

Hartford Police Department Monthly Report

Month: May 2026

DEPARTMENT SUMMARY:

Officers are still working on traffic enforcement around the area of Center St and 60th Ave. Officers have been monitoring the construction areas. Safety is important this time of year for all in the area.

I am keeping track of all blight violations by adding them into BS&A. Most are compliant. Spring is here so many more will be coming. We are really pushing the curbside cleanup for April 22nd 2026. I have spoken with an attorney that deals with blight and have worked out a cost effective process.

I am continuing to work on cleaning and organizing the evidence room since the audits and accreditation are completed.

STATISTICS:

Service Calls: Total Calls for service: Within City: 106 Calls by our agency: 92

Arrests: *1 Felony Arrest* *5 Misdemeanor Arrest*

Traffic Stops: *16*

Citations: *2*

BUDGET UPDATE:

I am still working with distributors and installers about the new vehicle and getting pricing. The price submitted was higher than I expected. I am still attempting to locate our best options as prices have significantly increased over the past year. I am trying to find the best deals available.

I am working with Van Buren County on the number of radios we need compared with wanting. I am doing my best to obtain as many as possible. We are still..... unsure on the state mandated new radios what will need to be purchased in 3 years. This is still being worked out with the State and County.

PERSONNEL:

No new employees at this time.

TRAINING:

Our spring training for firearms will be completed hopefully in the next 2 months. I am working with our law enforcement partners to assist in training.

Officer Hamre completed his Taser Instructor Course.

All officers will be attending at domestic violence course at Van Buren County.

I am hosting free trainings at the Pokagon Tribal Police that our Hartford staff are attending.

PUBLIC OUTREACH:

We are working on spreading the word on the city wide clean up and blight prevention.

FLEET STATUS:

We are desperately needing a new patrol vehicle. The pricing has increased even for the government rate.

Also routine maintenance was complete on both vehicles.

EQUIPMENT:

None

GRANTS & INITIATIVES:

I will work on the 2027 COPS grant program when the application opens up. I am hoping this time we are awarded the funding, but again, funding is going to high crime areas.

Amount	Grant	Grantor	Purpose	Status

Update Manual/Policies/Procedures/Rules:

Name of Policy	Date Started Update	Status of Update	Est. Completion Date
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Criminal Justice Compliance Policy		Updating and working with the State of Michigan	May 31 st 2026

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Respectfully Submitted by: Chief Brian Matthews

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