

Date: May 8th, 2025

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

From: Director Matt DuRose

SUBJECT: APRIL 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

April 2025

Offense	This Month	Same Month Last Year		This Year To Date		Last Year To Date
City Of Independence						
Criminal	5	9		15		17
Traffic	86	77		368		313
Part III	1	4		18		15
Part IV	25	26		122		124
Part V	101	76		373		366
Total City of Independence	218	192		896		835
City Of Maple Plain						
Criminal	1	1		10		7
Traffic	44	25		184		93
Part III	3	4		11		12
Part IV	36	18		168		89
Part V	37	63		139		196
Total City Of Maple Plain	121	111		512		397
Grand Total Both Cities	339	303		1,408		1,232
TZD	7	54		80		92
Agency Assists	27	29		86		83
Total ICR Reports	373	386		1,574		1,407
How Received						
Fax	5	2		24		19
In Person	14	15		53		56
Mail	1	0		3		5
Other	0	0		4		2
Phone	22	27		89		92
Radio	136	149		558		552
Visual	158	165		703		531
Email	23	19		65		70
Lobby Walk In	14	9		75		80
Total	373	386		1,574		1,407

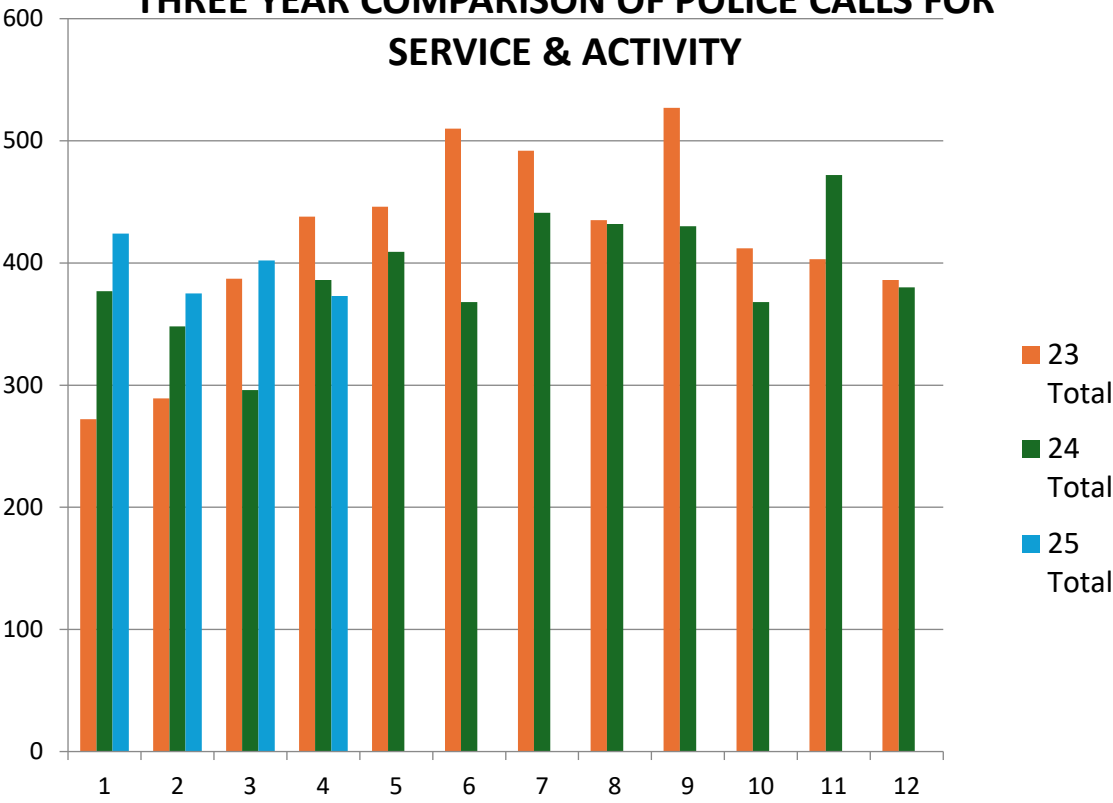
April 2025 Part I & II**City of Maple Plain #'s 1 & 2**

