



Community Safety Update: May 2025

Keeping Our Community Safe – One Call at a Time

Throughout the month of May, 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: 239 | • Total In-Person Responses: 134 | • Issues Handled by Phone: 105 |
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Every call matters. Whether dispatched in person or resolved remotely, our team remains committed to responding with compassion, discretion, and urgency.

Success Stories:

- **Missing Teen Safely Located:** In the early hours of May 2, a 13-year-old boy was discovered to be missing. Shomrim coordinated with the father and police, located the child near Reisterstown Road, and he was returned safely by PD.
- **Home Invasion Prevention:** A vigilant neighbor noticed suspicious individuals loitering near a home. Shomrim responded promptly and prevented what appeared to be an imminent break-in. Police were notified and increased patrols were requested.
- **Suspicious Activity Intervention:** Several calls reported a man behaving erratically and tearing down signs. Shomrim units monitored his behavior, ensured community safety, and worked with police to address the issue without escalation.

Notable Trends:

 **Rising Trend of Anti-Semitic Incidents:** This month, multiple cases of targeted harassment, threatening behavior near schools and synagogues, and property damage involving religious symbols were reported across North America. These incidents are being closely monitored and relayed to appropriate law enforcement agencies. We encourage the community to keep “an eye out” as they go through their day, and report any suspicious activity to the police and Shomrim of Baltimore

 **Rising Trend of Home Invasions:** Forced or unlawful entries into homes in our area have increased. Many incidents occurred in the early hours of the morning (3-7am) through both locked and unlocked doors and windows to the rear of residences. Shomrim has increased patrols in the areas in question, and PD has done so as well. Additionally, Shomrim has moved one of our camera trailers into the area to act as a deterrent, and PD is investigating these crimes diligently. They ask that anyone with footage of those suspected of this crime provide them to info@shomrim.net.

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Top 3 Crime Types in May:

1. **Residential Break-Ins:** Forced and/or unlawful entry into homes have increased. Many incidents occurred in the early hours of the morning (3-7am) through both locked and unlocked doors and windows to the rear of residences.
2. **Theft from Vehicles:** Items stolen from unlocked vehicles. Many incidents occurred in the early hours of the morning (1-3am).
3. **Assault:** Several physical altercations, including attempted robberies and street-level harassment.

Notes from the Northwest Precinct:

"We've seen a rise in burglaries involving unlocked doors and windows, with suspects stealing wallets, keys, and vehicles—often using stolen keys. Our detectives and the Regional Auto Theft Task Force (RATT) have made one arrest and are investigating a broader criminal enterprise.


Additionally, recent thefts from vehicles appear tied to a crew originally operating in Baltimore County, and we're coordinating with the Pikesville Commander. Regarding recent robberies, we suspect a connection between several cases but have not yet confirmed identities.

The Romaric Court incident was classified as a 'shooting at' involving a suspected drug deal—no one was injured. We've since increased overnight patrols and RATT is actively assisting our detectives. We value our strong partnership with Shomrim of Baltimore."

— Maj. Yourkovik, Commanding Officer, Northwest District, Baltimore City Police

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

- Lock all doors and windows at night and when away from home. Consider types of locks that can't be tampered with from the outside.
- Make sure the property around your house is well lit at night.
- Do not leave valuables in your vehicle – especially in plain sight.
- Ensure your security systems and lighting are in working order.
- Report suspicious individuals or behavior immediately to Shomrim and local authorities.

Join Our Mission: We are actively recruiting new volunteers for all roles. If you are passionate about protecting your community and want to join us in making a real difference, we want to hear from you!  **Contact:** membership@shomrim.net

Thank you for your continued trust and support.
Together, we are stronger!

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