

Date: June 8, 2026

To: Public Safety Commissioners
City of Independence Council Members
City of Maple Plain Council Members

From: Director Matt DuRose

SUBJECT: May 2026 Monthly Activity Report



I present to you the May 2026 Monthly Activity Report for West Hennepin Public Safety.

All incidents are broken down as defined in the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS). NIBRS is the accepted reporting system utilized by police agencies across the country. NIBRS provides more complete and detailed incident information because it requires reporting of every offense committed within the incident. By detailing all offenses reported to West Hennepin Public Safety, it may appear that crime statistics are higher than what they have been, but this isn't necessarily the case. In this month's report, you will see that there were 23 criminal offenses reported, but they occurred in 15 incidents.

NIBRS is broken down in the following categories:

Group A offenses

Animal Cruelty	Drug offenses	Homicide	Prostitution
Arson	Embezzlement	Human Trafficking	Robbery
Assault	Extortion	Kidnapping	Sex Offenses
Bribery	Forgery	Larceny	Stolen Property
Burglary	Fraud	Motor Vehicle Theft	Weapon Laws
Destruction/Damage	Gambling	Obscene Material	

Group B offenses

Bad Checks	Driving Under Influence	Liquor Law Violations	All Other Offenses
Curfew	Drunkenness	Peeping Tom	
Disorderly Conduct	Family Offenses	Trespass	

In addition to reporting Group A & B offenses, this activity report includes traffic related activity and community engagement activities of West Hennepin Public Safety.

You will notice that this month's report shows several serious crimes that were reported to WHPS. These incidents are being, or have been, thoroughly investigated by WHPS staff. Due to the seriousness and sensitivity of the incidents, they are not detailed in the summary of incidents. Charges will be sought at the conclusion of the investigations.

If anyone would like more detailed data, please contact my office.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Matt DuRose', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

West Hennepin Public Safety Monthly Activity Report

May 2026



May 2026 Overview

Calls for Service
Maple Plain
170 (34.5%)

Total Calls for Service
494

Calls for Service
Independence
224 (45.5%)

Traffic
Offenses
63

DWIs
1

Traffic
Offenses
77

DWIs
4

Other (20%)
AA – 44
TZD – 35
Oth – 21

Crashes
0

Arrests
3

Crashes
5

Arrests
5

Group A
Offenses
6

Group B
Offenses
4

Group A
Offenses
8

Group B
Offenses
5

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Year to Date 2026 Overview

Calls for Service
Maple Plain
668 (30%)

Total Calls for Service
2,216
(2025 YTD: 2,115)

Calls for Service
Independence
1,230 (55.5%)

Traffic
Offenses
286

DWIs
6

Other (14.5%)
AA – 176
TZD – 110
Oth – 32

Traffic
Offenses
564

DWIs
13

Crashes
7

Arrests
15

Crashes
60

Arrests
17

Group A
Offenses
28

Group B
Offenses
19

Group A
Offenses
16

Group B
Offenses
18

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Calls for Service: Non-Criminal

Medicals & Lift
Assists/Falls
23

Alarms
18

Traffic
Complaints
15

Suspicious
Activity
8

Disturbance
4

Welfare Check
& Mental Health
6

Record Checks
& Permits
65

Animal Calls
17

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*Alarms include home, business, fire, CO2 alarms

*Disturbance includes fights, harassment, and disorderly situations.



