



Community Safety Update: March 2026

Keeping Our Community Safe – One Call at a Time

Throughout the month of March, Shomrim of Baltimore has continued to work diligently to protect our neighborhoods, support victims, and partner with local authorities to deter crime and ensure public safety.

Monthly Statistics:

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| • Total Calls Received: 186 | • Total In-Person Responses: 64 | • Issues Handled by Phone: 122 |
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Every call matters. Whether dispatched in person or resolved over the phone, our team remains committed to responding with compassion, discretion, and urgency.

Notable Incidents:

- Disorderly and Suspicious Activity Continued: Shomrim coordinated with police for incidents on Seven Mile, Park Heights, and Marnat.
- Several attempted residential entries: Shomrim coordinated with police and provided footage for incidents on W Strathmore, Taney, and Labyrinth.
- Confirmed vehicle thefts, Repeated vehicle rummaging incidents: Shomrim assisted victims of stolen vehicles, attempted auto thefts, and vehicle tampering. Responders helped document incidents on Apollo Dr, Ivymount, Bancroft, and Fallstaff near Clarks; canvassed for camera footage and coordinated information with police.

Notable Trends:

- ◆ **Trend of Anti-Semitic Incidents:** Cases of targeted harassment, threatening behavior near schools & synagogues, & property damage involving religious symbols continue across North America. We encourage the community to be mindful & report any suspicious activity.
- ◆ **Increased Suspicious Activity:** Warmer weather seems to have caused an increase in overall activity including masked individuals going through parking lots looking in cars, people taking pictures of community organizations, etc.
- ◆ **Increased Attempted Residential Entry Activity:** March included multiple calls for individuals shaking door handles, attempting to force entry, or attempting to pry doors. These incidents occurred primarily at private residences. Units responded to several of these calls, and coordinated with police when appropriate.
- ◆ **Continued Vehicle Crime Concerns:** Residents reported vehicles stolen, suspicious persons near cars, & thefts from vehicles. These incidents remain a persistent concern, particularly during evening & overnight hours. Most calls were received between 3:30 AM and 5:30 AM
- ◆ **Mental Health / Disorderly Individuals:** Several calls involved individuals acting erratically, yelling in roadways, throwing objects, or causing public disturbance. Police were requested, and units responded when appropriate for presence and assessment.



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↑ Top 3 Crime Types in Mar:

1. **Theft / Larceny:** Early-morning car door-handle checking, Multiple vehicles rummaged, Property removed from cars.
2. **Burglary / Attempted Break-In:** Residential door shaking attempts, Attempted door pry, primarily residences.
3. **Disorderly Conduct / Suspicious Persons:** Individuals screaming in roadways, Throwing objects / aggressive behavior, Suspicious persons on private property, Public alarm calls (erratic behavior)

🔵 Operational & Training Notes:

- Continued refinement of data-driven patrol deployment, using call trends and recent incidents to guide coverage.
- Ongoing coordination with contracted security personnel, including patrol cadence and radio procedures; Contracted patrols for Pesach throughout the community during *tefiloh*.
- Active camera system monitoring and maintenance, including troubleshooting outages and repositioning assets as needed.
- Fundraiser held March 10 – 12 with \$75,000.00 raised. Thank you to all members and supporters who partnered with Shomrim to connect and protect the community.

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🔵 Intelligence Tidbit:

March incidents in and around our community include:

Shooting, 1 Assault / Robbery, 62 Vehicle Theft / Carjacking, 37 Burglary / Attempted Break-In, 28 Theft / Larceny, 64 Disorderly Conduct / Harassment, 28 -Data drawn from dataminr, Citizen, blotters, and other sources.

⚠️ Safety Reminder: Please remain vigilant and take the following precautions:

- Always lock **doors, windows, and vehicles** — especially at night.
- Keep **exterior lights** on from dusk to dawn.
- Avoid leaving valuables in cars or on porches.
- Report any suspicious persons or activity immediately to **Shomrim (410-358-9999)** and **911**.

Join Our Mission: We are actively recruiting new volunteers for all roles (Dispatch, Patrol, Response, Victim Advocacy, Administrative, etc.). If you are passionate about protecting your community & want to join us in making a real difference, we want to hear from you! 📧 **Contact:** membership@shomrim.net or go to

<https://shomrim.net/#join-our-team>



Thank you for your continued trust and support.

Together, we are stronger!

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