

Date: January 9th, 2026
To: Public Safety Commissioners
City of Independence Council Members
City of Maple Plain Council Members
From: Director Matt DuRose
SUBJECT: DECEMBER 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

December 2025

Offense	This Month	Same Month Last Year	This Year To Date	Last Year To Date
City Of Independence				
Criminal	6	5	65	48
Traffic	83	82	1,336	912
Part III	5	3	57	96
Part IV	32	20	372	375
Part V	106	115	1,332	1,353
Total City of Independence	232	225	3,162	2,784
City Of Maple Plain				
Criminal	7	3	46	31
Traffic	33	28	589	297
Part III	1	2	32	47
Part IV	14	52	434	325
Part V	64	45	624	624
Total City Of Maple Plain	119	130	1,725	1,324
Grand Total Both Cities	351	355	4,887	4,108
TZD	0	0	209	279
Agency Assists	35	25	395	320
Total ICR Reports	386	380	5,491	4,707
How Received				
Fax	9	10	89	65
In Person	4	15	134	169
Mail	0	0	6	12
Other	3	0	14	5
Phone	11	21	212	276
Radio	172	161	2,099	1,952
Visual	152	145	2,477	1,693
Email	13	5	161	181
Lobby Walk In	22	23	299	354
Total	386	380	5,491	4,707

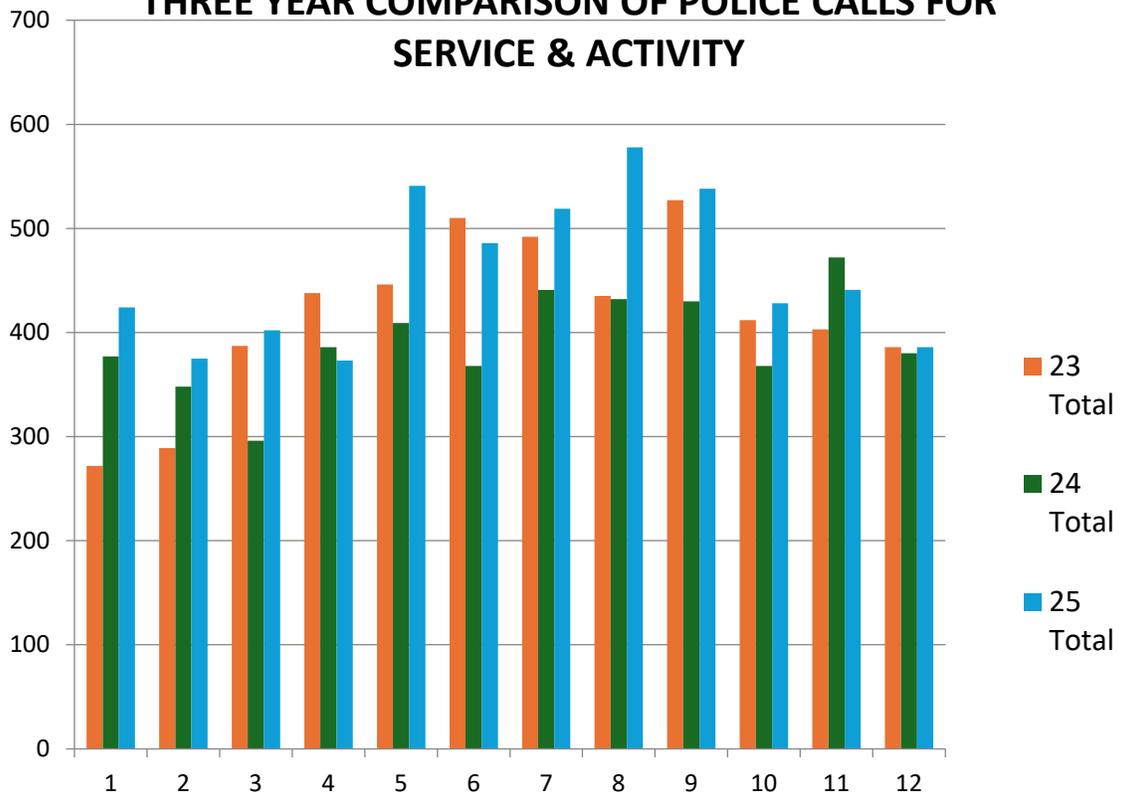
December 2025 Part I & II**City of Maple Plain #'s 1 & 2**

