BB gun the man had been firing that looked exactly like a real firearm. The use of force was deemed reasonable and necessary given the circumstances. No action taken.
 - We treat the pointing of a firearm by an officer to be a use of force. In both cases, the officer(s) showed considerable restraint and discipline in recognizing the incident as dangerous, but not deadly, for the officers and the public.
- UORF – 5/19/22: Officers arrested a male for trespassing from Ingles. Officers used soft hand techniques to subdue the male when taking him into custody. The use of force was deemed reasonable and necessary. No action taken.
- UORF – 5/28/22: Officers stopped a vehicle for a revoked license. A male passenger ran from the vehicle and was tased by Officers. The male had outstanding warrants and drugs on his person. Use of force was deemed reasonable and necessary. No action taken.

Operations/Notable Events

- 5/11/22 – A stolen property investigation at a home resulted in the seizure of a mobile meth lab. The suspect, who did not live at the residence, was wanted in

Mecklenburg County on 55 outstanding warrants. Methamphetamine, a firearm, and several stolen items were recovered. The suspect is currently in the Henderson County Jail on a \$200K secured bond. He was charged with several crimes including possession of a firearm by a felon.

- 5/27/22 – Detectives assisted Special Agents from the US Department of Homeland Security in arresting a Virginia man for interstate child sex crimes. Male was arrested without incident.

Budget Summary

- We are approximately 92% through the fiscal year.
- \$826,282.00, or 93.8% of the FY 21/22 operating budget has been encumbered to date.
- FY 22/23 budget items were approved by City Council on June 2, 2022.

Community Outreach/Special Events

- 5/13/2022 – *Rooftop Cops*: Officers and staff conducted a fundraising event at Chick-fil-A on Four Seasons for Special Olympics of Henderson County. A total of \$3200 was collected.
- 5/22/2022 - City's 175th Anniversary – Officers and staff met with citizens, answered questions, gave tours of our vehicles, and provided bottled water, coffee mugs, and stress relief toys. The department's badge commemorating Hendersonville's 175th anniversary was unveiled, and Officers will be wearing the badges for the remainder of 2022.



Officers on the roof of Chick-fil-A



HPD Booth at the 175th Anniversary Celebration

Awards and Recognitions

- Detective LaRowe and Officer Nix received their Intermediate Law Enforcement Certificates. This is the second highest certificate an Officer can receive in North Carolina. It is only achievable through years of service, formal education, and completion of training hours.
- Officer Baird was recognized as the Quarterly Service Excellence recipient for the City of Hendersonville. Ofc. Baird gave a handicapped man a ride home when his electric wheelchair ran out of battery life. Two other city employees were also recognized for carrying his wheelchair to his house and helping him recharge it.
- Monica Howard received the *Positive Influence Award* from NC National Emergency Number Association for her work with mental health for telecommunicators in North Carolina.

Grants Management

- \$40,000 accreditations grant is pending review and approval. (Oct 2022)
- \$50,000 mental health grant is pending review and approval. (Oct 2022)

Recruiting/Retention

- 0 of 46 Police Officer vacancies remain.
- 1 Police Officer over hire position is approved and pending a conditional offer.
- 1 of 6 telecommunicator vacancies remain.
- 15 Telecommunicator applications received.
- 5 Police Officer applications received.