

ALBEMARLE COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT FIRST QUARTER SUMMARY REPORT 2023

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Calls for Service

The data used in this report was collected by ACPD from January 1st, 2023 to March 30th, 2023, and reflects the number of calls for service that occurred within the county's jurisdiction.

Total Calls for Service

For the first quarter of 2023, ACPD has responded to 19,650 calls for service in the community. Of these, 6,753 were ECC initiated, meaning the calls were generated by the public for assistance. The remaining 12,897 calls were officer initiated. Officer initiated calls for service include proactive work done by the officers to ensure safety within the community to the best of their abilities. These proactive efforts include extra patrols, community initiatives, follow up investigations, house checks, traffic stops, and warrant services.

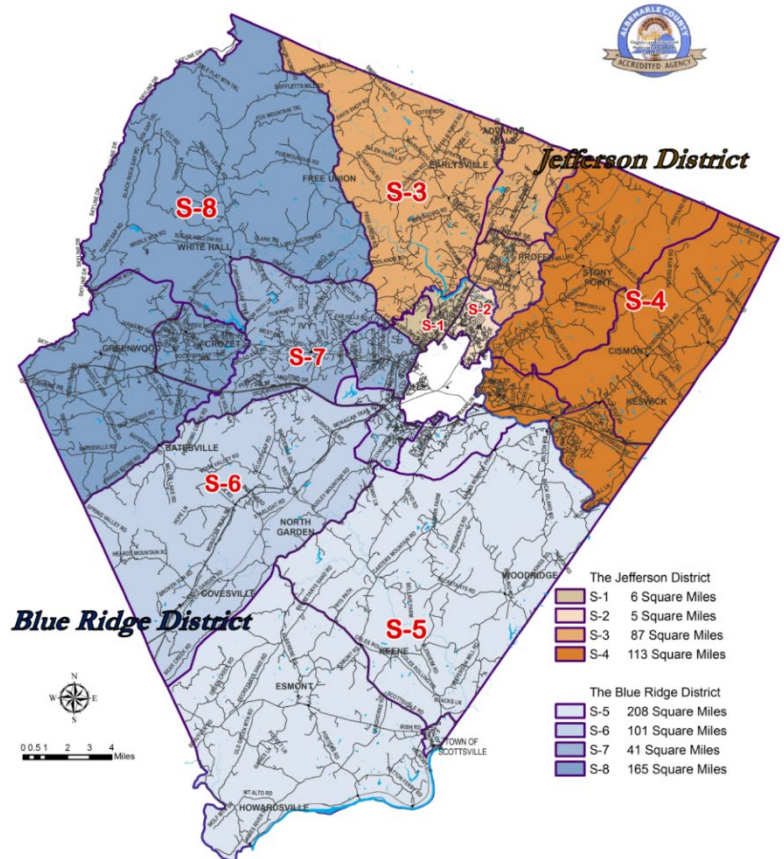
Priority 1 Calls for Service

Priority 1 calls include murder, rape, aggravated assault, vehicle crash with injury, shots fired, calls involving a weapon, and officer needing assistance. The goal in responding to Priority 1 calls is five (5) minutes or less in urban areas and ten (10) minutes or less in rural areas. **As seen in the map to the right, the jurisdiction of Albemarle County spans over 700 square miles. With a county of this size, the response time to calls for service can be greatly hindered by location depending on the sector in which the incident occurs.*

For the first quarter, ACPD responded to 137 Priority 1 calls in urban areas with an average response time of 3 minutes and 31 seconds. Of the 137 calls in urban areas of the county, 77% were responded to within the goal timeframe of under five (5) minutes.

For the rural areas of the county, ACPD responded to 37 Priority 1 calls for service, with an average response time of 10 minutes and 39 seconds. Of the 37 calls, 46% were responded to within the goal timeframe of under ten (10) minutes.

