

Date: March 12th, 2025

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

From: Director Gary Kroells *G. Kroells*

SUBJECT: FEBRUARY 2025 ACTIVITY REPORT



The purpose of this report is to give the reader a quick overview of the activities of the Public Safety Department each month. It also compares monthly and year-to-date information to the reader.

The report is broken down into five categories, as defined by the Criminal Justice Reporting System.

CRIMINAL-- Criminal is broken down into Part I and Part II crimes.

Part I includes crimes against persons versus crimes against property; criminal homicide, forcible rape, robbery assault, aggravated assault, burglary -breaking or entering, larceny-theft, larceny analysis, motor vehicle theft and arson.

Part II includes other assaults, forgery and counterfeiting, fraud, embezzlement, stolen property, buying, receiving, possession; vandalism, weapons, carrying, possessing, etc.; prostitution and commercialized vice, sex offenses; drug abuse violations, gambling, offenses against the family and children, driving under the influence, liquor laws, drunkenness, disorderly conduct, vagrancy, all other offenses, suspicion, curfew and loitering laws - persons under 18; and runaways - persons under 18.

TRAFFIC-- Includes violations of the road and driving laws.

PART III-- Lost and Found: Includes lost and found persons, animals, and property, and stalled and abandoned vehicles.

PART IV-- Casualties: Includes all motor vehicle crashes, boating, and snowmobile; public home occupational accidents, fires, suicides, sudden deaths, burning permits, and burning violations.

PART V-- Miscellaneous Public: Includes open doors, gun permit applications, suspicious activities, animal complaints, motorist assists, alarm calls, parking complaints, house checks, driving complaints, civil matters, family disputes, department assists.

The balance of the report shows the total number of incidents handled, miles driven and how the Public Safety Department received calls. If anyone should desire more detailed statistical data, please contact my office.

Monthly Activity Report

February 2025

Offense	This Month	Same Month Last Year	This Year To Date	Last Year To Date
City Of Independence				
Criminal	2	3	6	5
Traffic	68	76	191	178
Part III	5	4	8	4
Part IV	27	33	66	76
Part V	98	99	182	193
Total City of Independence	200	215	453	456
City Of Maple Plain				
Criminal	2	3	6	4
Traffic	42	24	85	46
Part III	5	3	6	6
Part IV	47	24	91	49
Part V	33	42	68	86
Total City Of Maple Plain	129	96	256	191
Grand Total Both Cities	329	311	709	647
TZD	25	18	49	38
Agency Assists	21	19	41	40
Total ICR Reports	375	348	799	725
How Received				
Fax	6	8	10	12
In Person	19	18	30	28
Mail	0	2	2	4
Other	0	0	3	1
Phone	24	25	42	44
Radio	142	133	287	283
Visual	139	125	349	271
Email	19	16	30	32
Lobby Walk In	26	21	46	50
Total	375	348	799	725

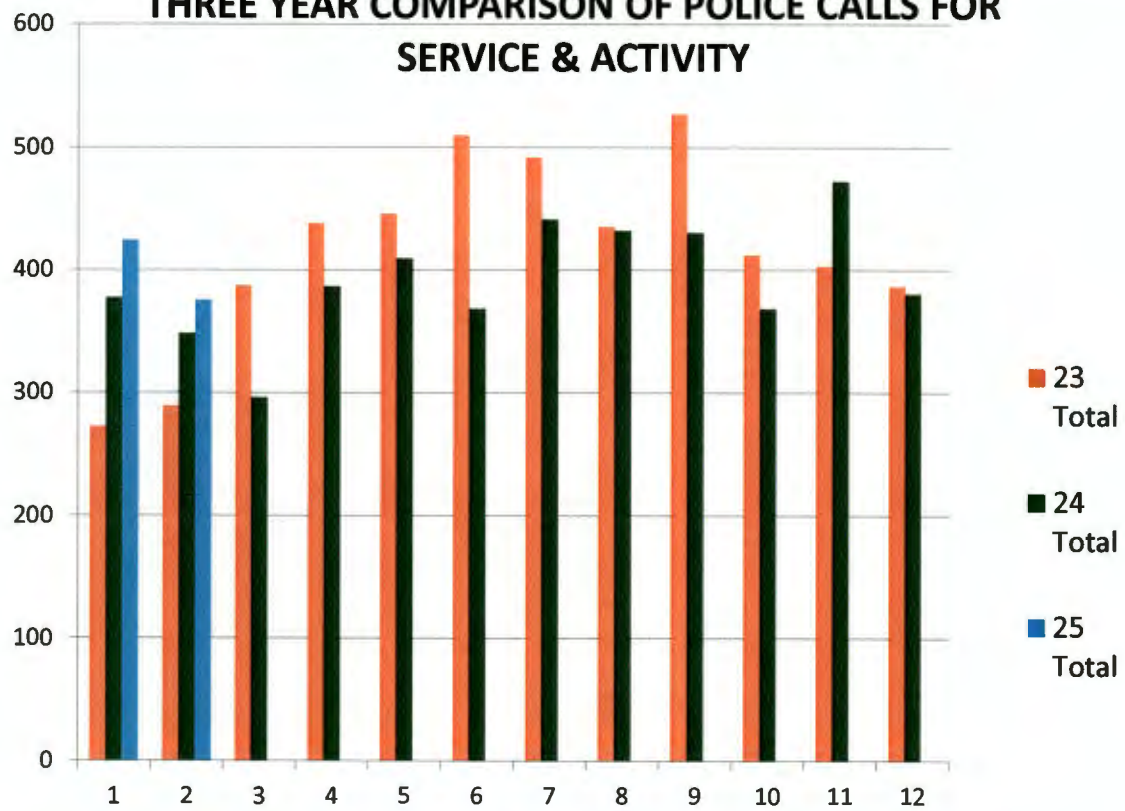
February 2025 Part I & II**City of Maple Plain #'s 1 & 2**

