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
- Crab- O- Ween
- 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, tornados 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

August 1, 2018 saw Chief Bobby Mawyer retire as Chief of the West Point Police Department and Chief Tim Sawyer fill that position.

Tim Sawyer is sworn in as the new Chief of West Point Police Department
Retiring Chief Mawyer receives Resolution passed by Town Council from Mayor Hudson

In addition to a change in leadership, West Point Police Department hired two new officers, Patrick Luley and Christopher Rusk. Officer Luley came as certified law enforcement officer, and Officer Rusk will be certified in Virginia upon his graduation from Crater Criminal Justice Academy in September. Congratulations are also in order for Officer Daryl Fair. He has been sworn in as a special agent with the State Police as a member of the Twin Rivers Drug Task Force.

West Point Police Department also was reaccredited, and now holds the distinction of being the smallest reaccredited agency in the Commonwealth.

The West Point Police Department also began using a new records management system. The system provides better mapping location of calls, better computer aided dispatch, and records management. It is the same system used by King William County and New Kent County Sheriff’s Offices, and can provide enhanced sharing of information between agencies.
AGENCY STATISTICS

From July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 there were a total of 6,232 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:

1  Forcible Rape
1  Abduction
2  Forcible fondling
4  DUI
20  Assault and Battery
30  Vandalism/destruction of property
2  Malicious wounding
5  breaking and entering
27  larceny/shoplifting
2  intimidation
3  swindle/fraud
2  Drunk in public
6  Non-violent family offenses
6  liquor law violations
18  Drugs/paraphernalia
5  Trespass
89  Other – includes, TDO, EPO, warrant service, welfare checks, assist other agencies, DOA, SAFE calls, property checks, motor vehicle crashes, funeral traffic and unclassified calls for service.

Traffic citation data

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It should be noted that there may be some discrepancies in numbers due to the way incident based reporting software classifies/tracks incidents. Discrepancies may also be attributed to the changeover in records management systems.