

Date: September 5th, 2025

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

From: Director Matt DuRose

SUBJECT: AUGUST 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 and how the Public Safety Department received calls. If anyone should desire more detailed statistical data, please contact my office.

Monthly Activity Report

August 2025

Offense	This Month	Same Month Last Year		This Year To Date		Last Year To Date
City Of Independence						
Criminal	5	2		36		24
Traffic	170	76		920		594
Part III	0	11		40		66
Part IV	34	32		244		258
Part V	134	116		878		884
Total City of Independence	343	237		2,118		1,826
City Of Maple Plain						
Criminal	6	2		25		19
Traffic	71	19		395		169
Part III	1	1		26		30
Part IV	38	24		322		179
Part V	60	63		369		399
Total City Of Maple Plain	176	109		1,137		796
Grand Total Both Cities	519	346		3,255		2,622
TZD	24	45		209		228
Agency Assists	35	41		234		207
Total ICR Reports	578	432		3,698		3,057
How Received						
Fax	5	4		55		38
In Person	16	14		104		110
Mail	1	1		5		7
Other	4	0		9		3
Phone	10	19		139		186
Radio	208	186		1,343		1,253
Visual	298	154		1,729		1,093
Email	5	16		108		134
Lobby Walk In	31	38		206		233
Total	578	432		3,698		3,057

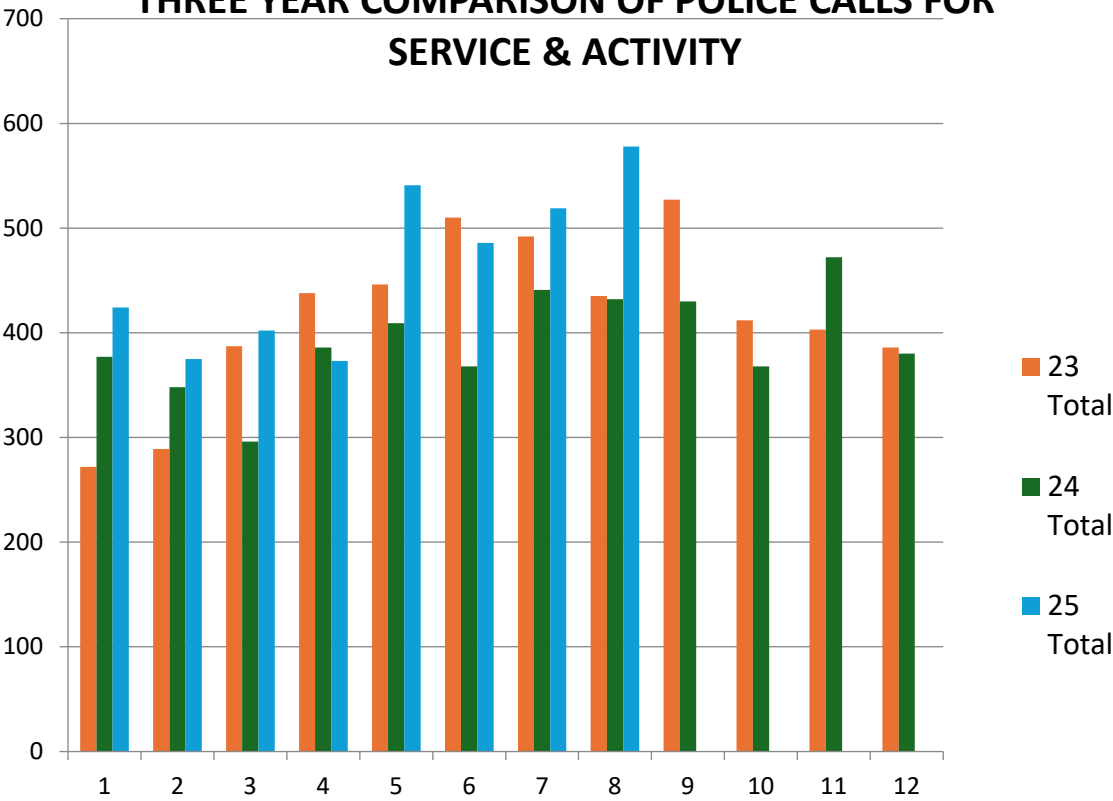
August 2025 Part I & II**City of Maple Plain #'s 1 & 2**

