

Date: April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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

From: Director Gary Kroells *GK*

SUBJECT: MARCH 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

March 2025

Offense	This Month	Same Month Last Year	This Year To Date	Last Year To Date
<b>City Of Independence</b>				
Criminal	4	3	10	8
Traffic	91	58	282	236
Part III	9	7	17	11
Part IV	31	22	97	98
Part V	90	97	272	290
<b>Total City of Independence</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>678</b>	<b>643</b>
<b>City Of Maple Plain</b>				
Criminal	3	2	9	6
Traffic	55	22	140	68
Part III	2	2	8	8
Part IV	41	22	132	71
Part V	34	47	102	133
<b>Total City Of Maple Plain</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>391</b>	<b>286</b>
<b>Grand Total Both Cities</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>282</b>	<b>1,069</b>	<b>929</b>
TZD	24	0	73	38
Agency Assists	18	14	59	54
<b>Total ICR Reports</b>	<b>402</b>	<b>296</b>	<b>1,201</b>	<b>1,021</b>
<b>How Received</b>				
Fax	9	5	19	17
In Person	9	13	39	41
Mail	0	1	2	5
Other	1	1	4	2
Phone	25	21	67	65
Radio	135	120	422	403
Visual	196	95	545	366
Email	12	19	42	51
Lobby Walk In	15	21	61	71
<b>Total</b>	<b>402</b>	<b>296</b>	<b>1,201</b>	<b>1,021</b>

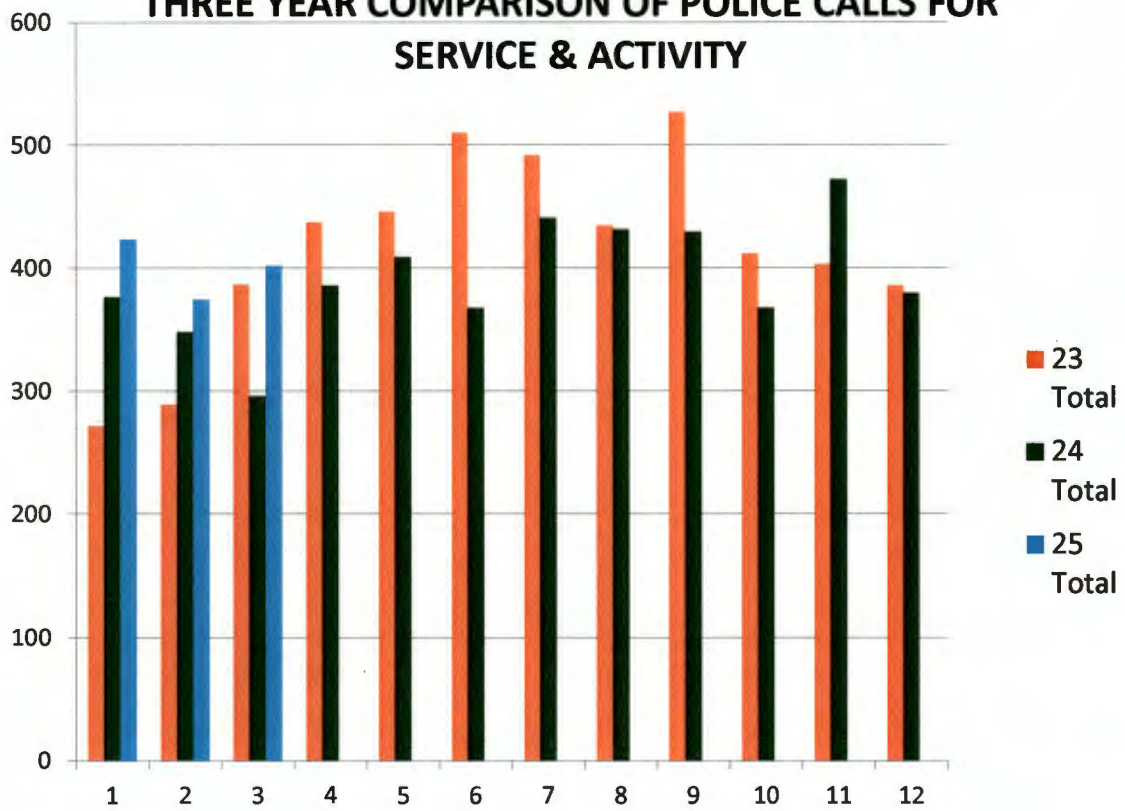
**March 2025 Part I & II****City of Maple Plain #'s 1 & 2**

