

# HANOVER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SHIELD

AWARENESS THROUGH INFORMATION SHARING



## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

May 21, 2019

### THE SHIELD PROGRAM

The SHIELD program establishes a platform connected to a national network to keep you informed as to what is occurring in our community and abroad. The program is designed with an understanding that crime and terrorism events throughout the region, state, nation and even the world, can have an impact on our Hanover community.

The SHIELD program provides community members and organizations with information on emerging local and regional crime trends as well as evolving terrorist threats that may impact Hanover County. SHIELD is the central destination for community organizations to obtain information and engage Sheriff's Office resources.

### HANOVER CRIME TREND AWARENESS

During April 2019, the majority of the Hanover Sheriff's Office requests for service were in Zone 20 and Zone 30, which encompasses much of the downtown Mechanicsville area and areas near Rutland and Atlee Station Road, as well as along major highways. Red indicates high activity areas and blue indicates low activity areas. Compared to March, April follows the same pattern and concentration of incidents, but with a slight increase in the Doswell area and a slight decrease in the Ashland area.

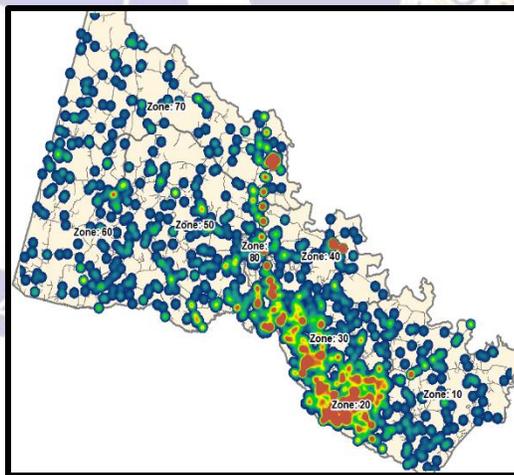


Figure 1: Shows all the incidents from April 2019.

### MISSION STATEMENT

Through community and multi-agency partnerships: receive, analyze, and develop meaningful intelligence to counter crime and extremism through predictive and strategic policing strategies that quickly translate into action.

### EVENT CALENDAR

Quarterly Watch Meeting

June 4, 2019 @ 7:00PM

### HCSO WEBSITE

[CLICK HERE](#)



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## East End and Central Areas

In the month of April, Spring Meadows, Ash Creek, Pebble Creek, Bell Creek Park, and Kosmo Village were our most active neighborhoods.

Calls for service from Spring Meadows have decreased by 17% compared to March. The top incidents consisted of 911 hang-ups, domestic disputes, and residential alarms.

The amount of calls for service in Ash Creek has stayed consistent compared to March. The top incidents consisted of 911 hang-ups, forgery/fraud, disorderly conduct, and suspicious situations.

Pebble Creek has seen a 15% decrease for calls. Top calls for service include 911 hang-ups, residential alarms, suspicious activity, and traffic complaints/violations.

Bell Creek Park has seen about a 9% increase of calls for service compared to March. The top calls include 911 hang-ups and suspicious activity.

Kosmo Village calls for service have increased by 57% compared to March. The top calls consists of 911 hang-ups and domestic disputes.

High Point Farms and The Pines are also noted to have a moderate number of service calls, mostly consisting of 911 hang-ups, suspicious activity, and assaults.

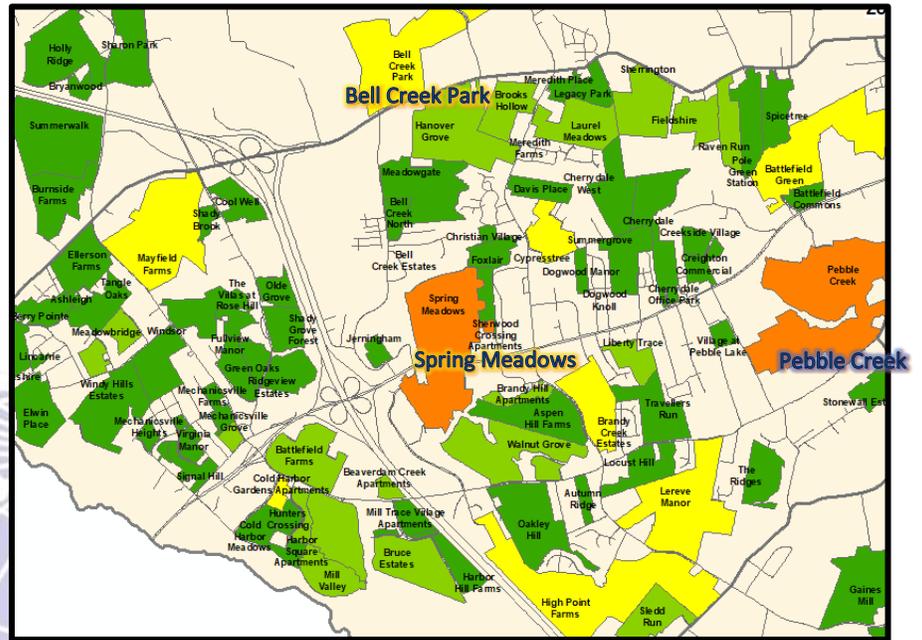


Figure 2: Shows the most active subdivisions in the East End.