AGN	ICR	Title	Create Date	Grid #	MOC range	UCR Part
WHPS	25005130	MAARC Report – Financial Exploitation	12-02-2025	01	C02J1	2
WHPS	25005181	Theft	12-06-2025	01	U328D	1
WHPS	25005411	Domestic Assault	12-25-2025	01	AL302	2
WHPS	25005451	Domestic Assault/Damage to Property	12-28-2025	01	AK341	1
WHPS	25005276	DWI – 4 th Degree	12-13-2025	02	JG501	2
WHPS	25005318	Burglary/Damage to Property	12-17-2025	02	P1110	2
WHPS	25005445	Shooting	12-27-2025	02	W112A	2

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

AGN	ICR	Title	Create Date	Grid #	MOC range	UCR Part
WHPS	25005186	Theft/Rpt	12-07-2025	03	VA025	1
WHPS	25005220	4 th Degree DWI	12-15-2025	03	JG501	2
WHPS	25005309	Check Fraud/Theft	12-17-2025	03	TA999	1
WHPS	25005439	3 rd Degree DWI	12-26-2025	03	JFW01	2
WHPS	25005440	4 th Degree DWI	12-27-2025	03	JGW01	2

THREE YEAR COMPARISON OF POLICE CALLS FOR SERVICE & ACTIVITY



DIRECTOR'S NEWS & NOTES

WEST HENNEPIN PUBLIC SAFETY
December 2025 Activity Report

Year to Date Activity Report

At the end of December 2025, West Hennepin Public Safety (WHPS) handled year-to-date a total of 5,491 incident complaints. For the month of December; 232 incidents occurred in the City of Independence and 119 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

December 1

5100 block of Industrial Street, Maple Plain. Officer was on routine patrol and observed a vehicle running in a parking lot after hours. The vehicle was unoccupied and while checking the building doors, officer located the registered owner of the vehicle who was the business manager. He advised he was making popcorn before leaving for the night. Officer spoke to the keyholder on file who confirmed the individual was a manager.

Motorist Assist

December 2

Highway 12/Main Street E, Maple Plain. Officer was notified there was an unoccupied vehicle parked with its flashers on at the intersection. Officer approached the vehicle and attempted to contact the registered owner. Officer was advised by a neighboring agency that they were with the driver at the gas station. The driver returned to the scene and officers assisted her with filling her vehicle with gas.

Public Assist

December 2

5300 block of Pete Drive, Independence. Officer was dispatched to a public assist where the reporting party advised her husband rolled their four-wheeler and they needed assistance rolling it back over. Officer arrived on scene rolled the four-wheeler over. It was found the reporting party's husband had a possible concussion as he hit his head but was back inside laying in a dark room. They denied medical attention and were advised to call back if anything changes with his condition.

Suspicious Activity

December 3

3600 block of Independence Road, Independence. Officer was dispatched to a report of a possible burglary. Officers met with the homeowner who advised she believed she had seen footprints in the snow along with possible open doors on the property. She requested officers check the property. Officers cleared the house and found nothing suspicious.

Loud Music

December 5

1600 block of Marsh Ave, Maple Plain. Officer was dispatched to a loud music complaint. Officer arrived on scene and could hear music coming from the residence while standing outside. Officer spoke to the occupant of the home and advised her of the complaint. She was unhappy that someone called and was uncooperative when asked for her information. Officer was able to identify her, and she advised she would turn the music down.