AGN	ICR	Title	Create Date	Grid #	MOC range	UCR Part
WHPS	25000621	Damage Prop/Rpt	2025-02-16	01	P311C	2
WHPS	25000496	Trespassing	2025-02-06	02	P3330	2

February 2025 Part I & II**City of Independence Grid #'s 3-5**

AGN	ICR	Title	Create Date	Grid #	MOC range	UCR Part
WHPS	25000511	3 rd Degree DWI Arrest	2025-02-07	03	M4140	2
WHPS	25000613	Damage Prop/Rpt – Mailbox H&R	2025-02-15	05	P311C	2

THREE YEAR COMPARISON OF POLICE CALLS FOR SERVICE & ACTIVITY



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WEST HENNEPIN PUBLIC SAFETY

February 2025 Activity Report

Year to Date Activity Report

At the end of February 2025, West Hennepin Public Safety (WHPS) handled year-to-date a total of 799 incident complaints. For the month of February, 200 incidents occurred in the City of Independence and 129 in the City of Maple Plain.

The Criminal Part I and Part II cases for both cities have been highlighted for your review on the attached documents.

Welfare Check

February 1

5200 block of Bryantwood Drive, Maple Plain. Officer was dispatched to a welfare check. Reporting party advised their grandfather has bed sores from being bound to his bed, screams for help, and is not being fed or taken care of. Officers arrived on scene and spoke to the elderly male who advised he did not need assistance. He was sitting up and officers did not observe signs of injury or medical problems. He also had a bag of food hanging from his walker.

Traffic Complaint

February 2

Intersection of Highway 12 and County Road 92, Maple Plain. Officer was dispatched to two vehicles driving fast and passing on the right. Officer arrived in the area and located both vehicles. The drivers were warned about their driving conduct and equipment violations.

Suspicious Activity

February 2

7500 block of Turner Road, Independence. Officer was dispatched to suspicious activity where the reporting party advised there was an unknown person walking in their yard with a flashlight. Officer arrived on scene and observed the lights between the two properties. It was confirmed the neighbors were looking for their dog, which was later found.

Arrest
February 6

1500 block of Wyman Avenue, Maple Plain. Officer was dispatched to a report of three males attempting to access a vacant building. Officer was in the area and attempted to stop the individuals who took off on foot. Neighbors reported kids in their backyard hiding. A perimeter was setup and ultimately, all three were taken into custody. They were cited for trespassing and fleeing on foot.

Arrest
February 7

Intersection of Highway 12 and County Road 90, Independence. Officer was on routine patrol and stopped a vehicle after witnessing number traffic infractions. Officer spoke to the driver who displayed signs of impairment. There were six passengers in the vehicle and two of them were unbelted and sitting on other occupant's laps. All occupants were under 21 years old, and all admitted to drinking. Driver was ultimately arrested for DWI and provided an evidentiary breath sample of 0.19. All other occupants were released to a sober ride with minor consumption citations.

Suspicious Vehicle
February 8

Intersection of County Road 6 and Golf Walk, Independence. Officer was on routine patrol and observed a vehicle with its lights on in a closed business parking lot. Officer approached the vehicle and spoke to the occupants who advised they were just parked to have a conversation. Officer determined no crime had occurred and to have their conversation elsewhere.

