

TO: Honorable Mayor and Council

FROM: Kenneth McLaughlin, Chief of Police



VIA: Carol S. Fouck, Town Manager

SUBJECT: Monthly Update for the Public Safety Department as of **September 30, 2026**

Calls for Service – Summary

- See attached data report.
- One (1) response was recorded in the Town of Millville.

Volunteer Unit and CERT

- The Volunteer Unit logged 145 hours.
 - New Volunteer – George Economas
- CERT
 - Full-Scale Exercise

Monthly Police Training Summary

- Interacting With the Mentally Ill
- NCIC/NLETS Recertification
- Pursuit Policy Refresher
- Stop Stick Recertification
- Taser Update
- Time Management Skills
- Use of Force Policy Refresher
- LWRC Carbine Armorer Program (Harrington and Buchanan)
- WRAP Restraint Device Recertification
- Coastal Hazards and Awareness
- Evacuation Planning Strategies & Solutions
- 15th Annual K9 Cop Conference (Hopkins & Watkins)
- Mobile Phone Technology & Forensics

Community Policing Initiatives

- Senior Check-In
 - 8 Current Participants
- House Checks
 - 14 Current Homes
 - Thank you letter from Nancy Lueckel of Fairway Village (Copy attached)
- Business Checks
- Drug Take-Back
- Special Olympics
 - Bocci event

- Naloxone Training
- Speed Monitoring
 - 18 fixed signs
 - 1 portable trailer

Miscellaneous

- Chief McLaughlin attended the monthly meeting of the Delaware Association of Chief's of Police.
- Applicant testing is in the final phase, and we anticipate sending a recruit to the police academy in November.
- Lord Baltimore Elementary School welcomed back students on September 8 for the start of the 2026/2027 school year. OVPD Sergeant Rhys Bradshaw returned for his final year as the school's School Resource Officer.
- OVPD participated in the Mason Dixon VFW 09/11 Memorial Event on September 11th.
- OVPD participated in the Dewey Beach Police and Lions Club Community Appreciation and Public Safety Day on September 12th.
- CERT conducted training at the police department on September 15th.
- The Ocean View Church of Christ held a complimentary breakfast for local first responders on September 24th.
- Staff facilitated the installation of access readers for the exterior public restrooms at John West Park.

From: Nancy Lueckel
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Date: September 29, 2026 at
8:29:59 PM EDT
To: Ocean View Police
<admin@ovpd.net>
**Subject: Re: 15 Masters Drive -
Residence Check Form**

I wish to thank the two officers who checked on my house at 15 Masters Drive in Fairway Village while I was away this past week. I think this is a wonderful and comforting service you provide, and I sincerely appreciate the time and effort it takes to provide this to us. I am a widowed senior citizen, so I especially felt better knowing you all had an eye on my property. Thank you again,
Nancy Lueckel

Incident Type	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Grand Total
911 Disconnect		1	1			3	2	1					8
Animal Complaint	1				2	2	4						9
Assault									1				1
Assist BBPD	2	2	1		1		1	1					8
Assist DSP 4	26	19	4	9	11	11	18	15	11				124
Assist DSP 5	1					1							2
Assist DSP 7	1		1	1		1							4
Assist Fire Dept		3		2	2	1		1	1				10
Assist Other Agency	4	2	3	4		1	6		1				21
Assist SBPD	1	2	2		3	1	4	2	2				17
Burglar Alarm	3	9	8	7	11	5	7	7	9	1			67
Burglary						1							1
Business Check	54	56	58	58	56	42	33	36	50	2			445
Civil Other	1		2	2		1	2			1			9
Criminal Impersonation	1												1
Criminal Mischief		2			1			1					4
Death Investigation				1	1			1	2				5
Disabled Vehicle		1	1	1			4	1	1				9
Disorderly Conduct		2			1	2	1						6
Domestic		3	3	3	2	1	1	7					20
DUI	1			2		1	2	4	2				12
Found Property	1	2		4	3	1		3	1				15
Fraud			1		1								2
Harassment	2			1									3
Investigation	2		1		1	2							6
Local Fugitive	2	4	3	4	2	8	1	4	2				30
Lost-Found		1	1					1	1				4
Medical Assist	4	5	1	9	6	5	4	7	6				47
Megan's Law Notification			1										1
Mental Illness								1	1				2
Misc Title 11			1	1	3				1				6