<b>AGN</b>	<b>ICR</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Create Date</b>	<b>Grid #</b>	<b>MOC range</b>	<b>UCR Part</b>
WHPS	25000823	DWI Narcotics – Felony	2025-03-01	01	DH558	2
WHPS	25001107	Unwant – Warrant Arrest	2025-03-24	01	X2090	2
WHPS	25000994	DANCO Violation	2025-03-14	02	N3390	2

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

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WHPS	25001048	Domestic Arrest – Misdemeanor	2025-03-18	03	AL551	2
WHPS	25001133	4 <sup>th</sup> Degree DWI Narcotics – Arrest	2025-03-27	03	JG601	2
WHPS	25001092	Order Violation/Warrant Attempt	2025-03-22	04	N1370	2
WHPS	25001087	4 <sup>th</sup> Degree DWI – Arrest	2025-03-22	05	JG501	2

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



# DIRECTOR'S NEWS & NOTES

## WEST HENNEPIN PUBLIC SAFETY

### March 2025 Activity Report

#### Year to Date Activity Report

At the end of March 2025, West Hennepin Public Safety (WHPS) handled year-to-date a total of 1,201 incident complaints. For the month of March; 225 incidents occurred in the City of Independence and 135 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.

#### Arrest

March 1

Hwy 12/County Road 90, Independence. Officer observed a vehicle pass by with the driver's head down, as though possibly texting. A traffic stop was initiated and the driver admitted to texting while driving. Driver had 3 prior narcotics DWI arrests and was asked to step out and perform SFST's, which she did and performed poorly on. Narcotics items were found in plain view in the vehicle and driver admitted using cocaine one hour ago and was in possession of cocaine in the vehicle. White powder identified as fentanyl and cocaine were located in the vehicle along with pills. A 35-year-old female of Cosmos, MN, was arrested for PC Felony DWI and transported to WHPS where she was booked and then transported to HC Jail.

#### Medical

March 2

1600 block Marsh Ave, Maple Plain. Rec'd call of a party who'd fallen and was bleeding from the head. Officer responded and spoke to patient who was very intoxicated. He was transported to detox.

#### Suspicious Act

March 3

5000 block County Road 11, Independence. Officer was dispatched to a suspicious vehicle in a driveway. Upon the officer's arrival the vehicle was gone. The homeowner later advised the officer he identified the vehicle as guests who he was unaware were still present.



## Suspicious Act

March 4

Highway 12 and County Line Road, Independence. Rec'd call of unknown individuals in an unidentified dark sedan shooting paintballs at passing vehicles on Highway 12. The RP stated he was traveling westbound Highway 12 when the suspect vehicle passed him traveling eastbound and shot paintballs at his windshield. The vehicle was unable to be located.

## Property Damage – H&R Mailbox

March 6

9000 block County Road 6, Independence. Rec'd report hit and run damage to a resident's mailbox. An officer responded and found the mailbox in the driveway with no damage to the mailbox. The swing arm attached to the mailbox was damaged. Vehicle tracks were located but no other evidence was found. The homeowner was spoken to about options for having the mailbox post replaced.

## Medical

March 7

5000 block Bryantwood Dr, Maple Plain. An officer responded to a possible heart. Upon arrival and speaking to the patient, it was learned he was anxious about his blood pressure being high due to forgetting to take his meds. MPFD and paramedics evaluated the patient and decided he would not be transported.