Albemarle County Police Department Geographic Districts





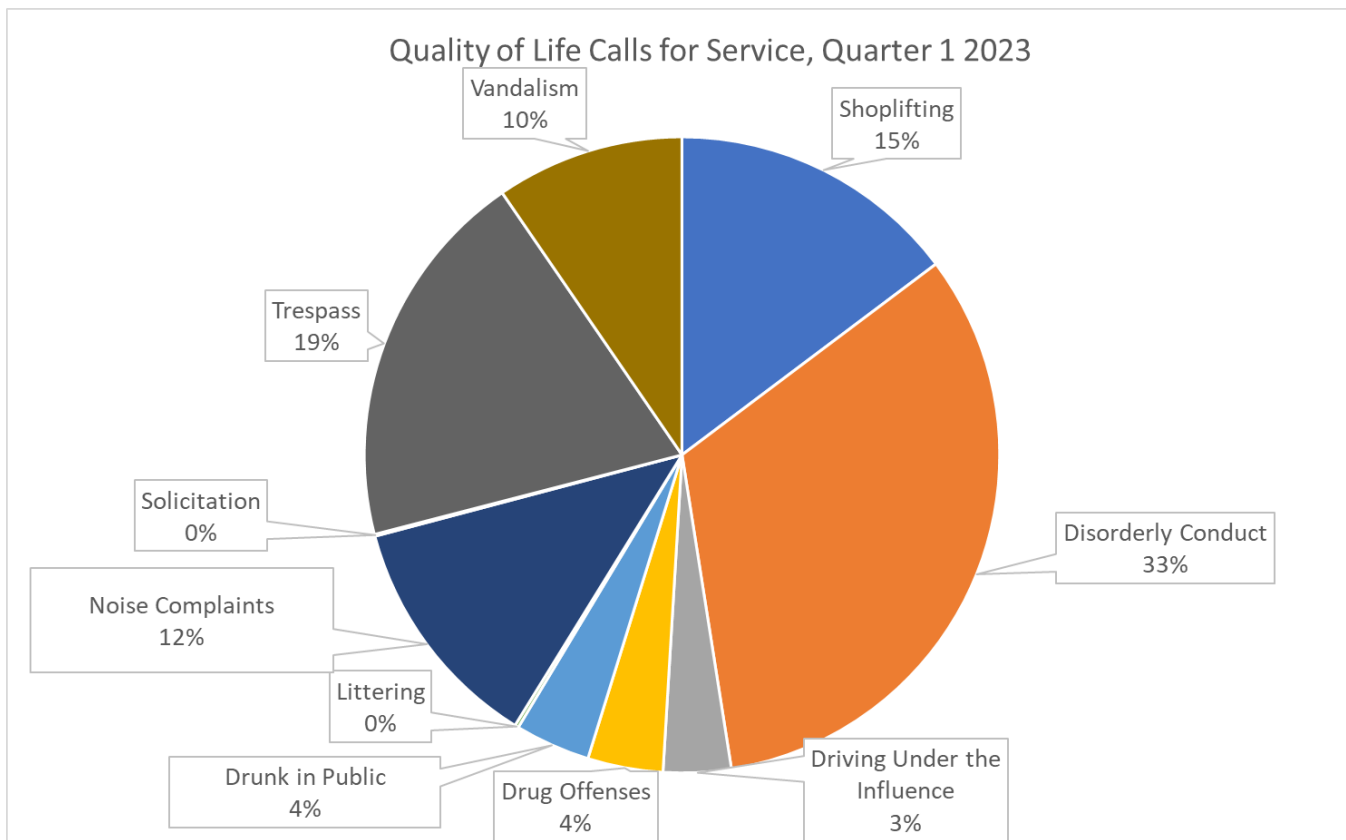
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Quality of Life Concerns

Quality of Life Calls for Service encompass minor, often nonviolent incidents that disrupt a sense of well-being and public safety in the community. As seen in the pie chart below, three quality of life concerns account for 67% of all quality of life calls for service categories (disorderly conduct, trespass, and shoplifting), with disorderly conducts accounting for the largest percent at 33%.