AGN	ICR	Title	Create Date	Grid #	MOC range	UCR Part
WHPS	25001337	GM B-Card Violation	04-10-2025	02		2

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

AGN	ICR	Title	Create Date	Grid #	MOC range	UCR Part
WHPS	25001432	4 th Degree DWI Narcotics – Arrest	04-18-2025	03	DH550	2
WHPS	25001443	4 th Degree DWI – Arrest	04-20-2025	03	JG501	2
WHPS	25001524	Exploitation Threat	04-26-2025	03	N1430	2
WHPS	25001281	4 th Degree DWI Narcotics – Arrest	04-06-2025	05	JG601	2
WHPS	25001541	Abandoned Camper in Ditch	04-28-2025	05	P3600	2

**THREE YEAR COMPARISON OF POLICE CALLS FOR
SERVICE & ACTIVITY**



DIRECTOR'S NEWS & NOTES

WEST HENNEPIN PUBLIC SAFETY

April 2025 Activity Report

Year to Date Activity Report

At the end of April 2025, West Hennepin Public Safety (WHPS) handled year-to-date a total of 1,574 incident complaints. For the month of April; 218 incidents occurred in the City of Independence and 121 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.

Vehicle in Ditch

April 1

3700 block CR 92, Independence. Rec'd call of a vehicle in the ditch, driver still in the vehicle. Officer arrived on scene and found front end of the vehicle in the ditch but the back tires still on the roadway. Driver was given a ride home where she worked on calling for a tow.

Burn Violation-Warning

April 3

1500 Prairieland Ave, Maple Plain. While on patrol, officer observed a fire taller than the parties standing around it. Two Individuals were located near the fire, one heavily intoxicated. Both parties were identified, warned about the current burn restriction in place, and advised not to let the fire grow to that size again.

Scam

April 4

1800 block Howard Ave, Maple Plain. Caller reported a person on the phone asking for personal financial information and telling him to go to his bank and withdraw funds. Caller realized it was a scam and did not send money to the caller. Caller's adult daughter on scene assisted with cancelling all credit cards. They were advised on further actions to take to protect caller's information.

Welfare Check

April 5

4400 block Lake Sarah Rd, Independence. Request received for a welfare check on a female who had been in an auto accident several months ago, has been bedridden since the accident and was not healing properly. North Ambulance arrived on scene and transported her. Unknown what hospital she was transported to.

Wire Down
April 5

1800 block Baker Park Rd, Maple Plain. Rec'd call of wire down. Officer responded and found a telephone line hanging down from the pole. There was no danger to the public. Frontier was called to respond.

4th Degree DWI
April 6

Cty Rd 11 and Cty Rd 92, Independence. While on patrol the officer observed vehicle violate several traffic violations and initiated a traffic stop. The driver performed poorly on SFST and was placed under arrest for DWI. He was transported to the police department where a search warrant was obtained. Driver gave a urine sample and was then transported to Rockford. 4th Degree DWI charges pending urine test results.

Animal Complaint
April 7

2000 block Cty Rd 90, Independence. Caller reported being in a park and lost a small dog she was watching. She later called back and found the dog stuck in the creek and as able to rescue it.

Hit Deer
April 9

Cty Rd 6 and Nelson Rd, Independence. Caller reported she was eastbound Cty Rd 6 when a deer ran out of the ditch and struck the driver's side of her vehicle. Officer responded and moved the dead deer to the shoulder of the roadway. Photos were taken of the driver's vehicle and officer assisted removing the sideview mirror as it was dangling from wires. Officer called a party on a deer kill list who agreed to take the deer and was issued a permit for it.

GM B-Card Violation
April 10

Hwy 12 and Pioneer Ave, Maple Plain. Traffic stop initiated for speed. Officer smelled marijuana coming from within the vehicle. Driver admitted smoking marijuana before leaving work and having marijuana in the vehicle. Officer also observed an open bottle of vodka behind the passenger seat. Driver sat in the back of the squad while a vehicle search was performed. A marijuana joint, butts and a pipe with burnt residue and a half-consumed bottle of vodka were located and seized. Driver had a no use of alcohol or drugs restriction, was advised an investigation for the marijuana use regarding his license restriction would be performed and if it constitutes a violation he would be charged by complaint.