Year to Date Calls for Service: Non-Criminal

Medicals & Lift
Assists/Falls
121

Alarms
91

Traffic
Complaints
51

Suspicious
Activity
47

Disturbance
17

Welfare Check
& Mental Health
47

Record Checks
& Permits
213

Animal Calls
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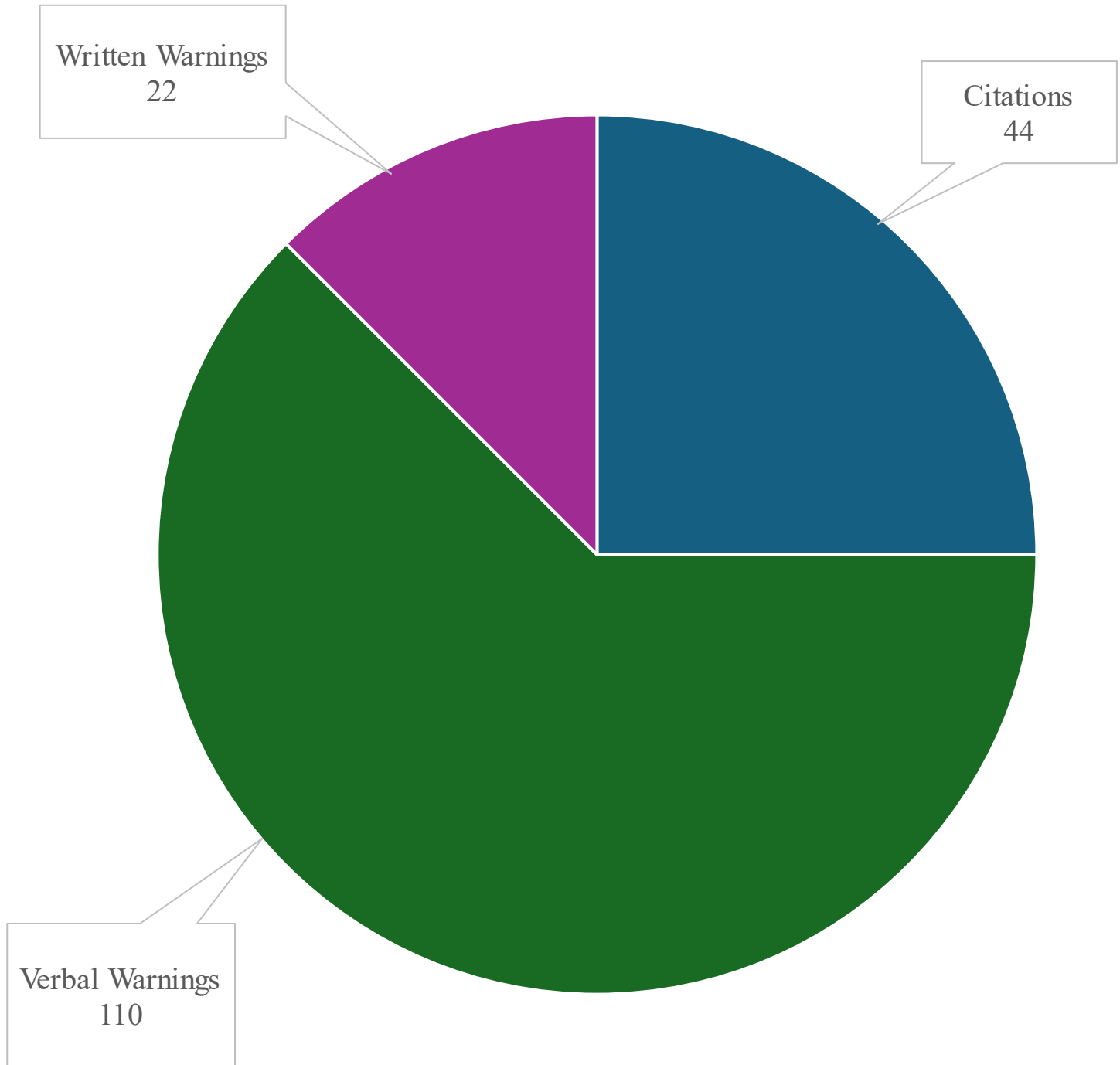


Notable Calls for Service

- **Suspicious Activity, ICR 26001746:** 900 block of Nelson Road, Independence. Officer was dispatched to a report of juveniles roaming around an abandoned property. Officer arrived and spoke to the juveniles who advised they were exploring. Officer contacted their parents and walked the property for damage. Officer released the juveniles with a verbal warning for trespassing.
- **Crash, ICR 26001773:** County Road 92/County Road 11, Independence. Officer was dispatched to a three-vehicle crash with possible injuries. Officer arrived and determined one vehicle failed to stop at the stop sign. One driver was evaluated by North Memorial Paramedics and ultimately, refused to be transported. The driver that failed to stop was cited for the violation.
- **Fire, ICR 26001832:** 6300 block of Stephanie Way, Independence. Officer was dispatched to a large grass fire on the back edge of the property. Officer and several fire departments arrived on scene and contained the fire. The homeowner advised he was burning some cardboard boxes and the fire spread into a large marshy area. Officer observed plastic turf carpet in the fire. Officer advised there is a high fire danger notice prohibiting open burning. The homeowner did not have a burn permit and was cited for burning prohibited materials.
- **Trespassing, ICR 26002137:** 2300 block of Independence Road, Independence. Officer was dispatched to a trespassing complaint of juveniles fishing on the reporting party's property. Officer arrived on scene and spoke to the juveniles about the violation. They agreed to leave the area.
- **Welfare Check, ICR 26002194:** 4800 block of Gateway Blvd, Maple Plain. Officer observed a vehicle with front end damage and could see the driver reclined in the seat. Officer was unable to determine if the driver was unconscious or not. Officer made contact and began a consensual conversation. It was found the driver had a revoked license status due past to no insurance citations. Officer provided resources to take care of his unpaid citations and clear his driving status. The driver was advised not to leave in the vehicle until insurance was obtained and have a valid driver drive the vehicle.