Medical
February 10

5400 block of Lake Sarah Heights Drive, Independence. Officer was dispatched to a patient having a possible stroke. Officer arrived on scene with West Suburban Fire and assessed the patient. It was found the patient recently came back from Africa and started to not feel well. Family advised the patient's health continued to decline over the last few days and then the patient began making noise, but not speaking. North Memorial Paramedics arrived on scene and transport the patient to the hospital.

Mental Health
February 12

2000 block of Budd Street, Independence. Officer was dispatched to a party in crisis with a knife. Officer arrived on scene and spoke to the subject's father who advised he's in a manic state and threatened self-harm with a knife. It was learned the subject eventually calms down after episodes. Officers took a perimeter to avoid escalation until he calmed down and dropped the knife. Subject's father advised we could clear. Case forwarded to the embedded social worker for follow-up.

Suspicious Vehicle
February 12

6200 block of Highway 12, Independence. Officer was on routine patrol and observed a vehicle parked skewed behind two other vehicles. Due to the time of night and the vehicle's position, officer made contact with the occupants of the vehicle. They advised they were trying to add minutes to their phone before dropping off the passenger. It was determined no crime had occurred.

Crash
February 13

400 block of County Road 110, Independence. Officer was dispatched to a hit and run report of a vehicle versus a mailbox. Officer arrived on scene and collected damaged parts of the vehicle that struck the mailbox. Unknown suspect information.

Crash
February 14

Intersection of County Line Road and County Road 50, Independence. Officer was dispatched to a truck in the ditch. Officer inspected the scene, and it appeared the truck failed to stop at the T intersection. The truck ended up in the ditch with severe disabling damage, losing both driver's side wheels. Driver was not on scene and denied drinking even though open containers were found inside and outside of the vehicle. Driver was mailed a citation for failure to drive with due care.

Animal Complaint
February 16

9300 block of County Road 6, Independence. Officer was dispatched to three dogs attacking livestock. Officer arrived on scene and the dogs ran off. Officer was able to locate an address for the dogs and spoke to the dog's owners who advised they take full responsibility. Officer spoke to the livestock owners who advised the dogs were in the donkey pen and got ahold of one of the donkeys who had distinct puncture wounds. Potentially dangerous dog documents and dog at large citation were issued.

Crash
February 20

Intersection of Lake Sarah Drive and County Road 11, Independence. Officer was dispatched to a vehicle in the ditch. Officer arrived on scene and found the vehicle unoccupied, and no damage was done. It appeared the vehicle went into the ditch after attempting to make a U-turn. Registered owner was contacted and advised they would get the vehicle out of the ditch.

Burning Violation
February 20

2200 block of Heritage Trail, Independence. Officer observed black smoke in the area. The burn site location was located, and it was found the property owner had a valid burn permit but was burning prohibited materials. They were issued a citation for burn prohibited materials and their burn permit has been revoked.

Crash
February 21

Intersection of County Road 6 and County Road 92, Independence. Officer was dispatched to a crash with injuries. Officer arrived on scene and found one driver failed to yield for the other vehicle and had a concussion. Both vehicles sustained disabling damage. Driver was transported to the hospital. The suspect driver was cited for failure to yield.

Domestic
February 22

5300 block of Highway 12, Maple Plain. Officer was dispatched to a domestic between two individuals. Officer arrived on scene and spoke to one party who advised his girlfriend scratched his hand and locked him out of the bedroom. It was found the argument started because the male party took away the female's phone. The two agreed to separate. There were no visible injuries.

Animal Complaint
February 23

Intersection of Lake Haughey Road and County Road 11, Independence. Officer was dispatched to a loose dog running on the side of the road. Reporting party was able to capture the dog and drop it off at the police department with an officer. A short time later, the animal owner was located and retrieved the dog.

Animal Complaint
February 26

Intersection of Highway 12 and Hitsman Lane, Independence. Officer was dispatched to a report of a bald eagle possibly stuck to the ice on a nearby pond. Officer checked the area and was unable to locate any type of animal on an ice-covered pond.

Dumping Complaint
February 26

2000 block of County Road 90, Independence. Officer was dispatched to a dumping complaint where a large amount of electrical wire was dumped at the park. Officer arrived on scene and met with the reporting party who advised he is a volunteer park caretaker and offered to clean it up. Pending further investigation.

Suspicious Activity
February 27

3300 block of Brei Kessel Road, Independence. Officer was dispatched to a report of suspicious activity that occurred overnight. The reporting party wanted it documented that she observed a person with a flashlight by her neighbor's front door late at night. The next day, she confirmed it wasn't the neighbor. Extra patrol will be conducted in the area. Reporting party was advised to call 911 immediately when suspicious activity is witnessed.