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Part One Crimes

As presented in the table below, the numbers in the 2023 column represent the part one crime data seen in Albemarle County for the first quarter. Data presented in the 2018-2022 columns is equivalent to that of 2023, in that it only represents those crimes that occurred during the first quarter (January 1st to March 30th) of each year. The average represents a five-year average for 2018 to 2022. The percent change column compares the current 2023 value to the average to better understand if the current level of crime has increased or decreased. The values in red (murder, forcible rape, robbery, burglary, stolen motor vehicle, and larceny) show an increase in crime rate, whereas those in green (aggravated assaults and arrests) represent a decrease in value for 2023 compared to the five-year average. *Though the percentage can show a considerable increase or decrease, (for example, the 400% increase for murder), it must be considered that working with small numbers will cause a larger percent change, even though there was one murder in comparison to the value of 0.2 for the 5-year average for the first quarter of the previous five years.*

Homicide: On Wednesday, February 22nd, 2023, Albemarle County responded to a priority one call for service for a deadly shooting on Timberland Lane. The victim of the shooting was taken to UVA Medical where he later succumbed to his injuries. The suspect in the case was arrested for another homicide by Charlottesville Police Department

QUARTER 1								
	Q1 2018	Q1 2019	Q1 2020	Q1 2021	Q1 2022	Q1 5-Year-Avg	Q1 2023	% Change
Murder	1	0	0	0	0	0.2	1	400%
Forcible Rape	2	9	9	7	3	6.0	7	17%
Agg Assault	10	13	24	12	12	14.2	14	-1%
Robbery	6	1	3	0	5	3.0	4	33%
Total Violent Crimes	19	23	36	19	20	23.4	26	11%
Burglary	27	15	30	34	20	25.2	26	3%
Stolen MV	14	10	12	14	14	12.8	13	2%
Larceny	238	242	270	336	397	296.6	390	31%
Total Property Crimes	279	267	312	384	431	334.6	429	28%
Violent	19	23	36	19	20	23.4	26	11%
Property	279	267	312	384	431	334.6	429	28%
Total	298	290	348	403	451	358.0	455	27%
Arrests	517	571	509	431	441	493.8	417	-16%

