

Date: April 7, 2026
 To: Public Safety Commissioners
 City of Independence Council Members
 City of Maple Plain Council Members
 From: Director Matt DuRose
 SUBJECT: March 2026 Monthly Activity Report



I present to you the March 2026 Monthly Activity Report for West Hennepin Public Safety.

All incidents are broken down as defined in the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS). NIBRS is the accepted reporting system utilized by police agencies across the country. NIBRS provides more complete and detailed incident information because it requires reporting of every offense committed within the incident. By detailing all offenses reported to West Hennepin Public Safety, it may appear that crime statistics are higher than what they have been, but this isn't necessarily the case. In this month's report, you will see that there were 18 criminal offenses reported, but they occurred in 17 incidents.

NIBRS is broken down in the following categories:

Group A offenses

Animal Cruelty	Drug offenses	Homicide	Prostitution
Arson	Embezzlement	Human Trafficking	Robbery
Assault	Extortion	Kidnapping	Sex Offenses
Bribery	Forgery	Larceny	Stolen Property
Burglary	Fraud	Motor Vehicle Theft	Weapon Laws
Destruction/Damage	Gambling	Obscene Material	

Group B offenses

Bad Checks	Driving Under Influence	Liquor Law Violations	All Other Offenses
Curfew	Drunkenness	Peeping Tom	
Disorderly Conduct	Family Offenses	Trespass	

In addition to reporting Group A & B offenses, this activity report includes traffic related activity and community engagement activities of West Hennepin Public Safety. I look forward to the opportunity to discuss this new format with you and the community.

If anyone would like more detailed data, please contact my office.

Respectfully submitted,

West Hennepin Public Safety Monthly Activity Report

March 2026



March 2026 Overview

Calls for Service
Maple Plain
147 (30%)

Total Calls for Service
491

Calls for Service
Independence
305 (62%)

Traffic
Offenses
51

DWIs
3

Aid Other
Agency
26 (5%)

Traffic
Offenses
141

DWIs
5

Crashes
1

Arrests
4

Crashes
18

Arrests
7

Group A
Offenses
4

Group B
Offenses
3

TZD
13 (3%)

Group A
Offenses
5

Group B
Offenses
6

*Traffic Offenses include citations, parking tickets, written and verbal warnings

*Arrests include physical arrests and citations issued for criminal offenses

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Year to Date 2026 Overview

Calls for Service
Maple Plain
396 (30.5%)

Total Calls for Service
1,300
(2025 YTD: 1,201)

Calls for Service
Independence
789 (60.7%)

Traffic
Offenses
150

DWIs
5

Aid Other
Agency
102 (7.8%)

Traffic
Offenses
371

DWIs
7

Crashes
4

Arrests
12

Crashes
49

Arrests
10

Group A
Offenses
19

Group B
Offenses
15

TZD
13 (1%)

Group A
Offenses
7

Group B
Offenses
11

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Calls for Service: Non-Criminal

Medicals & Lift
Assists/Falls
26

Alarms
22

Traffic
Complaints
13

Suspicious
Activity
11

Disturbance
3

Welfare Check
& Mental Health
15

Record Checks
& Permits
43

Animal Calls
8

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*Alarms include home, business, fire, CO2 alarms

*Disturbance includes fights, harassment, and disorderly situations.



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Medicals & Lift
Assists/Falls