Traffic Offense Data

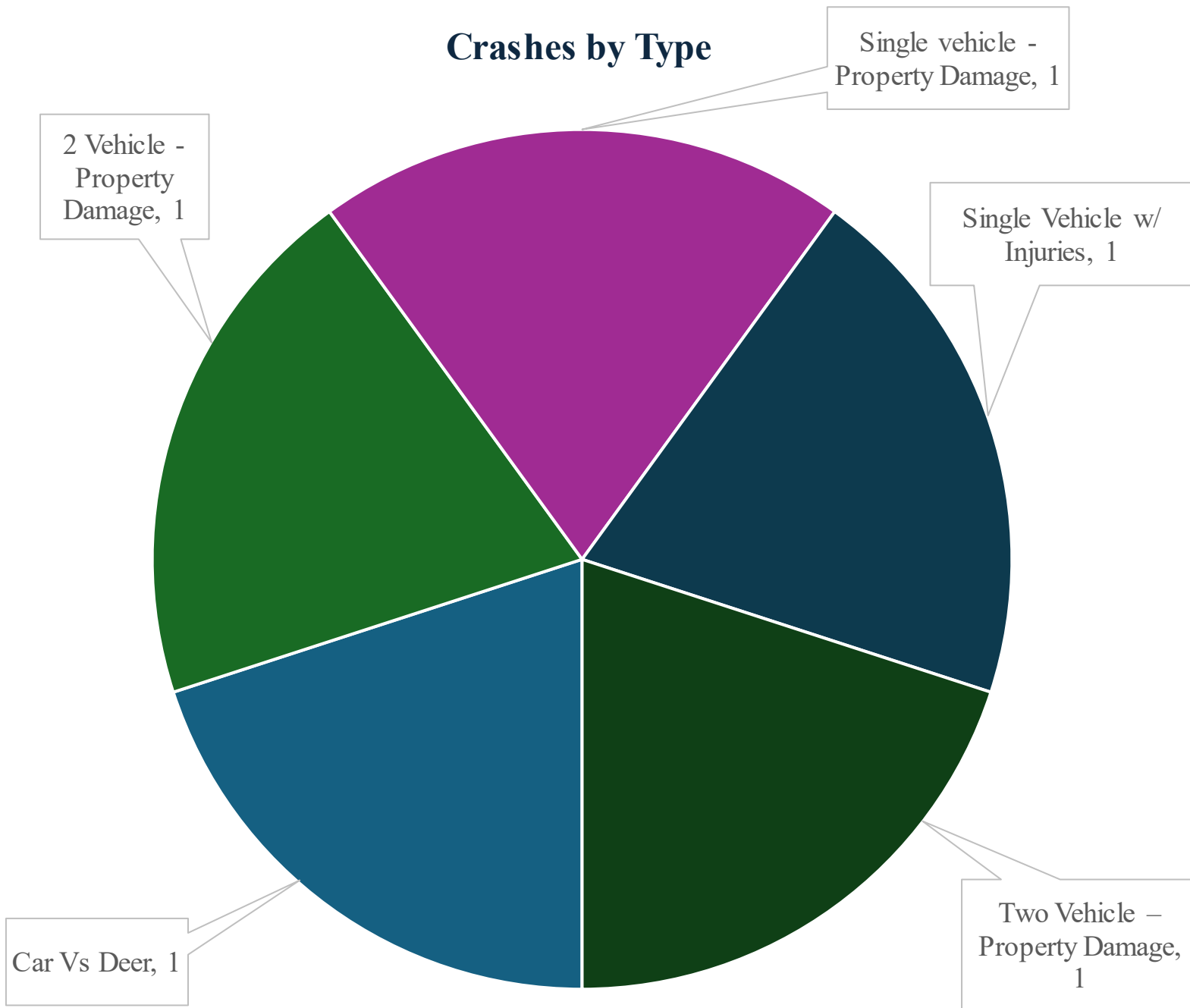


*Traffic Offense Data includes TZD stops



Crash Statistics

Crashes by Type



Criminal Offenses

Assault
MP – 1

Burglary
MP – 1

Crime Against
Society
MP – 2

CSC
MP – 2
Ind – 2

DWI
MP – 1
Ind – 5

Robbery
MP – 1

Theft/Fraud
Ind – 6

Weapons
MP – 2

*23 total reportable criminal offenses to the State/FBI in 15 separate incidents



Notable Criminal Offenses

- **DWI, ICR 26001748:** County Road 6/County Road 90, Independence. Officer initiated a traffic stop for multiple traffic infractions. Officer spoke to the driver and observed signs of suspected impairment by drugs. The driver was ultimately placed under arrest for DWI. A Drug Recognition Expert responded and completed an evaluation determining the driver was impaired by a stimulant. A search warrant was executed for a blood draw. Pending results.
- **DWI, ICR 26001817:** 5200 block of County Road 6, Independence. Officer was dispatched to a driving complaint where the suspect vehicle struck the jersey barrier. Officer located the vehicle and spoke to the driver who showed signs of severe impairment. Driver was arrested for DWI where he provided an evidentiary breath sample of 0.36. The driver also has two prior DWI convictions within the last 10 years. He was transported to Hennepin County Jail pending charges.
- **Traffic, ICR 26001918:** Baker Park Road/Drake Street, Maple Plain. Officer was on routine patrol and initiated a traffic stop on a vehicle with a suspected driver with a cancelled license. Officer made contact with the driver and confirmed she is the registered owner. It was found the driver provided a factitious insurance card, there was no insurance on the vehicle, and the driver's license status was cancelled. She was booked and released for the violation.
- **DWI, ICR 26001962:** County Road 6/County Road 90, Independence. Officer was on routine patrol and observed a motorcycle driving 70-MPH in a 50-MPH zone. Officer stopped the vehicle and spoke to the driver who displayed signs of impairment. The driver refused Field Sobriety Tests and preliminary breath test. He was placed under arrest for suspicion of DWI and transported for booking where the driver agreed to the evidentiary breath test which indicated 0.21. The driver was transported to Hennepin County Jail and charged with 3rd Degree DWI.



Notable Criminal Offenses

- **Assault, ICR 26001964:** 1500 block of Howard Ave, Maple Plain. Officer was dispatched to an assault. Officers arrived on scene and found the suspect had punched the victim in the face for parking in a handicapped parking space. An investigation was conducted where video footage was reviewed and confirmed an altercation had ensued. The suspect was issued a citation for 5th Degree Assault and Falsely Reporting a Crime.
