

Date: May 12, 2026
 To: Public Safety Commissioners
 City of Independence Council Members
 City of Maple Plain Council Members
 From: Director Matt DuRose
 SUBJECT: April 2026 Monthly Activity Report



I present to you the April 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 6 criminal offenses reported, but they occurred in 5 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 a different reporting category for calls for service in April and year to date. This adjustment was necessary to more appropriately reflect our activity. The 'Other' category will now include WHPS' activity in assisting other agencies, conducting Toward Zero Death (TZD) enforcement operations, and activity that occurs outside of Maple Plain and Independence.

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

Respectfully submitted,

West Hennepin Public Safety Monthly Activity Report

April 2026



April 2026 Overview

Calls for Service
Maple Plain
112 (26%)

Total Calls for Service
422

Calls for Service
Independence
231 (55%)

Traffic
Offenses
73

DWIs
0

Crashes
3

Arrests
0

Group A
Offenses
3

Group B
Offenses
0

Other (19%)
AA – 26
TZD – 50
Oth – 3

Traffic
Offenses
116

DWIs
2

Crashes
6

Arrests
2

Group A
Offenses
1

Group B
Offenses
2

- *Traffic Offenses include citations, parking tickets, written and verbal warnings
- *Arrests include physical arrests and citations issued for criminal offenses
- *Group A & B Offenses include all reportable offenses whether a physical arrest was made or not
- *TZD is not included in CFS or traffic offenses



Year to Date 2026 Overview

Calls for Service
Maple Plain
498 (29%)

Total Calls for Service
1,722
(2025 YTD: 1,574)

Calls for Service
Independence
1,006 (58%)

Traffic
Offenses
223

DWIs
5

Other (13%)
AA – 132
TZD – 75
Oth – 11

Traffic
Offenses
487

DWIs
9

Crashes
7

Arrests
12

Crashes
55

Arrests
12

Group A
Offenses
22

Group B
Offenses
15

Group A
Offenses
8

Group B
Offenses
13

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Calls for Service: Non-Criminal