74

Alarms

55

Traffic
Complaints

30

Suspicious
Activity

27

Disturbance

9

Welfare Check
& Mental Health

33

Record Checks
& Permits

118

Animal Calls

17

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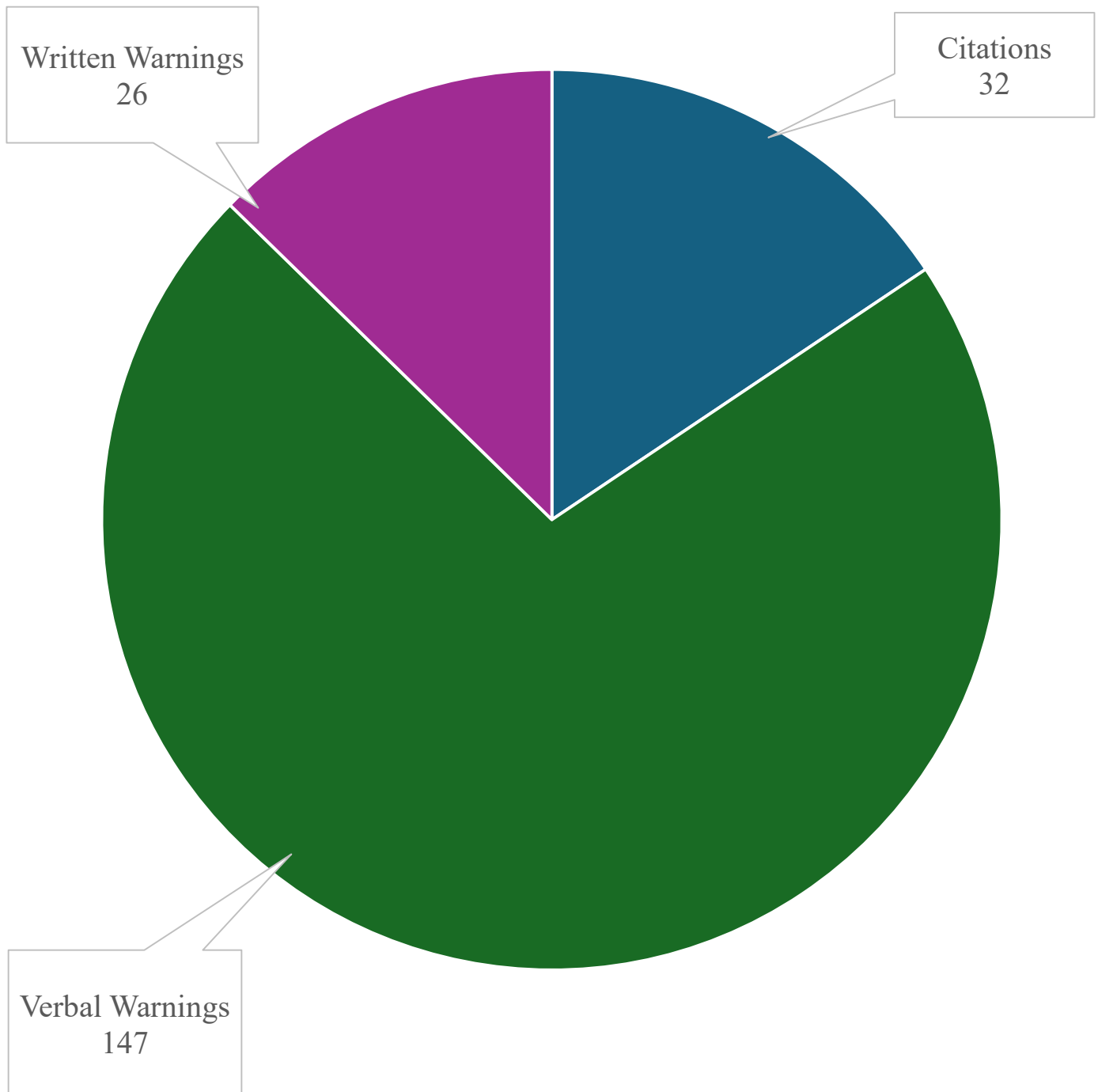


Notable Calls for Service

- **Overdose, ICR 26000833:** 3600 block of Ihduhapi Trail, Independence. Officer was dispatched to an intentional overdose for an individual who ingested different sedatives. Officer arrived on scene and found the patient heavily sedated and wouldn't respond to questions. The patient's oxygen level was low at 37. West Suburban Fire and North Memorial Paramedics took over patient care. The patient was transported to the hospital.
- **Crash, ICR 26000919:** Independence Road/Pete Drive, Independence. Officer was dispatched to a vehicle in the ditch. Reporting party advised a male driver with a ponytail appeared intoxicated and left the scene. Officer arrived, found the vehicle unoccupied, and observed an open bottle of alcohol within the vehicle. Officer responded to the registered owner's address, and no one was home. Officer returned to the scene and the vehicle was towed from the ditch.
- **Property Damage, ICR 26000979:** 1700 block of Baker Park Road, Maple Plain. Officer was dispatched to wires arching from powerlines. Officer arrived and found a large tree had fallen striking multiple homes causing notable damage. Officer contacted the utility companies and ensured all homeowners were notified of the damage.
- **Welfare Check, ICR 26001197:** County Road 6/County Road 90, Independence. Officer was dispatched to an individual lying in the ditch near the roadway. Officer arrived and spoke to the subject who appeared dazed and confused. She advised she was trying to walk to the cities and had fallen asleep. North Memorial Paramedics arrived and evaluated the patient who declined transport. Given the decent weather and her increased alertness, she was released from the scene.
- **Missing Person, ICR 26001268:** 9100 block of Highway 12, Independence. Officer was dispatched to a report of a missing child with autism. It was reported the family dog was with the child. Officers searched the area and the child eventually returned home. The child advised they went walking by the train tracks and had issues with the dog running off but was able to find their way to Highway 12 and followed the road home.