AGN	ICR	Title	Create Date	Grid #	MOC range	UCR Part
WHPS	25003341	Harassment	08-11-2025	01	N2310	2
WHPS	25003359	Dk/Suspected	08-12-2025	01	JG501	2
WHPS	25003465	Theft/Rpt – Organize Retail Theft	08-18-2025	02	U1290	2
WHPS	25003570	Stolen Handgun	08-23-2025	02	TR995	1
WHPS	25003572	Assault	08-23-2025	02	A3252	1
WHPS	25003658	Theft/Rpt – Main Case	08-29-2025	02	TB029	1

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

AGN	ICR	Title	Create Date	Grid #	MOC range	UCR Part
WHPS	25003600	Theft/Rpt	08-26-2025	03	TB232	1
WHPS	25003695	Domestic Assault – Arrest	08-31-2025	03	AJ301	1
WHPS	25003156	Burglary/Rpt	08-03-2025	04	TG029	1
WHPS	25003255	Damage Prop	08-07-2025	05	P211K	2

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



DIRECTOR'S NEWS & NOTES

WEST HENNEPIN PUBLIC SAFETY

August 2025 Activity Report

Year to Date Activity Report

At the end of August 2025, West Hennepin Public Safety (WHPS) handled year-to-date a total of 3,698 incident complaints. For the month of August; 343 incidents occurred in the City of Independence and 176 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

August 2

5200 block of Highway 12, Maple Plain. Officer was on routine patrol and observed a suspicious vehicle in a parking lot after hours. Officer observed two individuals were actively attempting to load a lawnmower into the truck bed. Officer made contact with the parties who advised there was a free sign on the lawnmower. Officer allowed them to continue.

Traffic

August 3

Highway 12 and County Road 90, Independence. Officer stopped a vehicle that showed expired tabs in the system but was displaying current registration. Officer checked the tabs, and they were not for the vehicle in question. While speaking to the driver, officer could smell consumed alcoholic beverage. Field sobriety tests were performed and a preliminary breath sample indicated 0.051. Officer left a voicemail for the registered owner, confiscated the current tab stickers for the wrong vehicle, and issued a citation for expired registration. The driver was also driving after revocation and was cited for the violation.

Animal Complaint

August 3

6900 block of County Road 6, Independence. Officer was dispatched to a barking dog complaint that has been going on for multiple days. Officer arrived and could still hear the dog barking. Officer went to the door, and no one answered. Officer spoke to the owner via phone who advised they were out of town and would be for some time still. Owner advised they have a pet sitter, who struggles to catch the dog. Officer was able to lasso the dog and bring him into the barn with the other animals.

Fall
August 4

1200 block of County Road 92, Independence. Officer was dispatched to a patient that had fallen off a horse. Officer arrived on scene and found the patient on the ground in extreme pain. Patient advised their worst pain was in the lower back and neck area. Officer conducted initial patient assessment, and it was determined they lost consciousness at one point. Due to the extent and seriousness of the patient's injuries, North Memorial AirCare was started. Maple Plain Fire assisted with patient load and transport, as well as managing the landing zone for the helicopter.

Property Damage
August 5

Highway 12 and Hitsman Lane, Independence. Officer observed a pickup truck pulled over on the shoulder. Officer spoke to the driver who advised kids had thrown hard items at his truck. Officer observed white residue on the doors that appeared like paper. Officer checked the area and was unable to locate the kids but observed white chunks of toilet paper in the road.

Suspicious Activity
August 6

4400 block of Townline Road, Independence. Officer was dispatched to a report of someone looking through the reporting party's windows. Reporting party advised she received a Ring Camera alert and could see what looked like a male figure wearing a mask. Officers arrived on scene, searched the property, and were unable to locate anyone. Officer reviewed the Ring video and observed a cat tripped the camera. Reporting party was relieved and apologetic.

