

Hartford Police Department Monthly Report

Month: June 2026

DEPARTMENT SUMMARY:

Officers are still working and monitoring construction zone areas for traffic enforcement. Safety is important this time of year for all in the area. We are also monitoring for an ORV that is on the roadway and operating recklessly but we have not been able to locate it.

Grass mowing letters have been sent out. I also made personal appearances at a couple residences for blight issues. I am keeping track of all blight violations by adding them into BS&A. Most properties are becoming compliant. We 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:

<i>Total Calls for service:</i>	Within City: 106	Calls by our agency: 87
<i>Arrests:</i>	0 Felony Arrest	3 Misdemeanor Arrest
<i>Traffic Stops:</i>	16	
<i>Citations:</i>	3	

BUDGET UPDATE:

We are getting word again that we maybe will be responsible for the full costs of radios for our agency due to federal requirements. At this time the price of each radio is approximately \$5000 to \$8000 dollars. With this unexpected cost, we may have to push the purchase of a new vehicle off until later.

We are trying to rehabilitate our old Dodge Charger in case we lose a vehicle due to significant maintenance. Our staff does well at not stressing the overtaxing the wear and tear on vehicles. I am encouraging strict maintenance on the vehicles to keep them in the best condition possible until after we learn what our financial costs are for the radios.

PERSONNEL:

No new employees at this time.

TRAINING:

I will be hosting some firearms training in the next two weeks.

A few officers attended at domestic violence course at Van Buren County.

PUBLIC OUTREACH:

We continuing to work on spreading the word on the city wide clean up and blight prevention. Numerous blight letters have been sent. We are working on trying to secure an attorney to be the "City Prosecutor" for blight cases. Without one we cannot proceed with complete blight enforcement.

FLEET STATUS:

We are doing as much preventative maintenance on the vehicles as possible. See the reasoning above.

We are also trying to keep mileage down due to the higher fuel costs at this time.

EQUIPMENT:

I am working on getting cost effective optics for the new rifles we have. This is essential with the atmosphere of recent aggression towards police.

GRANTS & INITIATIVES:

I am working on the 2027 COPS grant program application. I received a letter from the Department of Justice outlining which type of agencies will be receiving funding for fiscal year 2027. It appears that large agencies with significant more crime will be receiving the grant funding dollars. In other words, agencies such as our size will more than likely not be receiving money.

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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Respectfully Submitted by: Chief Brian Matthews

Date: June 5th, 2026

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