

Date: March 9, 2026

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

From: Director Matt DuRose

SUBJECT: February 2026 Monthly Activity Report



I present to you the February 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 15 criminal offenses reported, but they occurred in only 7 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. I look forward to the opportunity to discuss this new format with you and the community.

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

Respectfully submitted,

West Hennepin Public Safety Monthly Activity Report

February 2026



February 2026 Overview

Calls for Service
Maple Plain
123 (29.1%)

Total Calls for Service
423

Calls for Service
Independence
262 (61.9%)

Traffic
Offenses
51

DWIs
1

Traffic
Offenses
137

DWIs
2

Crashes
1

Arrests
4

Aid Other
Agency
38 (9%)

Crashes
13

Arrests
3

Group A
Offenses
4

Group B
Offenses
5

Group A
Offenses
2

Group B
Offenses
4

*Traffic Offenses include citations, parking tickets, written and verbal warnings



Year to Date 2026 Overview

Calls for Service
Maple Plain
249 (30.8%)

Total Calls for Service
809
(2025 YTD: 799)

Calls for Service
Independence
484 (59.8%)

Traffic
Offenses
99

DWIs
2

Traffic
Offenses
230

DWIs
2

Crashes
3

Arrests
8

Aid Other
Agency
76 (9.4%)

Crashes
31

Arrests
3

Group A
Offenses
14

Group B
Offenses
13

Group A
Offenses
7

Group B
Offenses
5

*Traffic Offenses include citations, parking tickets, written and verbal warnings



Calls for Service: Non-Criminal

Medicals & Lift
Assists/Falls
21

Alarms
17

Traffic
Complaints
10

Suspicious
Activity
8

Disturbance
4

Welfare Check
& Mental Health
11

Record Checks
& Permits
38

Animal Calls
6

*Medicals & Lift Assists/Falls include all medical emergencies

*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
48

Alarms
33

Traffic
Complaints
17

Suspicious
Activity
16

Disturbance
6

Welfare Check
& Mental Health
18

Record Checks
& Permits
75

Animal Calls
9

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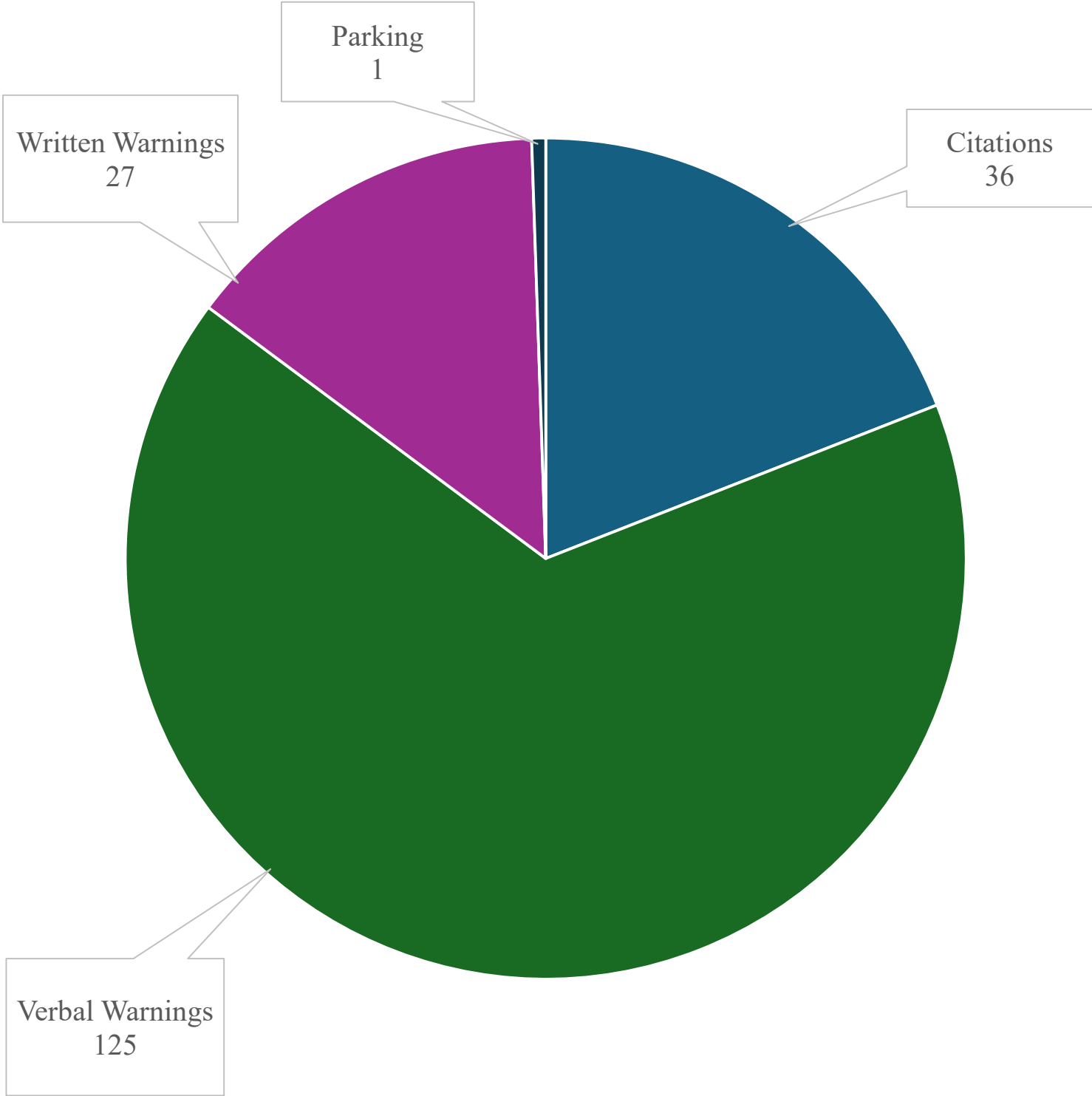