Damage to Property

April 11

700 block Cty Rd 92, Independence. Report taken of a mailbox that was struck while homeowner was out of town. There was no evidence left at the scene. Estimated \$100 damage. No suspects or leads.

Citation

April 12

Hwy 12 and Maple Ave, Maple Plain. Officer observed driver of a vehicle holding a cell phone and looking down at it and up at the road. Vehicle pulled over for the squad, but suspect was slow to stop and seemed unaware he was being stopped. Driver did stop and admitted holding his phone to disconnect GPS coming from Apple Valley. Driver was cited for holding a wireless device.

Fall

April 13

4400 block Cty Rd 92, Independence. An officer responded to a party who'd fallen off a horse and was complaining of severe lower leg pain. The officer observed a deformity in her leg and her ankle was offset but she did have feeling in her foot and toes. West Suburban Fire took over medical care and the officer was cleared to leave when paramedics arrived.

Heart

April 14

1500 block Howard Ave, Maple Plain. Report received of a male not feeling right and had recently had a change in meds. Patient was stable and monitored until paramedics arrived on scene, took over treatment and transported to a hospital.

Abandoned Snowmobile

April 15

5100 block Independence St, Maple Plain. Call received of a snowmobile blocking the EB lane of Independence St. Officer responded and located it. It was obvious that it had not been properly secured and fell out of the back of a truck or off a trailer. Attempts to contact the current owner were unsuccessful. Officer had it towed.

Pain
April 16

1500 block Howard Ave, Maple Plain. Officer responded to a medical call of a party in pain. Upon arrival the party complained of severe sciatic pain and was weak after having had a dialysis treatment one week ago. Officer stood by with the party until paramedics arrived and transported him to Methodist Hospital.

Fall
April 16

1500 block Howard Ave, Maple Plain. Call received of a party who'd tripped over a curb and sustained abrasions and a possible rib fracture. Upon the officer's arrival Maple Plain Fire and paramedics were on scene assessing and loading the party for transport.

Patio Fire
April 16

4600 block Lake Sara Dr, Independence. Officer observed a large black plume of smoke coming from the backyard of a residence and responded to the scene. Upon arrival there was a large amount of flames and smoke on the ground level patio of the house and flames were approaching an elevated porch. West Suburban Fire was called to respond. In the meantime, the homeowner and a neighbor hosed down the fire until it was extinguished. West Suburban arrived on scene and hosed the area until the scene was safe.

Burning Complaint
April 17

5800 block Main St W, Maple Plain. Report taken of a neighbor who had illegally burned a few days ago and the fire was approximately 5-6 feet tall. The 7-county metro area is currently under DNR burn restrictions. The reporting party was advised to call when it is happening so an officer can respond and enforce the restriction.

Heart
April 18

300 block Cty Rd 19, Independence. Officers responded to a report of a female having chest and back pain and believed she was having a heart attack. Upon arrival they obtained vitals and her medical history. Paramedics arrived on scene and took over patient care. She was not transported.

Arrest
April 18

Cty Rd 90 and Drake Dr, Independence. A vehicle was observed to cross the centerline and fog line and weave within its lane. Vehicle was stopped and while speaking with the driver, signs of impairment were observed. Driver performed poorly on SFTS's and blew 0.00 on the PBT but refused to submit to further eval by a DRE. He was arrested for DWI and transported to the police department where a search warrant was obtained for a blood or urine sample. A blood sample was obtained at HCMC. The driver was then booked into HC Jail. A substance found in the vehicle tested positive for Cocaine. Charges pending.

4th Degree DWI Arrest
April 20

Cty Rd 6 and Cty Rd 90, Independence. Officer observed a vehicle whose registered owner has a revoked DL. Vehicle was stopped, driver ID'd and showed signs of impairment. Only partial SFST's were administered due to a language barrier. Driver was arrested for DWI and transported to the police department where a Orono officer assisted with translation. Driver agreed to a breath test that resulted in .011 BAC. After the booking process was completed, the driver was cited for 4th degree DWI, transported to his residence and released.