Medicals & Lift
Assists/Falls
24

Alarms
18

Traffic
Complaints
6

Suspicious
Activity
12

Disturbance
4

Welfare Check
& Mental Health
8

Record Checks
& Permits
30

Animal Calls
8

*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
98

Alarms
73

Traffic
Complaints
36

Suspicious
Activity
39

Disturbance
13

Welfare Check
& Mental Health
41

Record Checks
& Permits
148

Animal Calls
25

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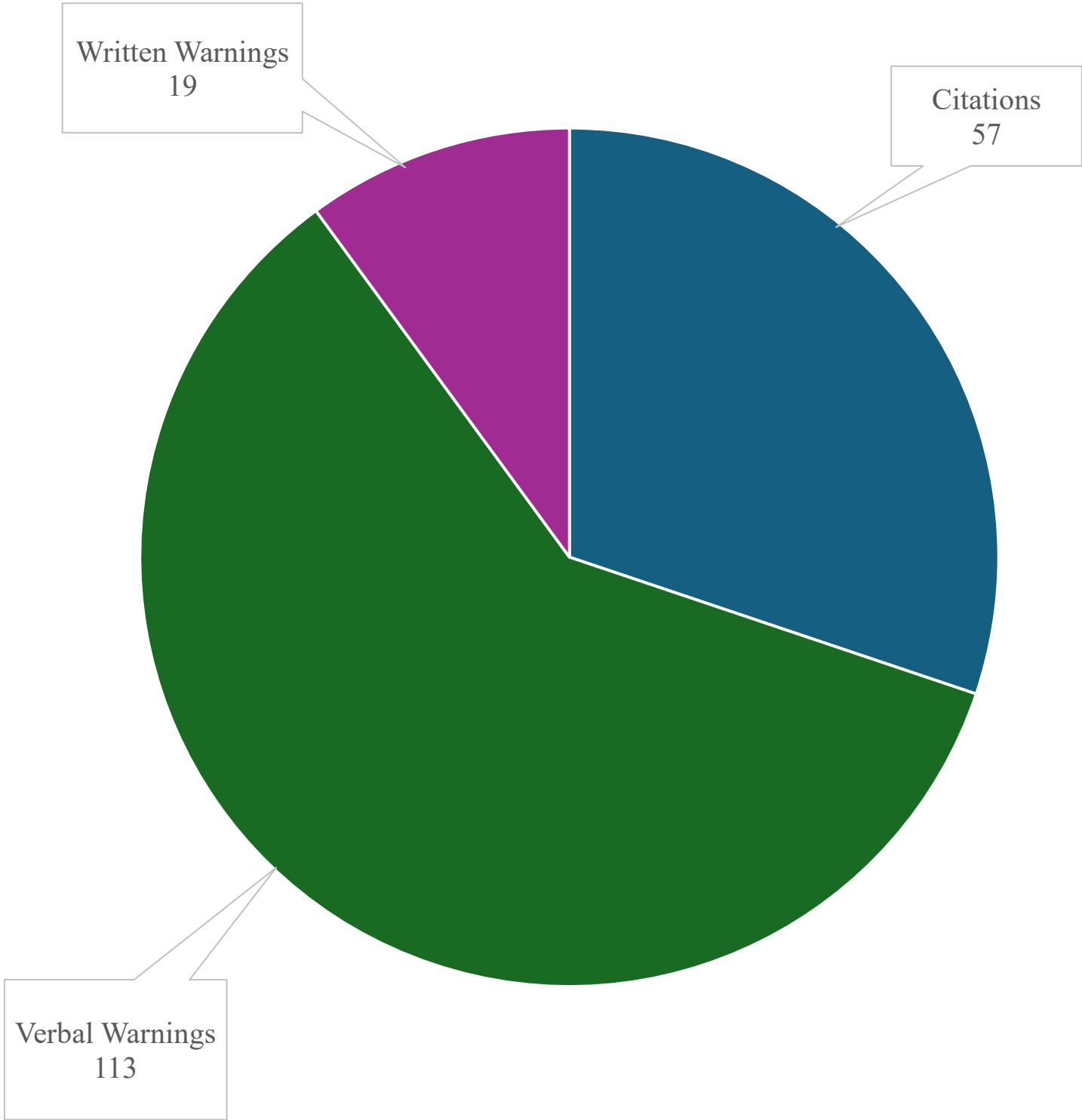


Notable Calls for Service

- **Crash, ICR 26001416:** 6600 block of Highway 12, Independence. Officer was dispatched to a three-vehicle property damage crash. Officer arrived on scene and determined the lead vehicle (not directly involved in the crash) stopped suddenly, causing the three vehicles following to crash. Two vehicles had disabling damage and one vehicle sustained minor damage.
- **Found Dog, ICR 26001433:** 4500 block of Shady Beach Circle, Independence. Officer was dispatched to a found dog in custody. Officer arrived and found a friendly female Rottweiler with no microchip or collar. The owner never came forward, and the dog was taken to Monticello Animal Control where it will eventually be placed for adoption.
- **Disturbance, ICR 26001509:** Lake Sarah Road/Fogelman, Independence. Officers were dispatched to multiple vehicles near the listed intersection for an unknown reason. Officers arrived and observed numerous local homeowners gathering around two unoccupied vehicles parked on the side of the road. Officer made contact with the registered owners of the vehicles who advised their kids were playing Nerf Wars.
- **Trespassing, ICR 26001641:** 2300 block of Independence Rd, Independence. Officer was dispatched to a trespassing complaint of multiple juveniles fishing on the reporting party's property. Officer arrived on scene and observed some fishermen were driving away. Officer spoke to the remaining fishermen about the reporting party's property line. They were advised to pass the word onto their friends.
- **Missing Person, ICR 26001679:** 3600 block of Ihduhapi Road, Independence. Officers were dispatched to a report of a missing person. The subject was known to struggle with several medical and mental health issues. Other agencies, State Patrol Air Support, and drones were launched to assist with the search. Ultimately, Officers were unable to locate the subject. A missing person alert was issued. The next day, Officers were able to locate the subject after he was spotted by an observant citizen and was transported to the hospital.