Property Damage
August 7

Highway 12 and Copeland Road, Independence. Officer was dispatched to toilet paper being thrown at vehicles in the area. Three victims were identified and one of them sustained a dent. Officer located the suspect's unoccupied vehicle parked on Hitsman Lane. Officer observed toilet paper in plain view. Two juvenile suspects were located and identified. They both admitted to throwing the toilet paper and were released to their parents pending further.

Animal Complaint
August 8

5500 block of Lake Sarah Heights Drive, Independence. Officer was dispatched to a dog bite report. Officer spoke to the reporting party who advised her neighbor brings their two labs on walks without a leash. It's reported that one dog ran into her yard and attacked her dog. There were no obvious injuries to either dog. Officer served the required paperwork to the animal owner.

Welfare Check
August 8

1600 block of Marsh Avenue, Maple Plain. Officer was dispatched to check the welfare of an individual. Officer arrived and spoke to the subject who advised there was blood in his stool, and he had concerns about withdrawals from alcohol. Subject agreed to submitting a breath sample which indicated 0.368. Officer completed an emergency evaluation form, and he was transported to the hospital. The embedded social worker was contacted.

Animal Complaint
August 9

80 block of County Road 110, Independence. Officer was dispatched to a report of a llama in the roadway. Officer was aware of a small animal corral nearby. Officer arrived on scene and located the llama in the driveway. Officer utilized the squad car to direct the llama back towards the enclosure. The animal owner was contacted and advised the llama probably escaped because his lady friend and baby were moved to a different location for a short time. He was secured in the corral.

Juvenile Problem
August 9

County Road 11/County Road 92, Independence. Officer was dispatched to a report of juveniles attempting to tip an outhouse. Officer arrived on scene and spoke to the three juveniles who advised they were faking it to pull a prank on each other as they each used it. There was no damage, and the kids were warned about how their actions are perceived by the public.

Welfare Check
August 11

5200 block of Bryantwood Drive, Maple Plain. Officer was dispatched to an individual calling in who advised he was being threatened by people outside and they kept saying his name. Officer arrived on scene and spoke to the subject who advised he was on a 5-day bender of drinking alcohol. He advised the people who are harassing him also put cameras and speakers in his apartment. The subject's mother arrived on scene and advised she would look after him. A short time later, Officer was advised they would be self-transporting to the hospital.

Disturbance
August 12

4800 block of Highway 12, Maple Plain. Officer was dispatched to a disturbance called in by staff regarding a couple with a baby arguing about who was going to drive home. Officer arrived on scene and met with the female half who advised her boyfriend left on foot. Officers located the male half who was obviously intoxicated and submitted a breath sample which indicated 0.226. Sober parties arrived to drive the vehicle.

Arrest
August 12

5000 block of Highway 12, Maple Plain. Officer was dispatched to a report of a drunk driver who was refused service at the liquor store. Officer arrived and observed an occupied vehicle began pulling forward. Officer stopped the vehicle and directed the driver to step out. Multiple signs of impairment were observed. Driver was arrested and provided an evidentiary breath sample of 0.14. Driver was booked and released with a citation for 4th Degree DWI.

Welfare Check
August 14

1500 block of Howard Avenue, Maple Plain. Officer was dispatched to assist Hennepin County Crisis Resources with an individual in a mental psychosis and hallucinating. Officer arrived on scene who spoke to the subject who was cooperative but not able to easily answer questions. Subject advised if felt like someone was holding his neck. Patient agreed to be transported to the hospital.

Suspicious Activity
August 15

1300 block of Budd Avenue, Maple Plain. Officer was on routine patrol early in the morning and observed the parked vehicle had a dog in the backseat. Officer approached and observed a female sleeping in the rear of the vehicle. Officer spoke to the occupant who advised she was at a farm and didn't want to go home, so she slept in her vehicle. She advised she didn't need assistance and agreed to move along.