Traffic Offense Data

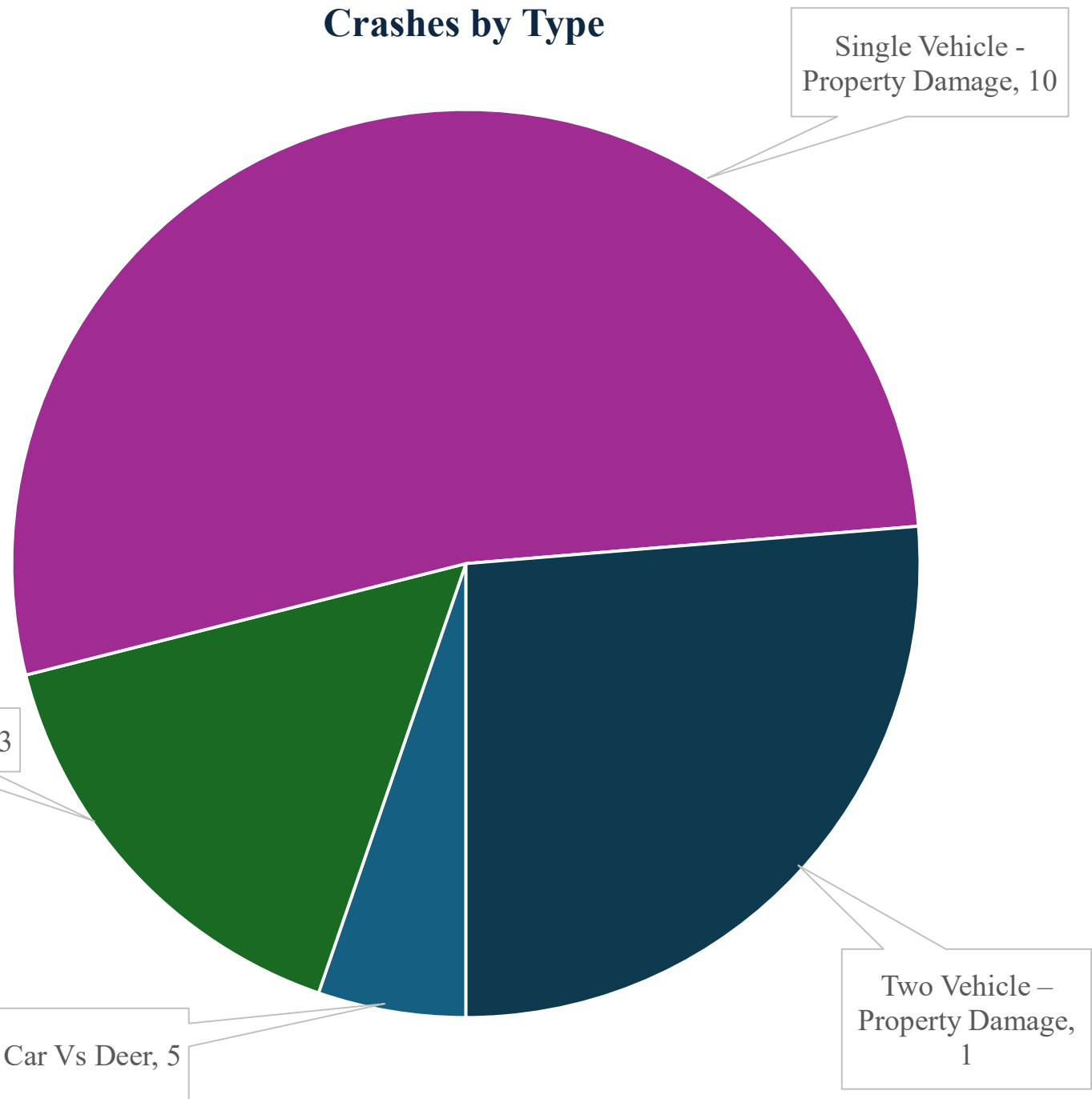


*Traffic Offense Data includes TZD stops



Crash Statistics

Crashes by Type



Criminal Offenses

Possession of Controlled Substance

MP – 1

Ind – 2

Theft

MP – 2

Ind – 2

DWI

MP – 3

Ind – 5

POR Violation

Ind – 1

Burglary

MP – 1

Animal Cruelty

Ind – 1

* 18 total reportable criminal offenses to the State/FBI in 17 separate incidents