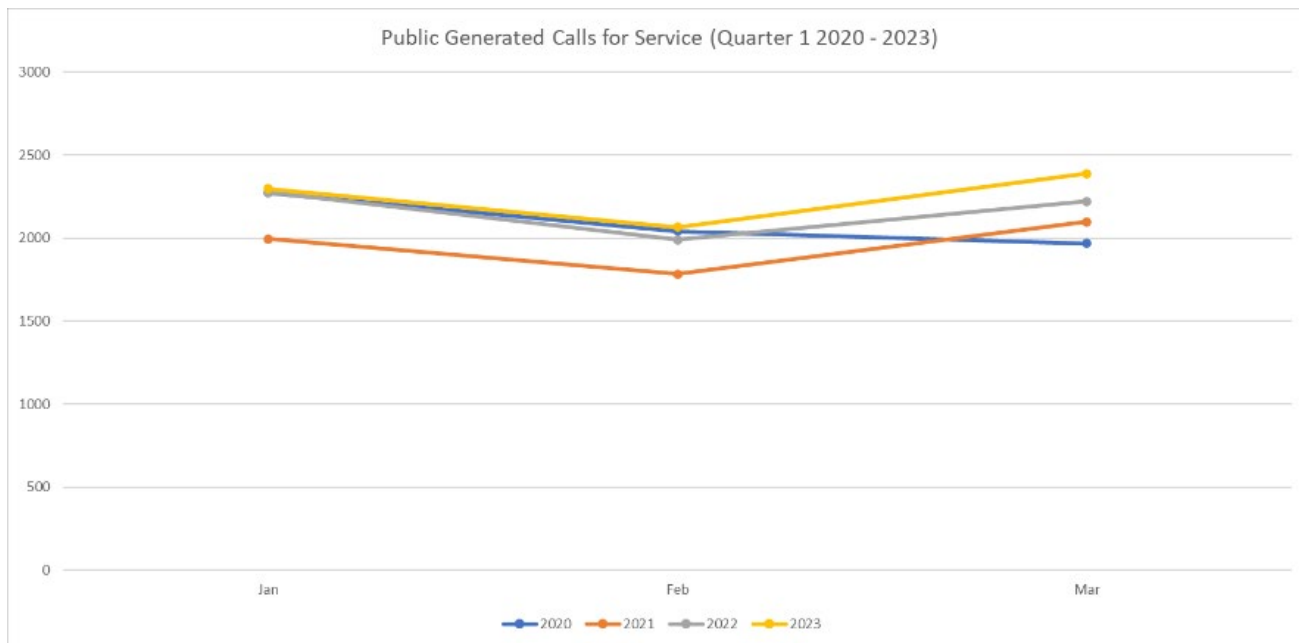


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As seen in the chart below, the number of public generated calls for service has continued to increase during the first quarter of 2020 to 2023. During quarter 1 of 2020 to quarter 1 of 2021, there was an overall decrease of 6% in public generated calls, but an increase in calls from March 2020 to March 2021 of 7%. From this point on, there continues to be an increase in calls for service. From 2021 to 2022, there was an overall increase of 10% and an overall increase of 4% when comparing 2022 to 2023.



Crime Trends

Theft from MV Series

During the first quarter, ACPD saw a series of motor vehicle break-ins that occurred in hotel parking lots or garages throughout the city and the county. All the hotels were located on US 250 and US 29 and were targeted in the late night/early morning hours. Many of the incidents targeted work vehicles in which a passenger window was smashed to gain entry. Once entry into the vehicle had been made, the suspect(s) would then steal any tools in sight.

Residential Burglary Series

During the course of a residential burglary investigation, the county case was connected to numerous departments across the United States with burglaries of similar modus operandi (MO). The targeted victims of this string of burglaries included business owners of Asian descent. The suspects would imitate a delivery person to approach the home before breaking in through a window and were inevitably apprehended following the ACPD case.



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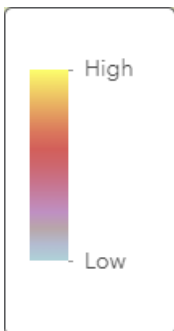
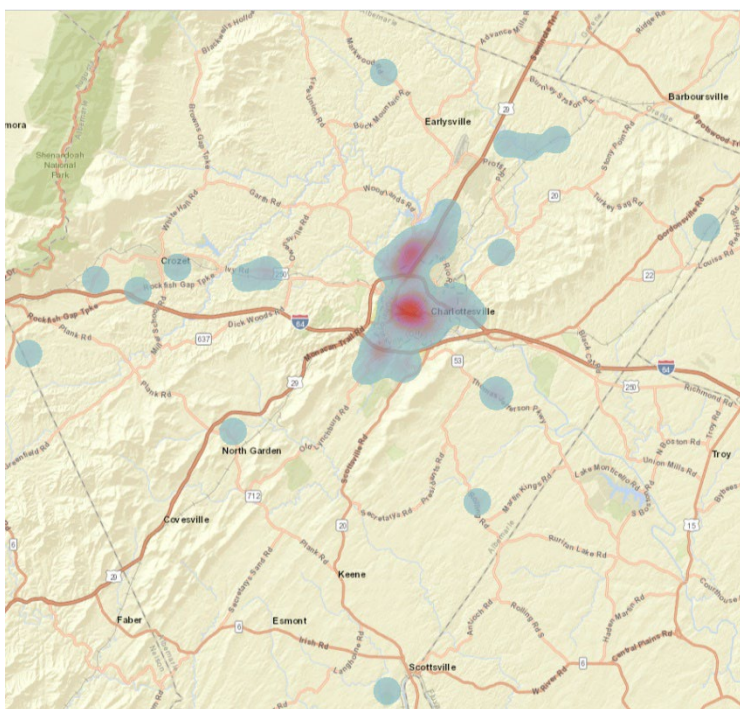


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Gun Violence

With the rise in gun violence seen locally, ACPD has partnered with Charlottesville Police Department (CPD) and the University of Virginia Police Department (UPD) to combat this issue by holding an information-sharing meeting once a month in the form of a Regional CompStat. In addition to local partnerships with police departments, members of the Virginia State Police, Commonwealth Attorney’s Office, Jefferson Area Drug Enforcement (J.A.D.E) Taskforce, the juvenile Probation and Parole office, and the US Attorney’s Office attend the meetings as well.