## Medical

March 7

4800 block Independence St, Maple Plain. An officer responded to a party feeling ill and possibly having an anxiety attack after ingesting a marijuana edible at a friend's house. She then took a prescription sleeping medication and laid down. It was learned she was 30 weeks pregnant. Paramedics were concerned for her and the baby's safety and convinced her to be transported to Methodist Hospital.

## Medical

March 8

5000 block Joyce St, Maple Plain. An officer responded to a possible intentional overdose. MPFD and paramedics also responded. An empty pill bottle was found next to the patient was slightly responsive but extremely lethargic and disoriented. The patient was transported to HCMC.

#### Neighbor Trouble

March 9

3000 block Nelson Road, Independence. A party complained that his neighbor took a lightbulb out of his barn. It was learned that the light did shine in the neighbor's bedroom window. The neighbor's father installed a fence so the barn light would no longer be an issue.

#### Property Damage

March 10

700 block Copeland Road, Independence. A caller reported a vehicle drove on the golf course and caused approximately \$1,000 in damage. Case is under investigation.

#### Suspicious Act

March 11

700 block Copeland Road, Independence. Rec'd call of two young males who rode bicycles on the golf course with golf bags and proceeded to play golf. Staff advised them the golf course was closed and they needed to leave. The two males did eventually leave.

#### Dumping Complaint

March 12

County Road 90/Quass Cutoff, Independence. An officer responded to a dumping complaint. Upon arrival he discovered food thrown in the ditch but no identifying information who the suspect was.

#### Property Damage

March 13

7200 block County Road 6, Independence. A driver reported hitting a dog that ran out in front of her vehicle, causing damage to the front end. The animal owner reported the dog did make it. Insurance information was given to the driver for the damage to her vehicle.

#### Medical

March 15

1000 block Marsh Ave, Maple Plain. Police responded to a male party suffering from alcohol withdrawal and requested transport to a hospital. Paramedics arrived on scene and transported him. It is unknown what hospital he was taken to.

Accident/PD  
March 16

3000 block County Road 92, Independence. An officer responded by a lone vehicle property damage crash. The driver and vehicle were located on the NF ditch facing ND. Driver said she swerved to avoid hitting an animal, went slightly over a driveway approach and caused damage to the front and rear of her vehicle and possibly the undercarriage. Driver and two children were all seat belted and not injured, no airbags deployed. Driver and her parents worked on finding a tow.

Fall  
March 17

1500 block Howard Ave, Maple Plain. Police responded to a party who fell and was unable to get up. He was found lying on the living room floor complaining of rib and arm pain. MPFD and paramedics arrived and took over care and transport of patient.

Suspicious Act – Recovered ATM  
March 18

3000 block Ihduhapi Trl, Independence. Call received of an ATM machine found near the camp entrance. Police located it and Independence Public Works assisted in transporting it to the police department. It is believed to have been involved in a neighboring agency burglary. Police are coordinating with the neighboring agency and crime lab for processing.

Domestic GM  
March 18

7000 block Maple Ponds Trl, Independence. Police responded to a threats/domestic report. They were advised of verbal and text message threats and shown a lamp that suspect had thrown at victim. Suspect was arrested and transported to the police department where it was learned she was on supervised release by Anoka County and was wearing an ankle monitor. She was fingerprinted, photographed and transported to HC Jail where she was booked for GM domestic assault pending formal complaint.

Fraud  
March 19

4000 block S Lake Sarah Drive, Independence. Report received of fraud. Party was called and asked if they were aware of a fraudulent charge on their credit card. Party said he was not, then gave caller personal information before realizing what was happening and hung up. All credit cards were cancelled and there was no actual financial loss.



Fraud  
March 21

6000 block Pagenkopf Rd, Independence. Party reported 2 cashier's checks totaling \$80,000 were stolen out of the mail. Bank denied cashing them to the suspect but is refusing to refund the money at this time. Case is under investigation.

Dizzy/Faint  
March 21

3000 block Iduhapi Tr, Independence. Officer responded to a party feeling dizzy and faint. Paramedics also arrived, took over care and transported the party to Abbott Hospital.

