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

From: Director Matt DuRose

SUBJECT: SEPTEMBER 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 September 2025

Offense	This Month	Same Month Last Year		This Year To Date		Last Year To Date
City Of Independence						
Criminal	4	4		40		28
Traffic	139	82		1,059		676
Part III	6	6		46		72
Part IV	33	28		277		286
Part V	145	113		1,023		997
Total City of Independence	327	233		2,445		2,059
City Of Maple Plain						
Criminal	3	3		28		22
Traffic	64	39		459		208
Part III	2	4		28		34
Part IV	34	27		356		206
Part V	63	51		432		450
Total City Of Maple Plain	166	124		1,303		920
Grand Total Both Cities	493	357		3,748		2,979
TZD	0	40		209		268
Agency Assists	45	33		279		240
Total ICR Reports	538	430		4,236		3,487
How Received						
Fax	7	4		62		42
In Person	7	5		111		115
Mail	0	1		5		8
Other	0	2		9		5
Phone	15	20		154		206
Radio	217	173		1,560		1,426
Visual	246	181		1,975		1,274
Email	17	13		125		147
Lobby Walk In	29	31		235		264
Total	538	430		4,236		3,487

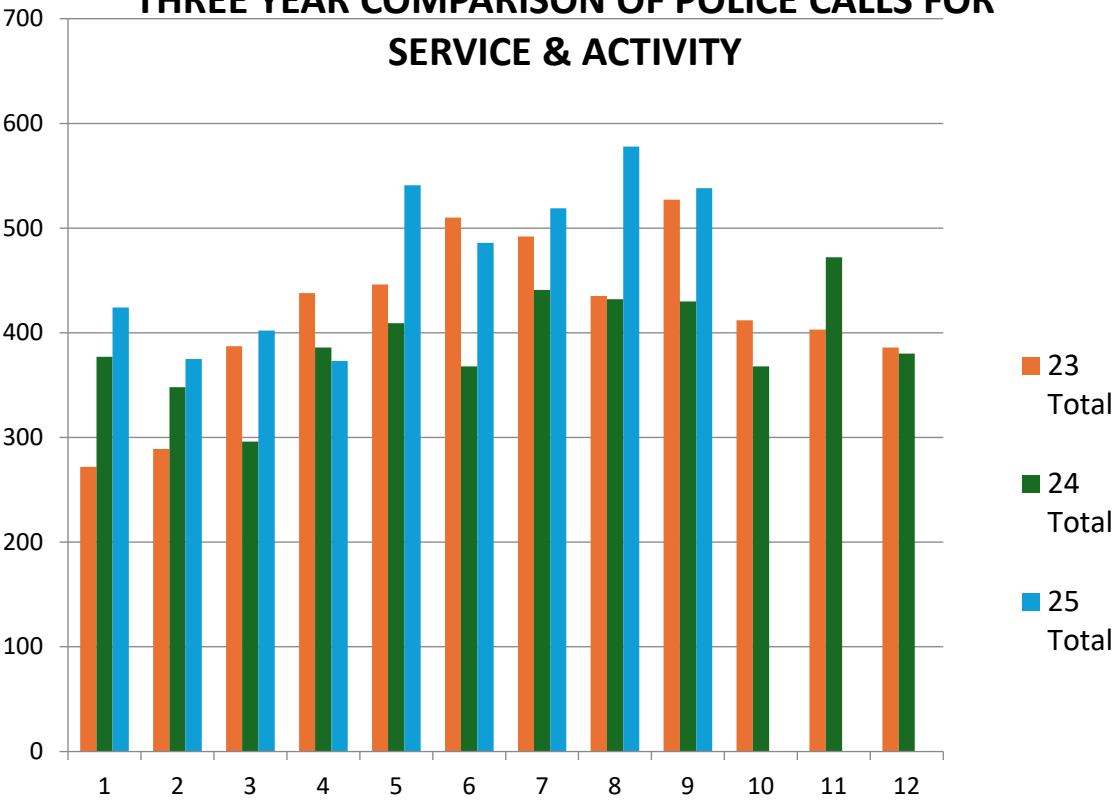
September 2025 Part I & II**City of Maple Plain #'s 1 & 2**

AGN	ICR	Title	Create Date	Grid #	MOC range	UCR Part
WHPS	25003871	Theft/Rpt	09-09-2025	01	TB029	1
WHPS	25003884	Traffic Complaint – DWI Arrest 3 rd Degree Alcohol	09-09-2025	02	JFW01	2
WHPS	25004135	Theft – Lawncare Tools	09-23-2025	02	TC999	1