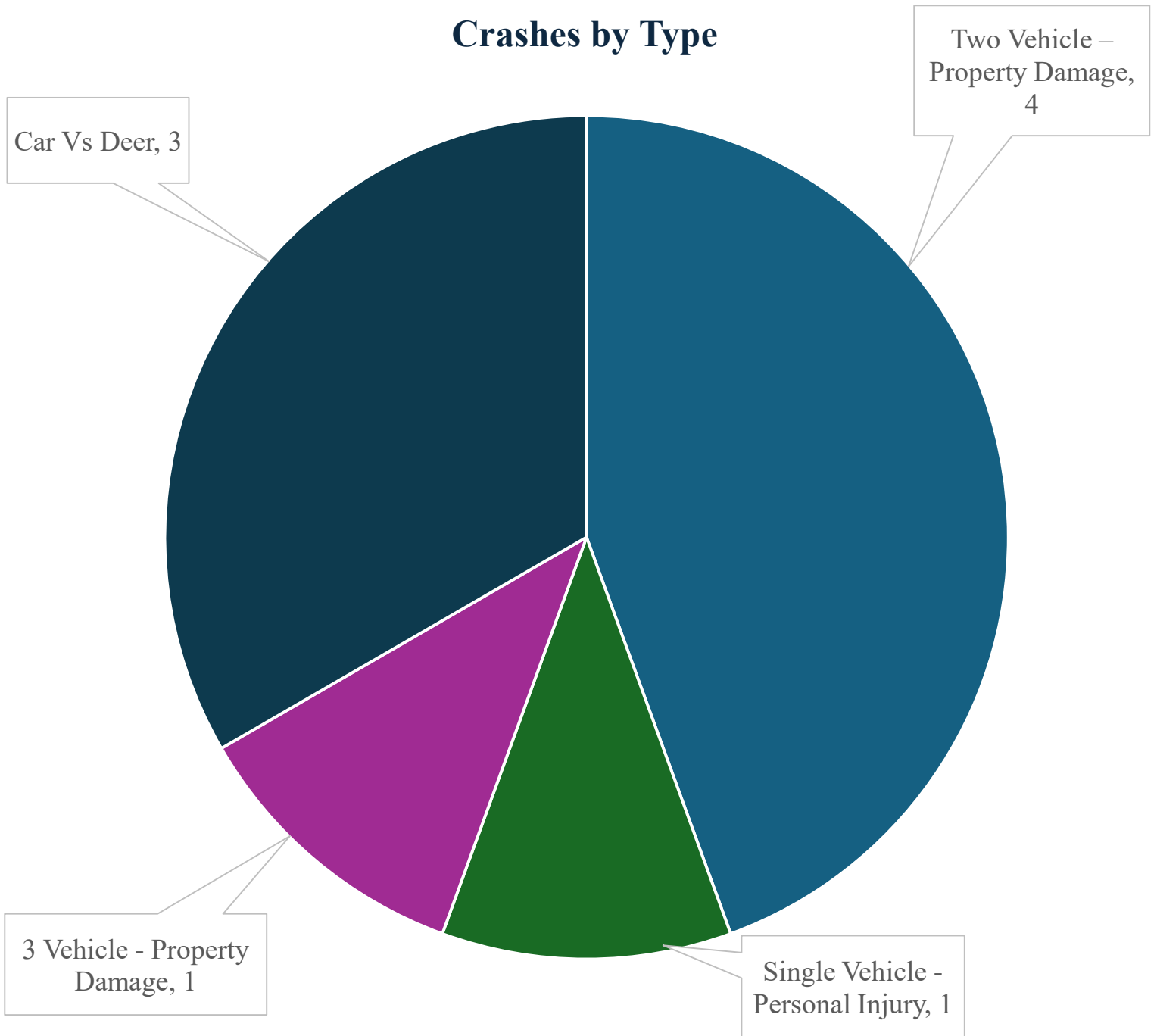


Traffic Offense Data



Crash Statistics

Crashes by Type



Criminal Offenses

Assault
MP – 2

Identity Theft
MP – 1
Ind – 1

DWI
Ind – 2

*6 total reportable criminal offenses to the State/FBI in 5 separate incidents



Notable Criminal Offenses

- **Stabbing, ICR 26001362:** 1500 block of Howard Ave, Maple Plain. Officers were dispatched to a reported stabbing. Officers arrived on scene and received information the suspect had fled on foot. Officers located the suspect and she was transported to the hospital for possible mental health episode. Officers spoke to the victim and found the suspect had stabbed her partner with a screwdriver multiple times in the shoulder during a domestic situation. The case was charged via warrant for Threats of Violence.
- **DWI, ICR 26001511:** County Road 6/Copeland Road, Independence. Officer was on routine patrol and observed a vehicle driving over the posted speed limit. Officer stopped the vehicle and spoke to the driver who displayed signs of impairment. Field Sobriety Tests were conducted, and the driver was ultimately arrested for DUI. A Drug Recognition Evaluation was conducted and determined signs of narcotic impairment were present. A search warrant was signed for a blood draw. Pending results.
- **Identity Theft, ICR 26001556:** 8400 block of Pioneer Creek Rd, Independence. Officer was dispatched to a report of identity theft. The reporting party advised over \$4,200 in fraudulent charges from a business credit account that has been established in a business name he sold in 2002. The case was forwarded to investigations.