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Arrest Type	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Grand Total
LF	2	4	5	4	3	7	2	3	3				33
Summons	68	71	95	123	89	122	114	118	75	1			876
Warning	33	35	39	42	42	41	66	66	24				388
Warrant	1	2	5	1	2	12	7	2	14				46
Grand Total	104	112	144	170	136	182	189	189	116	1	0	0	1343

Level	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Grand Total
C		2	2		2	2	3	3	2				16
F			1			6	1	2					10
M	2	2	3	13	3	12	3	3	11				52
N/A	2	4	5	4	3	7	2	3	3				33
V	100	104	133	153	128	155	180	178	100	1			1232
Grand Total	104	112	144	170	136	182	189	189	116	1	0	0	1343

Alcohol Related	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Grand Total
Yes	2	0	0	3	2	3	9	5	7	0	0	0	31
Grand Total	2	0	0	3	2	3	9	5	7	0	0	0	31

K9 Deployed?	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Grand Total
Yes	2	2	2	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	10
Grand Total	2	2	2	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	10

Vehicle Towed?	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Grand Total
Yes	3	5	6	6	1	8	10	7	9	0	0	0	55
Grand Total	3	5	6	6	1	8	10	7	9	0	0	0	55

Millville Incident	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Grand Total
Yes	3	4	1	1	0	1	4	2	1	0	0	0	17
Grand Total	3	4	1	1	0	1	4	2	1	0	0	0	17

Incident Category	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Grand Total
Civil	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2					11
Criminal	34	28	21	23	23	23	26	32	21				231
N/A		1			3	1	3	1					9
Service	176	199	182	181	166	131	131	135	138	5			1444
Traffic	5	9	8	6	4	20	22	9	21				104
Grand Total	216	239	212	211	198	176	183	179	180	5	0	0	1799

Report Type	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Grand Total
Crime/Incident	49	40	30	35	38	42	43	44	35				356
Field Service	117	102	94	85	81	80	90	80	76	5			810
N/A	50	97	88	91	79	54	50	55	69				633
Grand Total	216	239	212	211	198	176	183	179	180	5	0	0	1799