Solicitor Complaint
August 15

9200 block of Highway 12, Independence. Officer was dispatched to a solicitor complaint where a male began to try to sell their union services to the site manager. When asked to leave, the male said he would be back. There are clear no trespassing signs posted. They were advised to call 911 immediately if the male comes back and he will be trespassed.

Crash
August 15

Highway 12 and County Line Road, Independence. Officer was dispatched to a property damage crash where vehicle 1 was stopped at a red light. When the light turned green, vehicle 2 rearended vehicle 1. Driver of vehicle 2 advised he looked down at his soda and when he looked up, he realized traffic hadn't moved. Driver 2 was cited for failure to drive with due care.

Suspicious Activity
August 16

4900 block of Highway 12, Maple Plain. Officer was dispatched to suspicious activity where the passenger side door of a vehicle had been left wide open for approximately 20 minutes. The vehicle owner was located. When he arrived, he didn't see anything appeared to be missing or disturbed and was unsure how the door got opened. He assured Officers everything was okay.

Crash
August 18

7200 block of County Road 6, Independence. Officer was dispatched to a property damage crash. Driver of vehicle 1 stated he was turning into a driveway when he heard screeching tires and was rearended by vehicle 2. Driver of vehicle 2 advised she was distracted by her two children who were arguing in the back seat. Driver of vehicle 1 advised he did not want to see driver of vehicle 2 receive a citation. Driver of vehicle 1 assisted driver of vehicle 2 with finding a tow truck due to sever disabling damage.

Arrest
August 18

Highway 12 and Baker Park Road, Maple Plain. Officer was on routine patrol and observed a vehicle with no license plates. Officer initiated a traffic stop on the vehicle and spoke to the driver who advised he just got out of jail this morning, went to pick up his vehicle out of impound and didn't realize they took the license plates off. Routine license checks showed the driver's license status was Cancelled – Inimical to Public Safety. He was arrested and transported to the police department where he was booked and released to a valid driver.

Suspicious Activity
August 19

5600 block of County Road 11, Independence. Officer was on routine patrol and observed the trunk of a vehicle swing over. While doing routine checks, the homeowner arrived home and advised her husband was inside and he is not in good health. Homeowner was worried and asked Officer to stay on scene while she checked on him. A short time later, she advised everything was okay.

Welfare Check
August 20

8600 block of Burr Oak Lane, Independence. Officer received a call from a nurse from a hospital who advised she was assisting the subject with paperwork when the subject became very emotional and began making suicidal comments. Officer spoke to the subject who stated she was overwhelmed and struggling to complete unemployment paperwork. She advised the comments she made were out of frustration and she would never hurt herself. She was provided with resources and told to call if she needs anything.

Property Damage
August 21

1400 block of Budd Avenue, Maple Plain. Officers were dispatched to multiple reports of a dump truck driving with its dump bed in the upright position causing it to rip down phone and power lines. Officers arrived on scene and observed multiple lines pulled down, including lines that were attached to houses and a power pole ripped from the ground. Officers located the dump truck and observed the driver had picked up a bundle of the wire after hitting it. Maple Plain Fire assisted in ensuring the wire was safe. The power and phone companies were advised.

Arrest
August 22

County Road 6/Ingerson Road, Independence. Officer was on routine patrol and received a hit from a license plate reader of a vehicle whose registered owner had a license status of revoked. Upon running the plate, Officer found the registered owner had a warrant for DWI. Officer located the vehicle, initiated a traffic stop, and confirmed the driver was the registered owner. Officer placed the driver under arrest for his warrant and arranged for transportation to jail.

Crash
August 22

County Road 92/Lake Sarah Drive, Independence. Officer was dispatched to a personal injury crash. Officer arrived on scene and located two vehicles involved. One driver refused medical care, while the other driver was transported to the hospital for non-life-threatening injuries. After reviewing the evidence and gathering statements, it was found the driver that was transported had failed to stop for construction flaggers causing a rearend collision. Driver was issued a citation for failure to drive with due care.