Notable Criminal Offenses

- **5th Degree Drug Possession, ICR 26000906:** 200 block of County Road 92, Independence. Officer was on routine patrol and observed a vehicle with illegal tint and significant front-end damage. Officer observed the driving behavior suspicious and initiated a traffic stop. The vehicle was slow to stop and evasive but eventually stopped. The driver advised there was marijuana in the vehicle and his driver's license is suspended. The driver provided consent to search the vehicle where illegally packaged marijuana was located. During the search of the vehicle, the driver is seen tossing something out of his hand. The item was retrieved and found to be cocaine. Pending charges.
- **4th Degree DWI, ICR 26001009:** 4800 block of Highway 12, Maple Plain. Officer was dispatched to a drunk problem where the subject had passed out at the bar, thrown up, and walked back to his vehicle. Officer arrived and observed the suspect in the vehicle. He was ultimately arrested for DWI where he provided an evidentiary test of 0.11. He was released to a sober party with a citation for 4th degree DWI.
- **Non-Compliant Predatory Offender, ICR: 26001017:** County Road 83/County Road 6, Independence. Officer was dispatched to a report of a domestic witnessed by the reporting party who advised they saw the male backhand the female. Officers arrived on scene and found a vehicle with its hazard lights on occupied by the female party who advised she was verbally fighting with her boyfriend. She also advised he made a motion like he was going to hit her, but never did. Officers spoke to the male half who advised the fight was verbal and nothing physical took place. Upon doing routine checks, it was found the male subject is a non-compliant predatory offender. He was arrested and transported to Hennepin County Jail pending charges.



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- **Ignition Interlock Violation, ICR 26001128:** 200 block of County Road 92, Independence. Officer was on routine patrol and observed a vehicle with multiple equipment violations. Officer spoke to the driver who admitted there was illegally packaged marijuana in the vehicle. A consent search found a small amount of marijuana as well as ‘Whip Trip’ gas canisters. It was found the driver had an ignition interlock restriction and the vehicle they were driving was not equipped with an interlock device. He was arrested, booked, and released pending charges for the interlock violation.
- **5th Degree Drug Possession, ICR 26001134:** 4800 block of Gateway Blvd, Maple Plain. Officer was on routine patrol and observed a vehicle drive up and over the sidewalk. Officer initiated a traffic stop and made contact with the driver. Officer observed a small amount of marijuana on the floorboard of the vehicle in plain view. Officer completed a probable cause search of the vehicle and located 1.25 grams of cocaine. The driver was arrested for 5th Degree Drug Possession.
- **Theft by Swindle, ICR: 26001160:** 5600 block of Lake Sarah Heights Drive, Independence. Officer was dispatched to a theft report regarding a possible scam. Officer spoke to the victim who advised he thought he was investing in Crypto Currency. The victim was swindled out of a large sum of money. This case was forwarded to investigations for further action.
- **DWI/5th Degree Drug Possession, ICR: 26001216:** Woodhill Drive/County Road 11, Independence. Officer was dispatched to an individual slumped over the steering wheel and unresponsive. Officers arrived on scene and were able to wake the driver. Officers spoke to the driver and observed signs of impairment as well as drug paraphernalia was observed in plain view. He was ultimately arrested for suspect Driving Under the Influence of narcotics. A search of the vehicle revealed further narcotics. A search warrant was executed for a blood sample. He was booked into Hennepin County Jail for 5th Degree Drug Possession. DWI charges are pending toxicology results.



Community Engagement

- **March 2:** Mayor Maas-Kusske and Chief DuRose took a behind the scenes tour of Mall of America with their security team.
- **March 4:** Several staff members met with staff from the Hennepin County Attorney's Office to learn more about Emergency Risk Protection Orders.
- **March 5:** Chief DuRose attended the monthly Hennepin County Chiefs meeting
- **March 5:** Chief DuRose attended the Highway 12 Coalition meeting in Delano.
- **March 5:** Detective Anderson hosted a Cub Scout Troop for CSI night at WHPS.
- **March 10:** Chief DuRose attended the monthly business meeting for West Hennepin Chamber of Commerce
- **March 11:** Chief DuRose attended Hennepin County Emergency Mgmt Spring Meeting
- **March 12:** Detective Anderson and Officer Peterson provided Alcohol Server's Training at McGarry's
- **March 17:** Chief DuRose testified on a bill requesting funding for Hwy 12 in the MN House Capital Investment Committee.
- **March 21:** Officers Eldred and Splichal attended the Lyndale Lutheran Church Chili and Pie Cook-off
- **March 24:** Chief DuRose attended the West Hennepin Chamber of Commerce Board meeting
- **March 26:** Chief DuRose met with Crime Prevention Fund staff to learn more about the organization.