Grass Fire
April 20

5000 block Macallister Dr, Independence. Police and MPFD responded to a grass fire in a lowland area and were able to extinguish it. Homeowner admitted having a recreational fire, which is allowed during the DNR burn restriction, but a gust of wind blew sparks into the lowland area that then caught on fire.

Suspicious Vehicle
April 21

1500 Howard Ave, Maple Plain. Officer observed a vehicle parked in a business parking lot when the business was closed. Contact was made with the driver who ID'd himself with a DL and advised he was taking a break from driving to Paynesville from Eagan. All checked out OK. Officer cleared.

Pain
April 21

5300 block Sunset Ln, Independence. Officer responded to a person complaining of stomach pain. Officer obtained vitals and medical history and remained with the patient until paramedics arrived. Patient was transported to the hospital.

Dizzy/Faint
April 22

Cty Rd 6 and Cty Rd 110, Independence. Police responded to a driver who felt dizzy and pulled over onto the shoulder of the roadway. The officer stayed with the driver until paramedics arrived and took over patient care. Driver was eventually able to drive away.

Crash
April 23

Hwy 12 & Halgren Rd, Maple Plain. Police were dispatched to a motor vehicle accident and one passenger was requesting EMS to be checked out for possible whiplash. Vehicle 1 was northbound Halgren Rd, waiting to turn right onto Hwy 12. Vehicle 2 was behind Vehicle 1. Vehicle 1 pulled forward, then and stopped. Vehicle 2 didn't see Vehicle 1 stop and rear-ended Vehicle 1 at slow speed. Minimal damage was caused to both vehicles. Both drivers were issued a crash exchange form and drove from the scene.

Crash
April 24

Cty Rd 6, Ingerson Rd, Independence. Police responded to a vehicle crash with possible injuries and airbag deployment. Fire and paramedics were also dispatched to the scene. Driver 1 was EB Cty Rd 6, went in the south ditch, struck a utility pole, then drove back onto the road and into the WB lane and stopped. Driver 2 was WB Cty Rd 6 and stopped to avoid a collision with Driver 1. Driver 1 thought he might have been at a bar. An HGN test and PBT were administered but no signs of impairment were observed. Driver 1's vehicle was towed. Driver 2 drove from the scene. Driver 1's spouse was contacted but unable to pick him up. He was provided a courtesy ride to his residence. A DVS Driver Eval form was completed on Driver 1.

Civil Issue
April 25

5300 block Hwy 12, Maple Plain. Police spoke to a male whose mother had passed away, a relative had taken some of her property and would not return it or return the party's calls. He was advised to contact the executor of the will and let that person handle it and condolences were expressed.

PD Crash, Wire Down
April 26

CR 6, Ingerson Rd, Independence. Police were dispatched to a vehicle that had gone into the ditch, struck a utility pole and a wire was down. Driver thought he might have fallen asleep while driving. No signs of impairment were observed. Vehicle was towed, Xcel Energy notified of

the damaged pole and wire down and the driver given a ride to McDonald's in Delano for his mother to pick him up.

After Hours
April 27

2000 block CR 90, Independence. A vehicle with its lights out and two people in the back seat was observed in the park after hours. Both were spoken to separately and unaware they were in a park and shouldn't be there that time of day. No signs of criminal activity. They were each given a verbal warning and left the park.

Vehicle Fire
April 29

5400 Timber Trail, Independence. Call received of a truck traveling south on CR 19 with heavy smoke coming from the back. Dispatch Center gave the Officer the R/O's home address, where he responded to and found the driver standing at the back of his truck. Driver said he had a handheld smoke can in the bed of his truck. While driving, the can must have gotten enough air to make the embers smoke heavy again. No fire and the officer cleared.

911 Hangup
April 30

7800 block Turner Rd, Independence. Officer was dispatched to a residence for a 911 hangup. A male caller gave a Texas address, hung up and would not answer when Dispatched called back. Officer found two young males playing in a back yard who admitted dialing 911 by accident. The officer instructed them how to handle accident calls to 911 and a parent was advised.