

GREENCASTLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

60 NORTH WASHINGTON STREET

GREENCASTLE, PA 17225

REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH, 2023

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During the reporting month the Department responded to **299** calls for service (907 calls this year). A copy of the Complaint Type totals is attached.

HIGHLIGHTED INCIDENTS:

Criminal Activities / Investigations / Service Calls:	This Month:	Year to Date:
Assault	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
Robbery	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Burglary	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>
Theft (including motor vehicles)	<u>3</u>	<u>11</u>
Suspicious Activity	<u>6</u>	<u>13</u>
Sex offense	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Domestic / Family Offenses	<u>3</u>	<u>11</u>
Homicide	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Drug / Narcotics	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Drug / Alcohol overdose	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>
Naloxone (NARCAN) Deployment	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>
Assist Emergency Medical Services / Fire, Rescue, Fire-Police	<u>8</u>	<u>35</u>
Motor Vehicle Crashes (all): Injury; Non-injury; Towing; Drivable (reportable / non-reportable)	<u>6</u>	18
Driving Under the Influence (Alcohol / Drugs)	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
Traffic stops / violations (citations & written warnings initiated)	<u>46/21</u>	<u>119</u>
Mental Health Counselor contacts	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
Directed Patrols	<u>73</u>	<u>257</u>
Assist other Law Enforcement Agency (in the Borough)	<u>0</u>	<u>7</u>
Assist other Law Enforcement Agency (outside the Borough)	<u>1</u>	<u>4</u>
Burglar Alarm	<u>6</u>	<u>16</u>
Criminal Arrests / Charges	<u>1</u>	<u>8</u>
Code Enforcement	<u>2</u>	<u>8</u>

<u>Overtime</u>	41	Hours	41 for manpower
			0 for investigations
			0 for training

Mileage:	Car 802	2016 Ford Utility	42653	397	
	Car 813	2013 Chev Tahoe	105310	207	
	Car 816	2016 Ford Utility	99513	1295	
	Car 819	2019 Ford F150	70566	1513	Total: 3412

NOTEWORTHY ACTIVITIES:

On 03/15/2023 I attended sentencing for the individuals involved in an Overdose Death Case They received varying sentences, but one who went to trial received 6-12 years in State Prison. Additionally, one was sentenced to 8-20 years for Operating a Corrupt Organization.

Our new Co-Responder has started and has hit the ground running. She has been following up with persons that were handled by the previous Co-Responder or by Officers in the absence.

Two of our Officers responded to assist PSP with an armed suicidal individual this past month. Ultimately the subject was de-escalated and taken into custody for treatment without incident.

Thank-you to Off.'s Kamoie and Brennan for going above and beyond. A tree fell across S Carlisle St during the high wind. The Officers, along with local citizens were able to cut the tree up and clear the roadway until the tree could be removed.

GPD was recently notified of a grant award in the amount of \$115,000. The grant will pay for new mobile radios, in-car video and fixed site cameras and plate readers.

Submitted by:
John H Phillippy Chief of Police

Complaint Log By Complaint Type

03/01/2023 00:00 - 03/31/2023 23:59

Complaint Type	Number of Complaints
CRASH - NON REPORTABLE / CRASH - NON REPORTABLE	1
G0002 / Assist Other Agency-Out	1
NCIC Admin / NCIC Admin	4
PABAND / PABANDONED VEHICLE	4
PALMBA / PALARM BURGLAR	6
PANIMCP / PANIMAL COMP	5
PASTEM / PASSIST EMS	1
PASTFD / PASSIST FD	2
PASTFE / PASSIST FD/EMS	5
PASTO / PASSIST OTHER AGENCY	1
PBOLO / PBOLO	5
PCHKAR / PCHECK AREA	10
PCODES / PCODES ENFORCEMENT	2
PCOURT / PCOURT	1
PCRFEW / PCURFEW	1
PCRT / PCOUNTY COURT	4
PDEPSV / PDEPARTMENT SERVICES	2
PDETSPEV / PDETAILED SPECIAL EVENT	1
PDIRPAT / PDIRECTED PATROLS	73
PDIST / PDIST/NOISE	3
PDMV / PDIS VEH IN TRAFF	3
PDOM / PDOM	3
PDUIA / PDUI ACTIVE	1
PESCRT / PESCORT	1
PF11 / PASSAULT/RAPE	1
PF4 / PHIT N RUN	1
PF9 / PLOST/MISS PROPRTY	1
PFGRPT / PFINGERPRINTING	2
PFHT / PFIGHT	1
PFLDINT / PFIELD INTERVIEW	1
PFNDPR / PFOUND PROPERTY	3
PFOOTPAT / PFOOT PATROL	4
PFRD / PFRAUD	2
PFU / PFOLLOW UP	7
PINFO / PINFORMATION	22
PLO / PLOCKOUT VEH/HOUSE	2
PORDVI / PORDINANCE VIOL	1
PPKGCP / PPARKING COMPLT	3