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

AGN	ICR	Title	Create Date	Grid #	MOC range	UCR Part
WHPS	25003901	Traffic Stop – Narcotics	09-10-2025	03	DD570	2
WHPS	25004083	Theft/Rpt	09-20-2025	03	U1062	2
WHPS	25004154	Theft By Swindle	09-24-2025	03	U1062	2
WHPS	25004088	DWI – 3 rd Degree	09-20-2025	05	JFW01	2

THREE YEAR COMPARISON OF POLICE CALLS FOR
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WEST HENNEPIN PUBLIC SAFETY

September 2025 Activity Report

Year to Date Activity Report

At the end of September 2025, West Hennepin Public Safety (WHPS) handled year-to-date a total of 4,236 incident complaints. For the month of September; 327 incidents occurred in the City of Independence and 166 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.

Suspicious Activity

September 1

4000 block of Gateway Boulevard, Maple Plain. Officer was on routine patrol and observed a gate to the Kwik Trip construction site was open. Officer checked the area and determined nothing appeared to be disturbed. The gate was made secure.

Traffic Complaint

September 2

County Road 110/County Road 6, Independence. Officer was dispatched to a traffic complaint where a possible weapon was displayed. Reporting parties advised there was a vehicle tailgating them. The vehicle passed and they thought they had observed a black revolver pointed upward. Officer was able to locate the driver who denied having a gun or contact with the callers.

Solicitor Complaint

September 3

5600 block of Lake Sarah Heights Drive, Independence. Officer was dispatched to a pest control salesman going door to door. Officer arrived in the area and spoke to the male. It was determined the solicitor was a juvenile. He was warned for soliciting without a permit and transported to meet his fellow salesmen.

Crash
September 4

Highway 12/County Road 90, Independence. Officer was on routine patrol and observed vehicle parts and tire tracks leading across the roundabout. There was no involved party on scene and no report made about the incident. The debris was analyzed, and vehicle make, and model was located. Video footage was reviewed and confirmed the vehicle went directly across the roundabout. Due to the quality of the footage, it's not possible to identify the vehicle or driver.

Juvenile Problem
September 6

Pagenkopf Road/County Road 90, Independence. Officer was on routine patrol and observed two ATV's driven by juveniles fail to stop at a stop sign. The two stopped upon seeing the officer's squad car. Officer spoke to the juveniles as well as their parents. All parties were advised of safety concerns and violations.

Driving Complaint
September 6

Howard Ave/Highway 12, Maple Plain. Officer was dispatched to a traffic complaint where a vehicle was struggling to maintain its lane. Officer located the vehicle and spoke to the driver. Officer observed an open THC drink and requested the driver to exit the vehicle. Officer conducted Field Sobriety Tests, which the driver performed satisfactorily. Officer conducted a probable cause search of the vehicle and located cocaine paraphernalia and an improperly packaged container of marijuana. The driver was cited for the violations.

Disturbance
September 7

Highway 12/Hitsman Lane, Independence. Officer was dispatched to a disturbance in the roadway. Officer arrived on scene and spoke to the reporting party who advised while he was turning, a vehicle almost hit him. The reporting party honked his horn, and the other vehicle followed him. The driver got out of the vehicle and the two exchanged words. The other driver left the area when he was advised the police were being called.

Theft
September 9

4800 block of Gateway Boulevard, Maple Plain. Officer was dispatched to a report that a trailer was broken into overnight, and tools were stolen. Officer arrived on scene and found the lock was cut off the trailer. Case is pending further investigation.

Welfare Check
September 9

5200 block of Bryantwood Drive, Maple Plain. Officer was dispatched to a welfare check where the reporting party advised her husband had too much to drink and was unable to walk or talk. Officer arrived on scene and found the patient lying face down on the floor. He was assisted into a sitting position but was unable to answer questions. A preliminary breath sample read over 0.40. North Memorial Paramedics arrived and transported the patient on an emergency hold. A social worker referral form was submitted.

Arrest
September 9

Parkview Road/Halgren Road, Maple Plain. Officer was dispatched to a traffic complaint where a vehicle hit a curb, drove into oncoming traffic, and ran a red light. Officer located the vehicle and spoke to the driver. Officer observed signs of impairment and administered Field Sobriety Tests. Driver was arrested for DWI and transported for booking where he provided an evidentiary breath sample that indicated 0.22. He was transported to Hennepin County Jail where he was charged with 3rd Degree DWI.