4<sup>th</sup> Degree DWI  
March 22

CR 6 & Copeland Rd, Independence. Vehicle stopped for speeding. Driver exhibited signs of impairment, performed SFSTs and refused to PBT. Driver was arrested for DWI, transported to the police department and allowed to contact an attorney. Driver agreed to a breath test that resulted in .014BAC. Driver was cited for 4<sup>th</sup> degree DWI, speed and released to his father.

Suspicious Act  
March 24

7800 block Cty Rd 6, Independence. An officer responded to a report of suspicious activity that homeowner believes occurred overnight. Two heavy metal ornaments in his front yard were tipped over. Homeowner didn't believe it was wind related as the ornaments are very heavy. No suspects, evidence or witnesses at this time.

Warrant/Arrest  
March 24

1500 block Howard Ave, Maple Plain. An officer responded to a 911 hangup. Upon arrival contact was made with a party who was just leaving. She provided a false name and date of birth but police were able to positively ID her and learn she had two active warrants, one from Ramsey County and one from Washington County. Both warrants were confirmed. She was transported to HC Jail where two glass smoking pipes were located during intake. Case active for review of potential charges.

Suspicious Act  
March 25

5300 block Painter Creek Grn, Independence. Report rec'd of a suspicious vehicle that pulled into a driveway twice. On one of the occasions a large male approached the front door and was looking around the front of the house. Vehicle was described as a newer white Tahoe or Suburban. Reporting party did not recognize the vehicle and doesn't believe anyone tried to gain access inside the residence. The area was checked and the suspicious vehicle was not found.

Vandalism  
March 26

4800 block Independence St, Maple Plain. Rec'd report of vandalism at a house construction site. Suspect entered the unsecured residence and used an open can of paint to paint profanities on the OSB floor. No suspect at this time. Officers will do extra patrol.

4<sup>th</sup> Degree DWI Narcotics Arrest  
March 27

Cty Rd 11 and Cty Rd 90, Independence. An officer observed a vehicle fail to stop at the 4-way stop sign. The officer followed the vehicle and observed it vary its speeds. A traffic stop was initiated and while speaking with the driver, signs of impairment were observed. SFSTs and a PBT were conducted. Driver was believed to be under the influence of a controlled substance, arrested and transported to the police department where a DRE eval was performed that resulted in him being under the influence of a stimulant. Driver provided a urine sample, was fingerprinted, photographed and released.

Grass Fire-No Permit-Citation  
March 27

3700 block Lake Haughey Rd, Independence. Police and West Suburban Fire responded to a grass fire. Maple Plain, Delano and Long Lake Fire Departments were requested to assist. An estimated four acres of field grass had burned before being extinguished. Resident admitted not obtaining a burn permit or knowing there is a burn restriction in place. Resident was cited for burning without a burn permit.

Heart  
March 28

1500 block Howard Ave, Maple Plain. Police responded to a male complaining of chest pain. MPFD and paramedics also responded. Paramedics took over treatment and transported male to Abbott Hospital.

Wire down  
March 29

Town Line Rd & Broadmoor, Independence. Report rec'd of wire down. Upon officer arrival it was determined the wire was a cable wire dropping down and stuck on the stop sign. Officer freed the wire and contacted Mediacom.

Heart  
March 29

1400 block Parkview Rd, Maple Plain. Call rec'd of 61-year-old male with chest pain, nausea, high blood pressure and having difficulty breathing. Officer arrived on scene and rendered care with MPFD. When paramedics arrived and took over care the officer and MPFD cleared. Unknown if the male was transported to a hospital.

Sign/Signal Problem  
March 30

Hwy 12 and Cty Rd 90, Independence. Passerby called in a sign down. Officer responded and found the yield sign for westbound Hwy 12 traffic had been struck. Vehicle debris was found on scene but no identifying debris. MNDOT was contacted.

Damage to Property  
March 31

4600 block Lake Sarah Dr, Independence. Homeowner reported a vehicle, possibly a delivery vehicle, went off his driveway into his yard, causing damage. Unknown when the damage occurred. Damage estimated to be \$500-\$2,500.