Complaint Log By Complaint Type

03/01/2023 00:00 - 03/31/2023 23:59

Complaint Type	Number of Complaints
PPROLM / PPROPRTY LOST/MISS	2
PPSML / PPERSON MISS/LOST	2
PPUBACC / PPUBLIC ACCIDENT NON TRAF	1
PPUBCOMP / PPUBLIC COMPLAINTS'	1
PREDRA / PRECKLESS DRVR ACT	2
PREPO / PREPO	2
PREPHO / PRETURNED PHONE CALL	25
PSUSA / PSUSP ACT/PERS ACT	4
PSUSVEH / PSUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	2
PTFT / PTHEFT	3
PTRAF / P TRAFFIC DETAIL	2
PTRHZD / PTRAFF HAZ ON ROAD	3
PTRT / PTHREAT	1
PTS / PTRAFFIC STOP	46
PUNWANT / PUNWANTED PERSON	1
PVACNI / PVEH ACC NO INJ	4
PWEOA / PWEAPONS OFF ACTV	1
PWFCK / PWELFARE CHECK	4
UNASSIGNED	2

Total Complaints: 299



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Make No Mistakes

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by: Barbara A. Schwartz

As a police officer, you cannot make a mistake.

You cannot make a mistake in the performance of your duties. And if you do it will get captured on video, go viral, be the top story on the evening news, and you may be indicted, convicted, and sentenced to prison.

Police officers are held to a different, and higher, standard than any other profession.

In this country, every year, hundreds of patients are harmed or die from medical malpractice. Doctors get sued, but very few are criminally indicted, put on trial, or sent to prison for making a mistake. More Americans die at the hands of doctors than by police officers, yet no one protests those deaths. No demands are made to defund doctors or overhaul the health care system. No new laws are enacted regulating doctors' practices. No endless rhetoric from television talking heads about reforming the health care system. Nobody throws rocks and bottles at doctors.

Cops get treated differently.

Pilot error has caused aviation accidents and passenger deaths. Pilots may face civil liability, but not criminal prosecution.

Neither doctors nor pilots wear body cameras to record their every action. Holding cops to a *higher standard is not new*.

Back in the sixties, Jack Webb played Sergeant Joe Friday on the iconic cop show "Dragnet." During the course of the show, Joe Friday made many speeches about the plight of police officers that have become part of law enforcement folklore.

In a 1968 episode titled "Public Affairs," written by Burt Prelutsky, Sgt. Friday and his partner, Bill Gannon, appear as panelists on a TV show along with a hippie who published an underground newspaper and a left-wing college professor. People in the audience step up to an open mike to ask the panelists questions.

The subject of cops making mistakes comes up. And Friday makes one of his famous speeches.

Friday says, "We're not machines. If we were, maybe we'd never make mistakes. We'd never overreact. Never make errors in judgment. Unfortunately, we're human beings, not computers. Now, the book tells us to use the force necessary to apprehend the suspect. How much force is necessary? No computer can make that decision when you're chasing an armed suspect down a dark alley. A man has to make that decision. And he has to make it fast. Sometimes he doesn't use enough, and he gets himself killed."

The moderator of the TV show says, "A man with a gun has no business making mistakes."

Friday responds, "We try not to, but we all make mistakes. Maybe it's only a matter of putting the carbon paper in backwards in the typewriter or burning the toast or missing a business appointment. You make that kind of a mistake you say, 'well nobody's perfect, I'm only human.'

“A police officer’s mistakes are a matter of life and death. His decisions are made in a split second. Give him some credit for having the guts to make those decisions. His job, and his life, are riding on each one of them.

“Keep in mind, he’s not asking for your applause. He knows you reserve that for ball players and movie stars. He’s only a guy doing his job. All he would really like is a little common courtesy and some respect.”

“Respect?” The hippie asks.

Friday answers, “We know that you respect those American boys who go across the world to protect us from enemies eight thousand miles away. Is the police officer less entitled because he’s risking his neck to protect you from enemies in your own home town?”

The episode ended on those words.

You cannot make a mistake because your job requires you to carry a lethal weapon and the law gives you the right to use it in the course of your duties.

Everything you do is captured on body cam and if you don’t perform flawlessly you can risk getting disciplined, indicted, sued, or prison time. No other occupation puts its employees under that intense scrutiny. Not even surgeons who are armed with a scalpel.

Society expects cops to be machines, robots who don’t feel, don’t make mistakes, aren’t human.

Headlines won’t read that an armed suspect took shots at police officers and would not comply with requests to put down the weapon. The headlines will state that the police shot and killed somebody.

Most, if not all, of the recent incidents where a person died at the hands of police, that person failed to comply with lawful commands given to them by a certified, licensed police

officer. If they had complied, they'd be alive today.

That fact gets lost in the telling.

The more we expect officers to be machines the more will resign. Recruitment is down. Retirement and resignations are up.

In this climate of no mistakes, not many humans want to do the job.

Let's respect and honor those men and women who remain steadfast. Who come to work each day carrying a firearm not to take a life, but to protect life.

That fact also gets lost in the telling.

Officers report to work knowing that one mistake can cost them their career, reputation, financial stability, future retirement, emotional health, and ultimately their life.

They need our support and respect.

[You can watch the "Dragnet" episode "Public Affairs" at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-lfcD_C1pb8]

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