- **DWI, ICR 26002071:** 3400 block of Lake Haughey Road, Independence. Officer was dispatched to a vehicle in the ditch and the driver was injured. The reporting party advised the driver admitted to drinking and smoking marijuana. Officer arrived on scene and observed small abrasions on the driver's face, a bruised knee, and driver complained of wrist pain. After being evaluated by paramedics, the driver refused further medical attention. Field Sobriety Tests were performed, and the driver was ultimately arrested for DWI. Driver provided an evidentiary breath test of .09. He was cited and released for 4th Degree DWI.
- **DWI, ICR 26002085:** 5000 block of Highway 12, Maple Plain. Officers responded to a report of a wrong-way driver westbound in the eastbound lane of Highway 12. Officer located the vehicle and spoke to the driver who advised he didn't know where he was and admitted to drinking too much. The driver was ultimately placed under arrest for DWI and provided an evidentiary breath test of .17. The driver was transported to Hennepin County Jail where he was booked for 3rd Degree DWI.
- **DWI, ICR 26002117:** 1500 block of Howard Avenue, Maple Plain. Officers were dispatched to a disturbance where an assault occurred. It was reported one of the subjects involved had a firearm. Officers arrived on scene and spoke to the victim who advised he had gotten into an argument with a neighbor when the suspect choked the reporting party and forcibly pushed him into the wall. The victim punched the suspect twice to get him to let go. Witness statements corroborated the victim's statement. The suspect was taken into custody and a firearm was recovered. The possessor is a prohibited person and was transported to Hennepin County Jail for charging.



Community Engagement

- May 7 Chief DuRose, Sgt Ebeling, and Detective Zilles attended the graduation ceremony for Reserve Officer Austin Ward
- May 11 Chief DuRose met with Laker Pioneer staff to discuss traffic safety and enforcement in WHPS jurisdiction for an upcoming article in the paper
- May 12 Chief DuRose attended the Orono Healthy Youth meeting
- May 12 Chief DuRose attended the monthly West Hennepin Chamber business meeting
- May 14 Chief DuRose attended the Orono Coalition meeting
- May 14 Chief DuRose, AA Curtis, and AA Dwinell attended the monthly Hennepin Chiefs meeting in which Administrative Professionals were recognized
- May 19 Chief DuRose met with Motor Condos of Independence owner to discuss planned events
- May 20 Officer Lueth stopped by the youth softball games at Rainbow Park
- May 25 Officer Freeman, Reserve Ward and Chief DuRose attended the Memorial Day service at Lewis Cemetery. Chief was the guest speaker as well.
- May 25 Officer Freeman and Reserve Ward were treated to lunch by an Independence resident
- May 26 Detective Anderson met with new Chaplains
- May 26 Detective Anderson met with a high school student to talk about DNA and forensic investigations
- May 28 Officer Eldred and Chief DuRose attended the monthly Hennepin County Traffic Advisory Committee meeting
- May 28 Detective Anderson, Officer Raskin, and Chief DuRose attended Orono Chief Farniok's retirement celebration at Orono City Council Chambers