Date/Time (Dispatched) - Month	Date/Time (Dispatched)	DSP Incident Type	Did DSP Arrive on Scene?	OVPD Arrival Time	OVPD 10-8 Time	COUNTA of Complaint Number	OVPD Scene Duration
Jan	1/31/2026 10:27:00	Mental Patient	Yes	1/31/2026 10:30:00	1/31/2026 11:40:00	1	1:10:00
	1/29/2026 10:30:00	Welfare Check	Yes	1/29/2026 11:21:00	1/29/2026 11:45:00	1	0:24:00
	1/3/2026 3:06:00	Susp Vehicle	Yes	1/3/2026 3:14:00	1/3/2026 3:26:00	1	0:12:00
Jan Total						3	1:46:00
Feb	2/25/2026 9:26:00	Local Fugitive	Yes	2/25/2026 10:22:00	2/25/2026 10:43:00	1	0:21:00
	2/23/2026 13:29:00	Public Assist	No	2/23/2026 13:29:00	2/23/2026 13:33:00	1	0:04:00
	2/22/2026 23:50:00	Burglar Alarm	No	2/22/2026 23:50:00	2/22/2026 23:59:00	1	0:09:00
	2/20/2026 18:00:00	Traffic Other	Yes	2/20/2026 18:00:00	2/20/2026 18:00:00	1	0:00:00
Feb Total						4	0:34:00
Mar	3/22/2026 14:25:00	Harassment	Yes	3/22/2026 2:38:00	3/22/2026 3:40:00	1	1:02:00
Mar Total						1	1:02:00
Apr	4/28/2026 18:31:00	DUI	Yes	4/28/2026 18:31:00	4/28/2026 18:50:00	1	0:19:00
Apr Total						1	0:19:00
Jun	6/9/2026 21:04:00	Traffic Collision PI	Yes	6/9/2026 21:23:00	6/9/2026 22:17:00	1	0:54:00
Jun Total						1	0:54:00
Jul	7/28/2026 12:06:00	Fugitive OOS	Yes	7/28/2026 12:06:00	7/28/2026 13:40:00	1	1:34:00
	7/18/2026 22:53:00	Disorderly Conduct	Yes	7/18/2026 22:59:00	7/18/2026 23:12:00	1	0:13:00
	7/11/2026 15:58:00	Traffic Collision PD	Yes	7/11/2026 15:58:00	7/11/2026 16:10:00	1	0:12:00
	7/7/2026 16:41:00	Mental Patient	Yes	7/7/2026 16:44:00	7/7/2026 17:06:00	1	0:22:00
Jul Total						4	2:21:00
Aug	8/11/2026 10:39:00	Traffic Collision PD	Yes	8/11/2026 11:02:00	8/11/2026 11:13:00	1	0:11:00
	8/1/2026 20:39:00	DUI	Yes	8/1/2026 21:05:00	8/1/2026 21:17:00	1	0:12:00
Aug Total						2	0:23:00
Sep	9/28/2026 10:33:00	Mental Patient	Yes	9/28/2026 11:07:00	9/28/2026 11:17:00	1	0:10:00
Sep Total						1	0:10:00

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Kenneth M. McLaughlin
Chief of Police

October 5, 2026

Town Manager and Members of Town Council
Town of Ocean View
Ocean View, Delaware

Re: Police Department Speed Monitoring Initiative

Dear Town Manager and Members of Town Council:

The Ocean View Police Department's speed monitoring initiative is designed to encourage voluntary compliance with posted speed limits, address resident concerns, and improve safety throughout our community. I am writing to explain how the program operates and the considerations that guide placement of our portable speed-display trailer.

The department currently operates 18 fixed speed-display signs and one portable trailer. These devices alert motorists to their speed and encourage them to adjust their driving when necessary. The portable trailer also provides a visible reminder of police presence, which can help deter criminal activity and strengthen residents' sense of safety.

The trailer gives the department flexibility to address concerns in different neighborhoods. We regularly deploy it in response to resident requests. When no requests are pending, we identify locations where it can have a positive effect on driving behavior and public safety. Because deployments are temporary, the trailer can serve multiple areas throughout town.

A resident recently expressed concern about the trailer being placed near her home on a roadway with relatively little traffic. The trailer was placed there in response to another homeowner's request. This deployment was consistent with our established practice of responding to community concerns.

Although traffic volume is a consideration, it does not independently determine whether a location warrants attention. Speeding can affect the safety and quality of life of residents even on lightly traveled streets. Pedestrians, bicyclists, children, and other roadway users benefit from safe driving regardless of how many vehicles use the road. The program's preventive value therefore extends beyond high-volume locations.

The trailer is placed only along town- or state-owned and maintained roadways, with consideration given to visibility, access, roadway conditions, and applicable placement requirements.

Effective administration of this program requires the police department to exercise reasonable operational discretion over the location and duration of deployments. Resident requests and concerns are considered alongside safety needs, site suitability, available resources, and other priorities throughout town. These decisions must reflect the interests of the community as a whole.

The deployment in question served a legitimate traffic-safety purpose and was consistent with the department's approach to responding to residents' requests. We will continue to evaluate placements and address specific concerns about visibility, access, or operation as they arise.

Our objective is to use this equipment fairly and effectively to encourage safer driving, provide a visible public-safety presence, and respond to the needs of Ocean View's neighborhoods.

Respectfully,


Kenneth McLaughlin

Chief of Police