The Regional CompStat focuses on the review of local crime trends regarding gun violence, such as calls for service related to shots fired incidents, aggravated assaults and robberies with a firearm, homicides, stolen firearms, and stolen motor vehicles. The map below displays a heat map of the gun violent incidents seen throughout the region during the first quarter of 2023. The areas that have seen the highest areas of incidence are within the urban ring of the county.



As explained by the legend to the left of the map, the areas highlighted in red show areas with a higher prevalence of gun violence incidents, as compared to those areas in blue.



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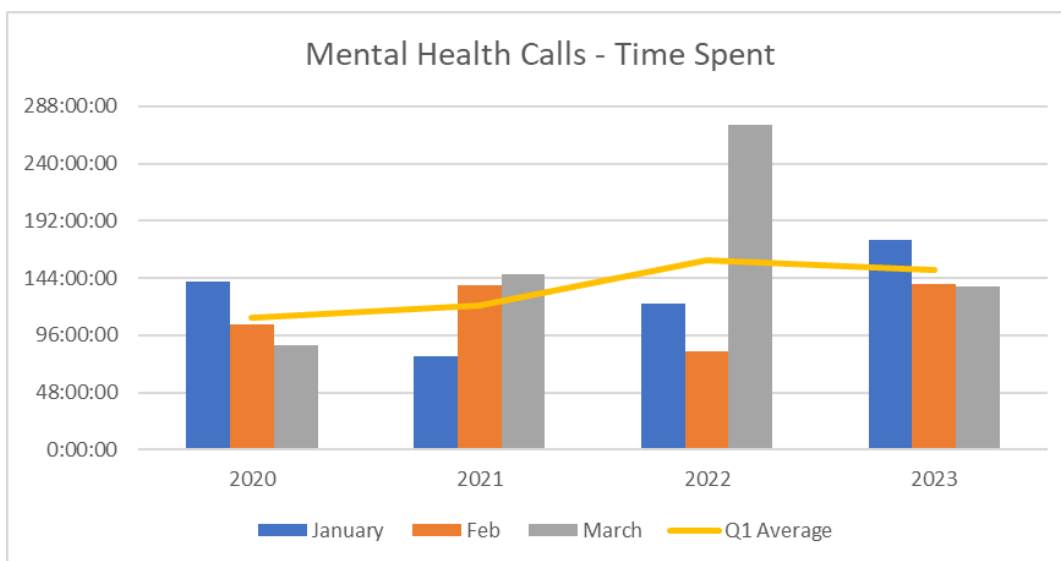
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Mental Health Calls for Service

During the first quarter of 2023, ACPD responded to 216 mental health calls for service. These calls include incidents for assist citizen – mental person, temporary detention orders, and emergency custody orders. As seen in the table below, compared to the previous three years, 2023 has seen an overall 36% increase in mental health incidents. In addition, each month of the first quarter saw a substantial increase as well (January: 41%, February: 36%, March: 33%).

Mental Health CFS						
	2020	2021	2022	3YA	2023	% Change
January	63	39	49	50.3	71	41%
February	52	65	49	55.3	75	36%
March	44	58	56	52.7	70	33%
Q1 Total	159	162	154	158.3	216	36%

In addition to the increase in mental health incidents, it is of no surprise that the total time spent on these calls for service has increased as well. In comparison to the previous three years (2020-2022), 2023 has seen a 15% increase in the total time spent on mental health calls for service. In comparison to the previous year (2022), time spent on mental health calls for service for quarter 1 of 2023 has seen a 5% decrease, with an average time of 150 hours, 50 minutes, and 23 seconds between the first three months (January, February, March) of 2023. In addition to calls for service for those experiencing a mental crisis, ACPD responded to six cases of suicide. The goal at ACPD is to continue to reduce the amount of time spent on mental health calls for service by partnering with local agencies, such as Region 10, to increase mental health situational awareness and adequate care for those in crisis