Overdose
September 10

7600 block of Pioneer Creek Road, Independence. Officer was dispatched to a drug overdose where the reporting party's daughter had consumed two bottles of prescription medications. Officer spoke to the patient who had suicidal ideations due to her parents taking away her cellphone which prevents her from obtaining crack cocaine. She admitted to consuming pills but spit some out in the trash. North Memorial Paramedics arrived on scene and transported the patient to the hospital on an emergency hold. A social worker referral form was submitted.

Arrest
September 11

Highway 12/Pioneer Ave, Maple Plain. Officer was on routine patrol and observed a vehicle with a tinted license plate cover. Officer initiated a traffic stop and found the driver had a warrant and his driver's license status was revoked. There was also no insurance on the vehicle, and the passenger had an open container of alcohol. Citations were issued for the offenses, and the driver was transported to Hennepin County Jail for the warrant.

Animal Complaint

September 13

1700 block of Highsted Drive, Independence. Officer was dispatched to a report of a loose dog. Officer arrived on scene and found an American Bulldog. Officer was able to capture the dog. As the Officer was on scene, a vehicle drove by and determined they were the animal owners. The owner took the dog home.

Suspicious Activity

September 13

1700 block of Budd Avenue, Maple Plain. Officer was dispatched to suspicious activity. Reporting party advised a male was lurking around the gazebo with a tripod. Officer arrived on scene and found a male matching the description provided speaking towards his phone which was on video mode. Officer determined there was nothing suspicious and did not interrupt the male.

Property Damage

September 14

5100 block of Independence Street, Maple Plain. Officer was dispatched to a report regarding a hit mailbox. Reporting party advised she witnessed a collision with a vehicle and her neighbor's mailbox. She provided a description of the suspect vehicle. Officer photographed the damage but were unable to determine registered owner's information as no license plate number was provided.

Suspicious Activity

September 15

3400 block of William Way, Independence. Officer was on routine patrol late at night and observed a moving truck backed into the driveway with multiple individuals moving items around. The homeowner came out from the truck and advised they were moving in and thanked the officer for patrolling the area.

Traffic Complaint

September 16

Highway 12/County Line Road, Independence. Officer was dispatched to a driving complaint where the reporting party advised he had his cruise set and a vehicle was tailgating him. The other vehicle eventually passed on the shoulder. Once both were stopped at the stoplight, the other driver got out of his vehicle and began yelling at the reporting party. It was found the reporting party brake checked and flashed the other vehicle first. No enforcement action was taken.

Welfare Check
September 17

1400 block of Copeland, Independence. Officer was dispatched to check the welfare of a child during a civil custody dispute. The reporting party, who is a parent of the child advised there were concerns related to grooming and hygiene. Officer checked the welfare of the child who appeared to be in good mental and physical condition. The reporting party was advised there were no apparent concerns.

Suspicious Activity
September 19

3400 block of Lake Haughey Road, Independence. Officer was dispatched to a suspicious activity report. Reporting party advised a male came to her apple stand. The male was very talkative and all over the place. Another customer was present, and the male began to barter over a puzzle that was on the table. Eventually, the other customer left after placing the money on the stand from their purchase. The male and the child left at the same time. The reporting party realized after the male left that he had taken the money left on the stand.

Motorist Assist
September 19

County Road 6/Ingerson Road, Independence. Officer was on routine patrol and observed a stalled vehicle on the side of the road. Officer spoke to the driver who advised he ran out of gas. Officer transported the driver home and advised he would be returning shortly to retrieve his vehicle. The vehicle was left in a safe position with its hazard lights on.

Arrest
September 20

County Road 6/County Road 19, Independence. Officer was on routine patrol and observed a familiar vehicle from a prior arrest. Officer ran the license plate and confirmed the registered owner's driving status is Cancelled – Inimical to Public Safety. Officer initiated a traffic stop and found the driver was the registered owner. The driver was placed under arrest for the violation. He was booked and released pending charges.

Theft
September 20

700 block of County Road 92, Independence. Officer was dispatched to take a theft report. Reporting party advised he reached bought Jasmine Labrador Retriever from a breeder's website in Oklahoma. There were several payments sent via Apple Pay for the dog, for shipping to Minnesota, a shopping crate, deposit, and an insurance policy through the airline. Overall, the potential loss is approximately \$2,670. Case was referred to investigations.