- **Pursuit, ICR 26001611:** 4800 block of Gateway Blvd, Maple Plain. Officers received information about a stolen vehicle with an alert advising the driver was wanted for 2nd Degree Assault and may be armed. Officers located the vehicle and attempted to stop the suspect, which he ultimately fled from officers westbound on Highway 12. The pursuit was terminated after the suspect's driving conduct became dangerous to the public. A warrant was issued for the driver's arrest.
- **DWI, ICR 26001724:** Highway 12/County Road 90, Independence. Officer initiated a traffic stop on a vehicle due to failure to maintain lane, speed, and following too close. Officer spoke to the driver and observed indicators of alcohol impairment. Field Sobriety Tests were performed and a preliminary breath test showed 0.175. Officer placed the driver under arrest and transported him for booking. During booking, the arrestee would not stop belching and burping. Due to the potential for mouth alcohol, a search warrant was granted and executed for a blood draw. Pending toxicology results.



Community Engagement

- April 1 Multiple officers worked a Distracted Driving enforcement detail on Hwy 12 to kick-off Distracted Driving Awareness month with the Toward Zero Death campaign
- April 4 Officer Eldred attended the Easter Egg Hunt at Veteran's Memorial Park
- April 4 Officer Eldred attended the groundbreaking ceremony for Northshore Gymnastics
- April 7 Chief DuRose met with Lewis Cemetery staff
- April 12 WHPS staff attended WSFD Pancake Breakfast
- April 23 Chief DuRose attended MN Chiefs of Police Association "Day at the Capitol" and heard from several lawmakers and met with Rep Krisin Robbins and Sen Warren Limmer.
- April 24 Chief DuRose spoke at Orono High School's Forensic Day
- April 25 Sgt Ebeling and Ofc Raskin attended Lake Independence Citizen Association meeting to recruit interest in Cops and Bobbers
- April 28 Chief DuRose attended monthly West Hennepin Chamber board meeting
- April 30 Chief DuRose and Ofc Eldred attended the monthly Hennepin County Traffic Advisory Committee meeting