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Human Services Alternative Response Team (HARTS)

Developed in the first quarter of 2023, the HARTS team is comprised of personnel of sworn officers from ACPD, Fire Rescue, and the Department of Social Services. The team focuses on working with the mental health community by looking at repeat calls for services attributed to mental health concerns, overall well-being, and trying to keep these individuals out of the criminal justice system and instead finding them the right avenue for the services and treatment they need. The team uses a trauma-informed care approach which recognizes the presence of trauma symptoms and acknowledges the role it may play in many aspects of an individual's life, such as their sense of self and their interactions with those around them.



Auxiliary Officers

ACPD has the honor of working alongside Auxiliary Police Officers who volunteer their time and resources to assist in the aid of our community. Auxiliary Officers receive initial training through the same Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services program and complete a similar field training program as their full-time peers.

During the first quarter of 2023, ACPD had ten Auxiliary Officers who assisted in house checks (53), extra patrols (577), traffic stops, and various other duties alongside ACPD officers. As a unit, the auxiliary officers contributed 376.5 hours.



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Traffic

During the first quarter, ACPD had a total of 3,044 traffic stops, resulting in 1,828 summonses written. Of these 1,828 summonses, the top three violations were speeding (36%), titling and registration (21%), and motor vehicle and equipment safety (16%). For more information regarding traffic and investigatory stops, please visit <https://www.albemarle.org/government/police/virginia-community-policing-act-data>.

Crashes

In total, ACPD responded to 440 crashes. 37% of crashes seen during the first quarter can be attributed to one of three identified target causal factors (alcohol (5%), speed (16%), or distracted driving (16)).

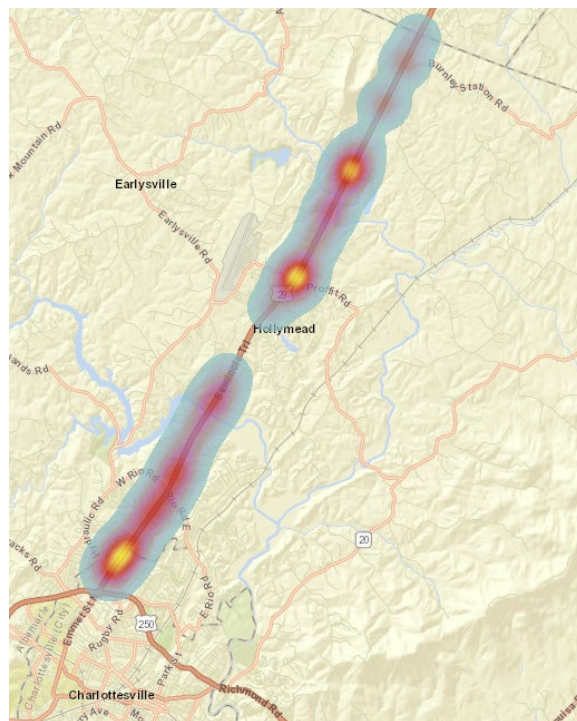
Fatal Crashes

The first quarter saw three cases of fatal crashes, all of which occurred in the month of January. One fatal was a pedestrian-involved incident and the other two were single vehicle, single occupant incidents attributed to impaired driving.

Identification of Target Problematic Areas

Seminole Trail

Due to the length of the roadway and high volume of traffic seen daily, it is no surprise that Seminole Trail had the highest number of crashes (81) for Albemarle County during the first quarter. The three areas along Seminole that see the highest concentrations of crashes occur at the intersections of (1) Hydraulic Rd, (2) Airport Rd, and (3) Briarwood Dr. Of the crashes, 64% involved at least one injury, 31% involved at least two injuries and one was a fatal crash. Additionally, 28% of the total crashes involve one of three causal factors (alcohol (<1%), speed (14%), or distracted driving (14)).