Notable Calls for Service

- **Welfare Check, ICR 26000423:** Highway 12/Halgren Road, Maple Plain. Officer was on routine patrol and observed a male sitting on the guardrail. Officer spoke to the male who advised he had walked from Mound to get away from an argument with his girlfriend. He advised he was trying to get to a gas station to contact family for transportation. Officer provided him with a ride to the nearest gas station.
- **Traffic, ICR 26000514:** County Road 92/1st Ave, Independence. Officer was monitoring speed where we frequently get complaints. Officer observed a vehicle driving 62-MPH in a 30-MPH zone. Officer stopped and spoke to the driver who displayed signs of impairment. Officer observed multiple open containers of alcohol. Field Sobriety Tests were performed and Officer determined there was no probable cause for a DWI arrest. Driver was issued a citation for speed and possession of an open bottle.
- **Welfare Check, ICR 26000554:** 5000 block Independence Street, Maple Plain. Officer was dispatched to a welfare check on a subject who seemed confused. Reporting party advised the subject was sitting on the curb outside of their house in the snow. Officer arrived on scene and spoke to the subject who appeared disoriented, confused, and under the influence of alcohol. Subject refused a PBT and denied consuming alcohol. The subject was placed on an emergency evaluation hold and transported to the hospital.
- **Welfare Check, ICR 26000668:** 5200 block of Bryantwood Drive, Maple Plain. Officer was dispatched to check the welfare of an individual who had fallen and appeared disoriented. Officer spoke to the patient who was in emotional distress, speaking rapidly, and exhibiting disorganized thought patterns. Patient admitted to alcohol use and stated they take their prescribed mental health medications. A social worker referral was submitted for follow up.