Arrest

September 20

County Road 6/County Road 17, Independence. Officer was dispatched to a personal injury crash. Officer arrived on scene and found the vehicle had gone through the stop sign and into the ditch. Officer spoke to the driver who displayed signs of impairment. The driver was evaluated by North Memorial Paramedics and declined to be transported. The driver was arrested for DWI where he provided an evidentiary sample of 0.22. He was booked and released pending formal charges.

Dumping Complaint

September 21

6600 block of Pagenkopf Road, Independence. Officer was dispatched to a report of logs being dumped in the roadway. Officer arrived on scene and observed two large piles blocking half of the road. A short time later, Officer received another call that the suspect vehicle was back dumping an additional load on a different road. Officer arrived and initiated a traffic stop as the vehicle was driving away. The driver admitted to the violations, was issued a citation, and removed the piles.

Juvenile Problem

September 22

County Road 19/County Road 6, Independence. Officer was on routine patrol and observed two juveniles on one E-bike and one juvenile on a bicycle. Officer stopped and spoke with the three individuals. It was found the E-bike was not safe for a passenger as it didn't have footrests. The juvenile driver of the E-bike was also found to be under the legal driving age for an E-bike. Parents were called and advised of police contact as well as provided the E-bike laws.

Theft

September 23

5000 block of Industrial Street, Maple Plain. Officer was dispatched to take a theft report. Officer spoke to the reporting party who advised someone entered the side door of an enclosed trailer overnight and stole equipment. The property has cameras, but the trailer was out of camera view.

Suspicious Activity

September 23

4900 block of South Lake Shore Drive, Independence. Officer was dispatched to a report of suspicious activity. It was reported that two men came to their door and asked if they would be interested in purchasing a sauna. The men couldn't provide information regarding their company and advised they were looking for people interested in future sauna purchases.

Suspicious Activity

September 23

4900 block of Bridgevine Way, Independence. Officer was dispatched to a suspicious activity report related to the previous report. The reporting party advised they talked to their neighbor and believes the same men came to his door but didn't mention saunas. This time, the men wanted to pray for him and his family. Officer determined the men were likely casing the area to see who may be home. Officer provided extra patrol in the area.

Fraud

September 24

6700 block of Highway 12, Independence. Officer was dispatched to a fraud report. The victim received an email from an individual posing as City of Independence Planning Department regarding their application with the planning division. The victims were instructed to wire transfer \$4,950 and later received a second request for \$2,300, which they did not send. Forwarded to investigations for further.

Property Damage

September 26

5400 block of Joyce Street, Maple Plain. Officer was dispatched to take a property damage report. It was found a large tree care vehicle drove in a city park causing large ruts in the grass. Officer contacted the company's operations manager who advised they would inspect the damage and make repairs.

Suspicious Activity

September 27

4800 block of Gateway Boulevard, Maple Plain. Officer was on routine patrol and observed a lone vehicle in front of a construction site. Officer stopped and met with workers who were hanging sheet rock.

Suspicious Activity

September 28

Bryant Street/Budd Street, Maple Plain. Officer was dispatched to a suspicious person with a flashlight in their yard. Officer arrived on scene and spoke to the individual who advised her dog had run off. Officer assisted in looking for the dog and eventually, the animal owner advised the dog had been located.

Burning Violation
September 28

3600 block of County Road 90, Independence. Officer was dispatched to a report of smoke in the area. Officer checked the area and found an unattended, smoldering burn with flames showing. Officer made contact with the responsible party who advised he thought he put the fire out. There was valid burn permit. He was warned for failing to attend to a fire.

Suspicious Activity
September 29

5400 block of Highway 12, Maple Plain. Officer was dispatched to an individual who was aggressively hitchhiking. Officer arrived on scene and the individual advised he walked from rehab in Minneapolis. He advised he was trying to get to Cokato. Officer provided him a courtesy transport to Delano.

Suspicious Activity
September 29

5400 block of Main Street, Maple Plain. Officer was dispatched to a suspicious activity report where the reporting party thought someone tried to gain access to his residence. Officer arrived on scene and spoke to the reporting party who advised he heard a loud noise like someone slamming his door shut. He advised he always locks his doors but believes the person who was trying to gain access is a private investigator. A neighbor had video footage, and it was found no one had come or gone in the hallway.

Stalled Vehicle
September 30

Sunset Lane/Townline Road, Independence. Officer was dispatched to multiple calls reporting a suspicious van that had been parked on the side of the road for several days. Officer arrived and found the vehicle parked off the roadway and made contact with the registered owner who advised the vehicle was not operational. They advised they had a tow truck coming to get it.