Scam Attempt
August 22

1800 block of Howard Avenue, Maple Plain. Officer was dispatched to take a possible scam report. Officer met with the reporting parties who advised they received a pop-up on their computer advising they had been hacked. They began speaking with someone through the computer who claimed to work for Microsoft. The hackers began gathering information regarding their account balances and bank locations. They were advised to contact their bank and notify them of suspicious activity. There was no monetary loss at this time.

Assault
August 23

1500 block of Rainbow Avenue, Maple Plain. Officers were dispatched to an assault that just occurred. Officers arrived on scene and found two neighbors had a confrontation about money owed. Injuries were sustained by both parties. Case was forwarded to investigations.

Traffic Complain
August 24

Highway 12/County Road 90, Independence. Officer was dispatched to a report of a vehicle all over the road. Officer located the vehicle and determined the driver was not impaired. The driver advised they were worried about the jersey wall to the west of County Road 90 on Highway 12 causing her to weave. The driver also advised it was her first time taking this route. Officer suggested she finds an alternative route in the future.

Safety Check
August 25

County Road 11/County Road 92, Independence. Officer was dispatched to a safety check regarding construction flaggers in a bad spot. Officer arrived, checked the area, and determined they were in a safe spot. Officer asked one flagger to move their vehicle to the same side of the road to avoid confusion.

Theft
August 26

County Road 83/County Road 6, Independence. Officer was dispatched to a theft report that occurred overnight. Officer responded and found that multiple steel rods were taken off a piece of equipment. Reporting party advised the theft likely involved someone familiar with directional drilling operations. Extra patrol will be performed in construction areas.

Animal Complaint
August 26

Robert Road/County Road 110, Independence. Officer was dispatched to a possible sick deer. Officer responded and spoke to the reporting party who advised she was taking her dog for a walk and located the fawn. The fawn didn't appear to have obvious injuries but seemed anxious because of the dog barking. Officer spoke to a wildlife trained community service officer who advised if the fawn isn't crying out, they are not dehydrated and are fine.

Traffic Complaint
August 27

County Road 6/Townline Road, Independence. Officer was dispatched to a complaint of a vehicle weaving over the lines. Officer located the vehicle and observed the vehicle cross the center and fog lines. Office initiated a traffic stop and spoke to the driver. Driver advised he isn't familiar with the area. Officer did not observe any signs of impairment. The driver was verbally warned for lane usage.

Animal Complaint
August 28

5300 block of Pagenkopf Road, Independence. Officer was dispatched to a pheasant that had been shot in the reporting party's yard. Officer arrived on scene and spoke to the reporting party who advised her and her dog were sitting near the garage when she heard a shot ring out. She walked in the direction of the shot and observed feathers. She was concerned about gunfire being shot in her direction. Ultimately, it was determined the pheasant did not have a gunshot wound and no shots were fired. The pheasant was likely killed by a hawk and there were red tail hawk feathers also left behind.

Welfare Check
August 29

Highway 12/County Line Road, Independence. Officer was dispatched to check the welfare of an elderly male riding a scooter in the road. Officer arrived on scene and observed the male on the sidewalk. The male advised he was just out for a stroll. Officer advised people were worried about him and to keep his rides on the sidewalk.

Theft
August 29

5800 block of Highway 12, Maple Plain. Officer was dispatched to a theft report where an employee's backpack was stolen inside the store. Inside the backpack was a handgun, \$5,000 cash, headphones, an iPad, and store keys. The case was referred to investigations for follow-up.

Juvenile Problem
August 30

1500 Rainbow Avenue, Maple Plain. Officer was dispatched to a call of loud juveniles in the park after hours. Officer arrived on scene and observed a vehicle pulling out of the park. A traffic stop was initiated, observed four juveniles, and explained the complaint. There was no criminal activity. They were very understanding and released.

Arrest
August 31

1000 block of County Road 92, Independence. Officer was dispatched to a welfare check called in by the subject's father because his mother tried to push his father down the steps and told him to kill himself. Officer arrived on scene and found the two weren't getting along today. The female party admitted to pushing the male while he was on the steps and told him she wished he was dead. The male party had a cut on his hand and corroborated the story. The female was arrested for domestic assault and transported to Hennepin County Jail.