

Hartford Police Department Monthly Report

Month: July 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:

Total Calls for service: Within City: 130 Calls by our agency: 86

Arrests: 0 Felony Arrest 3 Misdemeanor Arrest

Traffic Stops: 14

Citations: 1

Blight Update:

I have personally sent, delivered, and visited with homeowners about blight violations. There has been some progress made by some of the property owners but not by everyone. The courts want to see progress being made by homeowners before they will provide any judgement to the respondent. I am documenting the efforts by those property owners making progress and those who are not. It is imperative that once an attorney is retained to file cases on our behalf, we will have a much better ability to obtain compliance and take remediation actions if necessary.

Inspections were done June 16th 2026 and June 30th 2026

In Process Complaints:

No # North Center St:	Grass not mowed. I have sent a letter and emailed. No response.
441 E Main Street:	Property is improving. Owner is working on the issue.
107 S Center Street:	Grass not mowed.
40 Marion Ave:	Junk on property. Personal Visit, letter sent.
191 60 th Avenue:	Grass not mowed. Letter sent.
421 E Oak Street:	Junk cars. One located.
25 E Beechwood St:	Cars, grass. Commercial property
17 N Haver St:	Grass not mowed, Letter delivered, will have to go to attorney.

Compliant Cases:

227 Edwin Street	Letter sent. Grass has been mowed. Even before Strawberry Fest.
103 Bernard Street:	Letter sent. Grass has been mowed.
453 N Center Street:	Letter sent. Grass has been mowed.

BUDGET UPDATE:

I met with a radio company to see what our options are for the purchase of radios. I may be going with a different brand of radio than we have in the past. I tested one and it seems to be very good for what we need. With this, I am having to put a slight hold on our new vehicle purchase. I will keep you updated on this.

We are doing maintenance on all of our vehicles right now to help keep them going at least another year. This again is in lieu of the radio purchase that may need to be made.

PERSONNEL:

No new employees at this time.

TRAINING:

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

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

PUBLIC OUTREACH:

Strawberry fest seemed to be a big hit this year. We have heard only positive comments about the event and how our staff was beneficial in its safe operation.

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

END OF REPORT

Respectfully Submitted by: Chief Brian Matthews

Date: July 10th, 2026

