Sugar Mountain Police Department



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REPORT TO VILLAGE COUNCIL

May 14, 2025

All Police Department operations are operating as normal. Sugar Mountain Police Department has made a conditional offer to Timothy Kiefer for our open position. Timothy Kiefer has completed many steps in the process for recertification with the North Carolina Criminal Justice Training and Standards. Timothy Kiefer worked for the Charlotte Mecklenburg Police Department for 14 years before leaving Law Enforcement for a career in the public sector. Chief Turbyfill and Officer Brown are working to finish all documentation and paperwork to submit to the North Carolina Criminal Justice Training and Standards. I hope Timothy Kiefer will be sworn in as a Sugar Mountain Police Officer soon. Once sworn, Timothy Kiefer will complete field training and be assigned to the night shift.

Officers have been working to slow traffic down in the Village. Several motorists have received warnings for speeding infractions; State citations are also being issued. I want to ask all motorists to drive safely on Village Streets; many pedestrians are out enjoying the beauty of the Village. The speed limit on Grouse Moor Drive and Sugar Mountain Drive is 25 MPH and 15 MPH on all other side streets.

Firearms in-service training will be completed next week for all full-time officers. This year, SMPD completed firearms in-service training with Avery County Sheriff's Office; in the past, all officers completed firearms in-service on the same day. This year, SMPD split the training up into three (3) separate dates to ensure no loss in coverage.

I have no major incidents to report. We have had numerous calls about vehicle vandalism throughout the Village. Officers have conducted investigations into these events and found that the populations of black bears are becoming more active with the warmer weather. The bears are opening vehicle doors and entering vehicles. I ask that everyone be mindful of what is left inside their vehicles.

Patrol Miles: 4,526

Business Checks: 514

Residence Checks: 416

Included with this report, are our monthly calls for service for your review.

Respectfully,

Casey Turbyfill, Chief

Activity Log Event Summary (Cumulative Totals)

Sugar Mountain Police Department (04/10/2025 - 05/14/2025)

911 Hangup	1
Accident	3
Alarm Activation	6
Assist County Officer	4
Assist Highway Patrol	3
Assist Investigation	1
Assist Motorist	14
Assist Other Officer	1
Business Check	514
Community Police Contact	1
Criminal Summons	2
Deliver Letter	2
Felony Arrest	1
Interview	3
Lost Property	3
Misdemeanor Arrest	1
Open Door	1
Residence Check	416
Stationary Patrol	3
Suspicious Activity	7
Training	9
Unwanted Person	2
Vehicle Search	1
Verbal Warning	8

ABC Closing	21
Administrative Duty	23
Animal Complaint	7
Assist Fire Dept.	1
Assist Home Owner	1
Assist Medical	2
Assist Other Department	9
Assist Public Works	2
Citation	5
Court	7
Damage to Property	1
Escort	5
Foot Patrol	20
Investigation	1
Medical Call	1
Object in Road	3
Other	4
See Officer	6
Stationary Radar	13
Suspicious Vehicle	4
Trespassing	1
Vehicle Maintenance	5
Vehicle Stop	24
Warning Citation	10

Total Number Of Events: 1,183

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