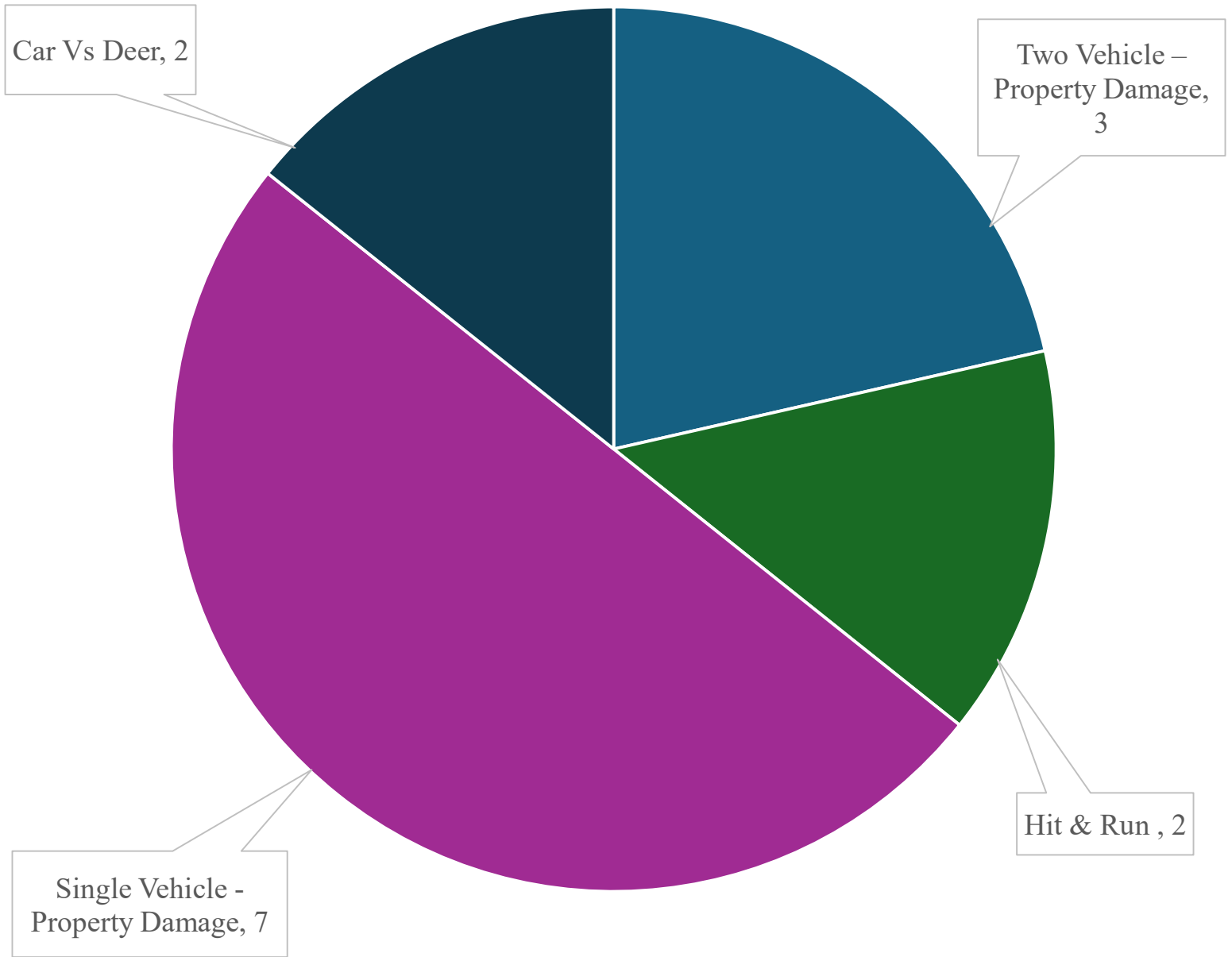


Traffic Offense Data



Crash Statistics

Crashes by Type



Criminal Offenses

Domestic Assault

Ind - 1

Possession of
Controlled
Substance

Ind - 1

Theft
MP - 3

DWI
MP - 5
Ind - 4

Weapons
Ind - 1

* 15 total reportable criminal offenses to the State/FBI in 7 separate incidents



Notable Criminal Offenses

- **4th Degree DWI, ICR 26000600:** County Road 6/Townline Road, Independence. Officer was dispatched to a person slumped over the steering wheel. Officer spoke to the driver who was acting irrationally and speaking incoherently. She later admitted to using marijuana and ecstasy. She was ultimately arrested for suspicion of DWI. A search warrant was granted and executed for a blood test. She was released to a sober party pending results and charges.
- **3rd Degree DWI & Narcotics Arrest, ICR 26000645:** 4800 block of Gateway Boulevard, Maple Plain. Officer was dispatched to a welfare check of a male sleeping in a vehicle. Officer arrived on scene and spoke to the driver and passenger and noted the smell of marijuana emanating from the vehicle. The driver displayed signs of impairment and was ultimately arrested for suspicion of DUI. During a search of the vehicle, illegally packaged marijuana and suspected narcotic pills were located which were found to belong to the passenger. The passenger was arrested for 5th degree drug possession. The driver was brought to the hospital to execute a blood draw warrant and released to a sober party pending results.
- **Domestic Assault/Weapons Violation, ICR: 26000704:** 6000 block Wood Hill Ln, Independence. Officers responded to a domestic assault in progress. Upon speaking with all parties, the suspect admitted to punching his father during a verbal argument and having a handgun in possession without a permit to carry. Suspect was arrested, booked, and transported to Hennepin County Jail for charging.
- **4th Degree DWI, ICR: 26000337:** Highway 12/Howard Avenue, Maple Plain. Officer initiated a traffic stop on a vehicle for burned out brake lights, dark tint, and lane violations. While speaking with the driver, signs of impairment were observed and the driver admitted consuming alcohol. Field Sobriety Tests showed signs of impairment. Driver was placed under arrest and transported to the police department where she provided an evidentiary breath sample of 0.11. After the booking process was completed, the driver was cited for 4th degree DWI and released to a relative.



Community Engagement

- **February 2** WHPS hosted a Recognition Ceremony where Sgt Ebeling and Ofcs Vorderbruggen, Lueth, and Freeman had their formal oaths of office. A 2025 year in review was also provided.
- **February 5** Chief DuRose attended the regularly scheduled meeting for Delano Safe Schools at Delano High School
- **February 9** Detective Anderson hosted a Cub Scout group for a tour and safety talk at the WHPS office.
- **February 10** Chief DuRose attended the monthly business meeting for West Hennepin Chamber of Commerce.
- **February 24** Chief DuRose attended the monthly board meeting for West Hennepin Chamber of Commerce