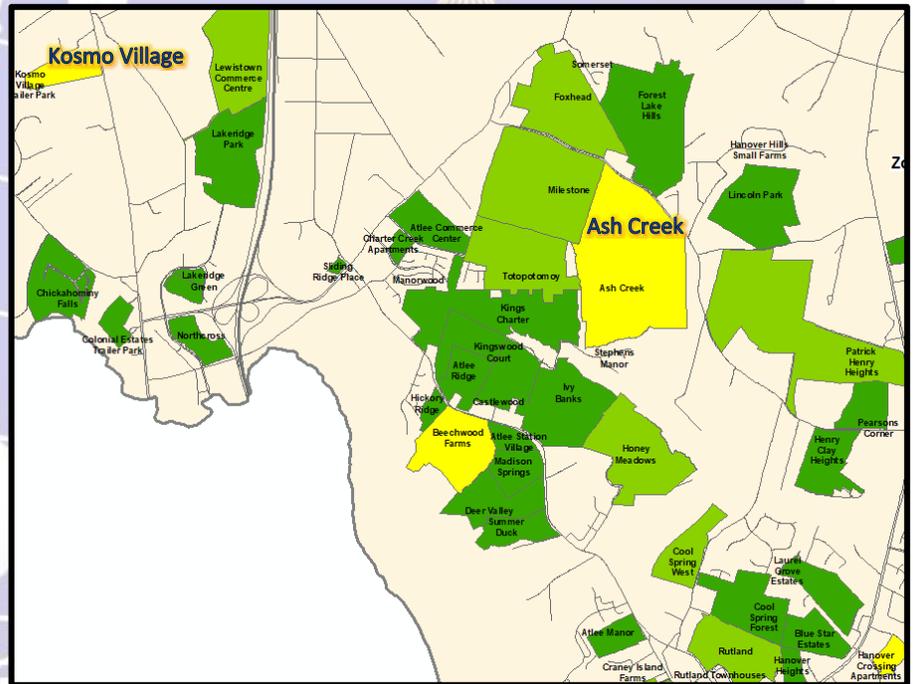


Figure 3: Shows the most active subdivisions the Central Area.

## CRIME PREVENTION

### PAVING SCAMS!

The setup involves a less-than-trustworthy individual or business visiting your home claiming they have leftover materials from a previous paving job. They are looking for homes with cracked driveways and say they can take care of your driveway for a very large discount. The catch is that you have to pay up front.

Since they are using leftover materials, the quality of work is poor because there is normally not enough asphalt to adequately cover the area or they just spray a coating over your driveway. This causes uneven spreading and thin layers, which increases the risk of the driveway cracking or crumbling. The other issue consumers complain about is that the representative begins work, only to find out there is not enough asphalt to complete the job that same day. He or she will apologize and promise to return the next day to finish. Consumers report the representatives never come back and the consumer is left with an unfinished driveway and less money in their bank account. If they do return, the price to finish will be significantly increased.

Often, consumers do not have a way to contact the representative or the company they work for because they were never given a business card; they only have a cell number that no longer works and they don't have an agreement in writing.

To make sure this does not happen to you, here are a few red flags that you can look for in a driveway repair scam:

- **There are leftover materials from another job.** Professional asphalt contractors know, with great accuracy, how much paving material is needed to complete each project. Rarely will they have large quantities of leftover material.
- **You are pushed to make a quick decision.** Trustworthy contractors will provide a written estimate that will be valid for days or even weeks. It should specify in detail the work to be performed and the total price. They also don't mind you checking them out before signing a contract.
- **Cash-only sales.** Most reputable contractors will take checks or credit cards and don't require payment up front. BBB recommends never paying more than 1/3 up front, and only then with a written contract.
- **The company is from out of state.** Look at the truck the representative travels in. If it is unmarked or has an out-of-state license plate, be cautious. Even if the representative claims to have a local phone number, scammers can easily purchase disposable cell phones to provide a local number in the area they are soliciting. Also, don't be afraid to ask to see their driver's license. If the worker is from out of state, how likely are they to come back if a problem arises in the future?

If you suspect that you are dealing with a paving scammer, contact the Hanover County Sheriff's Office at (804) 365-6140.

# TERRORISM AWARENESS

## TERROR-INSPIRED INCIDENTS

### CALIFORNIA:



The FBI has arrested Mark Domingo, a U.S. Army veteran. He stands charged with providing material support to ISIS and attempting to manufacture and use a weapon of mass destruction in order to commit mass murder. Domingo expressed his support for ISIS and its leader, Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi.

Domingo allegedly told an FBI Informant that he wanted revenge for the attacks on mosques in New Zealand last month. He discussed different targets of attacks that included **Jews, churches and police officers**. He made one reference to possibly attacking a synagogue, which he did not identify.

In pursuit of his goal, Domingo purchased parts to construct the improvised explosive device, to include hundreds of nails to maximize injuries. Unknown to Domingo, the informant had provided him with inert explosives.

Domingo initially planned to detonate his device at a Nazi rally in Southern California. He further planned with the informant, if they survived the attack, their next attacks would be in Los Angeles, Long Beach or on a train. The Nazi rally failed to materialize.



### TEXAS:

Pursuant to a plea agreement, Matin Azizi-Yarand has been sentenced to 20 years in custody for plotting an ISIS-inspired attack at a Texas mall. Azizi-Yarand acknowledged attempting to recruit others to help him commit a mass shooting at the Stonebriar Centre Mall in Frisco, Texas, in 2018. The date of the attack was scheduled for the month of May, as Azizi-Yarand believed Muslims would not be in the mall, as they would be participating in Ramadan. He provided \$1400 to an undercover FBI agent in exchange for weapons and gear to carry out the attack.



## ONLINE CRIME MAPPING RESOURCE

As a reminder, you can log on to our crime map link at <http://www.hanovercountygis.org/sheriff/> to view crime activity in your area.



## REPORTING

Should you have any information about any crime or suspicious activity, please contact the Sheriff's Office. If it is an emergency, please dial 911. For non-emergency events in progress, please dial (804) 365-6140. Other non-emergency information can be shared at [SHIELD@hanovercounty.gov](mailto:SHIELD@hanovercounty.gov).