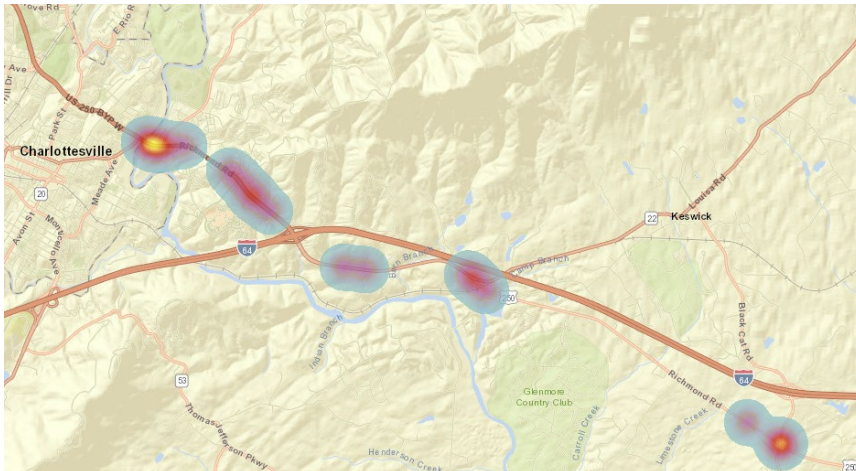
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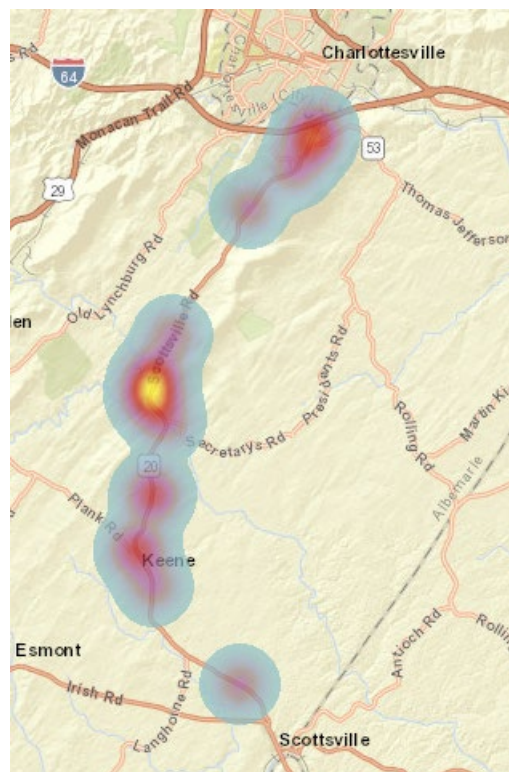
Richmond Road

When removing for crashes that occurred on the highway (I-64), Richmond Road had the second highest number of crashes (20) for Albemarle County. Over half of these occur on the urban side of Richmond Road. Of the 20 crashes seen on Richmond Road, 30% involved two of three causal factors with speed accounting for 5% and distracted driving accounting for the other 25%. Alarmingly, 75% of the crashes involved at least one injury and slightly less than half (45%) involved at least two injuries.



Scottsville Road

Scottsville Road saw a total of 18 crashes during the 1st quarter, with 33% being attributed to speed (11%), alcohol (6%), or distracted driving (17%). Of all crashes, 61% involved at least one injury and 39% involved at least two. The highest prevalence of crashes along Scottsville Road occurred near Carter’s Bridge and at the intersection of Red Hill Road.





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Community Events

During March, ACPD Officers spent the day with kids in the community living in Timberland Park Apartments. Officers brought a basketball hoop and played all afternoon.



Keswick Town Hall



ACPD Foundation Events



Law Enforcement Appreciation Day (January 9th)

Ten Miler – March 25th





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Employee Highlights



I Officer of the First Quarter: Officer Scott Godfrey



II Detective of the First Quarter: Detective Mike Wells



III Civilian of the First Quarter: Susan Painter