

# Sugar Mountain Police Department



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## REPORT TO VILLAGE COUNCIL

December 12, 2025

The Police Department is operating efficiently; I have made adjustments to the schedule and will be working on weekends and holidays. As of the time of this report, I have no applicants for the full-time Police Officer position. I have contacted some of our reserve officers to help with extra staffing for the busy upcoming weekends, and holidays. As Reserve Officers are employed full-time elsewhere or retired, it's getting nearly impossible to get reserves to commit to scheduled shifts. Officer Linkous will be transitioning to the night shift after Christmas, and Officer Brown will return to the day shift. The week after Christmas and the holiday weekends that follow seem to be when four officers are needed to contend with traffic issues that can arise. It is nearly impossible to do this job with less. During busy times, Officers are mainly tasked with traffic duties and maintaining a highly visible police presence in the Village to deter criminal activity. Keeping traffic flowing and preventing motorists from parking in unauthorized areas is our main objective.

With the recent weather events, we've had no major issues. Thank you to Bill Daniels and crew for being available 24/7 to keep Village roadways passable. When the SMPD officer on duty sees the need overnight, public works crews are always ready to respond and treat the roadways.

I will soon conduct the in-service compliance audit for all personnel. This yearly check ensures sworn officers remain certified through the North Carolina Training and Standards Commission. The compliance report is due to the state by January 15. All full-time officers comply; awaiting some reserves to finish 2025 in-service.

On Friday, 12/12, a representative from the Governor's Crime Commission will be by the department to certify that the Sugar Mountain Police Department is in compliance as a non-secure police facility. This means that we do not have areas that house detainees. Agencies that are classified as secure facilities have booking areas and cells to house detainees.

Officer Kiefer and Officer Linkous are scheduled to attend RADAR certification training in April. As of now, SMPD has only two (2) certified Radar operators, which limits the department in RADAR operations for speeding complaints. I have attached the latest speed radar sign data to this report.

On 11/29, Officer Buchanan responded to a fire at 150 Glenwood Lane. The fire was suppressed by the occupants and contained to the chimney area. No injuries were reported. The Avery County Fire Marshal's Office arrived to investigate the cause of the fire.

On 12/7, Officer Linkous responded to a hit and run in the Sugar Top Parking area. After an investigation, a suspect vehicle was obtained by watching security surveillance footage. Officer Linkous then located the vehicle owner and obtained all the needed information to complete an accident report.

On 12/8, a larceny was reported from a condo at the Highlands. Items that were taken have a value of around \$5,000. On 12/12, I will be interviewing persons of interest. I have requested the NC State Bureau of Investigation's assistance in this case, due to the value of the items that were taken.

I have attached our monthly activity log.

Business Checks: 426, Residence Checks: 381, Patrol Miles: 4,282, Citations: 8, Arrest: 1, ABC Closings: 19

Respectfully,



Chief Casey Turbyfill

# Activity Log Event Summary (Totals)

Sugar Mountain Police Department

(11/14/2025 - 12/11/2025)

<No Event Type Specified>	4	ABC Closing	19
Accident	4	Administrative Duty	27
Alarm Activation	3	Assist County Officer	3
Assist Fire Dept.	3	Assist Home Owner	3
Assist Medical	2	Assist Motorist	12
Assist Other Department	9	Assist Other Officer	2
Assist Public Works	2	Assist Security	2
Business Check	426	Calibrate Alco- Sensor	1
Call in Public Works	4	Citation	8
Community Police Contact	3	Continue Investigation	4
Damage to Property	2	Deliver Letter	1
Deliver Town Council Packets	4	Domestic	2
Drug Related Call	1	Drunk & Disruptive	3
Escort	20	Felony Arrest	2
Foot Patrol	163	Hit & Run	2
Interview	1	Investigate Town Ord. Violation	1
Investigation	3	Larceny	2
Magistrate's Order	1	Object in Road	6
Other	1	Parking Citation	1
Residence Check	381	See Officer	10
Stationary Patrol	33	Stationary Radar	4
Suspicious Activity	1	Suspicious Person	1
Suspicious Vehicle	8	Trash	2
Trespassing	8	Vandalism	1
Vehicle Maintenance	1	Vehicle Stop	35
Verbal Warning	20	Warning Citation	9
Wash/Clean Patrol Vehicle	2	Welfare Check	1

Total Number Of Events: 1,274