Theft

December 6

4900 block of Highway 12, Maple Plain. Officer was dispatched to a theft that just occurred at a liquor store. The owner provided a thorough description of the suspect and his vehicle. A neighboring agency located the suspect, searched the vehicle, and located the stolen wine bottles. He was issued a citation for theft.

Theft

December 7

7900 block of Egret Drive, Independence. Officer was dispatched to a report of a stolen four-wheeler and motorcycle. Officer arrived on scene and spoke to the victim. It was found lawn care employees left a note inquiring if the vehicles were for sale. The victim advised she didn't call them back. There were noticeable footprints in the snow that appeared the suspect(s) were looking into the windows and doors. Case was forwarded to investigations.

Damage to Property

December 8

1500 block of County Road 90, Independence. Officer was dispatched to take a property damage report regarding a damaged mailbox. It was found a vehicle slid into the mailbox and left the scene. Officer responded and photographed the damage.

Suspicious Activity

December 9

5800 block of Highway 12, Maple Plain. Officer was on routine patrol overnight and observed a vehicle with four males get out and begin loading bags in the back of the truck. It was found a local landscaping company keeps supplies at the business and they were loading salt in preparation for snow removal.

Arrest

December 10

6000 block of Highway 12, Independence. Officer was dispatched to a domestic that had occurred while driving on the highway. Officers arrived and separated the parties who were found to be mother and adult son. Both parties gave consistent stories of a verbal argument that escalated into the mother striking the son in the face and the son subsequently grabbing the steering wheel to swerve the car into the ditch. Officers arrested both parties for Domestic Assault and transported them to Hennepin County Jail.

Traffic Complaint

December 10

County Road 6/County Road 90, Independence. Officer was dispatched to a traffic complaint where the vehicle was crossing over the lane markers. Officer located the vehicle and spoke to the driver who appeared sluggish and tired. The driver stated he had been up for 24 hours doing snow removal. The officer conducted Field Sobriety Tests and determined the driver was not impaired. The driver was advised to drive safely and released from the scene.

Found Property

December 12

600 block of County Road 110, Independence. Officer was dispatched to a found Apple Watch. Officer arrived and was able to locate owner information inside the watch. Officer spoke to the owner who was happy to hear his watch had been found. The watch was dropped off at his residence.

Welfare Check

December 12

7300 block of County Road 11, Independence. Officer was dispatched to a welfare check where the reporting party hadn't heard from her friend in several days. The reporting party also advised her friend had been ill recently. Officer arrived and spoke to the subject who was sitting inside. She stated she hadn't checked her phone recently and everything was fine.

Arrest

December 13

Highway 12/Howard Avenue, Maple Plain. Officer was on routine patrol and found a vehicle driving over the posted speed limit. Officer stopped the vehicle and spoke to the driver who displayed signs of impairment. There was also a partial case of beer open in the back seat. Field Sobriety Tests were performed, and the driver was ultimately arrested for DWI. He provided an evidentiary breath test of 0.11. He was booked and released with a citation for 4th Degree DWI.

Suspicious Activity

December 15

Parkview Road/Main Street West, Maple Plain. Officer was on routine patrol and observed a vehicle making several stops in the area. Officer observed the driver's side door open, and the driver ran towards the house. Officer made contact with the driver who advised they were making early morning deliveries.

Arrest

December 15

County Road 6/County Road 92, Independence. Officer stopped a vehicle for driving over the posted speed limit and spoke to the driver who displayed signs of impairment. Officer conducted Field Sobriety Tests and placed him under arrest for DWI. He provided an evidentiary test of .10 and was released with a citation for 4th Degree DWI.

Motorist Assist

December 16

County Road 11/County Road 92, Independence. Officer was dispatched to a vehicle in the ditch. Upon arrival, Officer spoke to the driver who advised she turned around to take a photo of the sunrise when she slid into the ditch. Officers assisted with pushing the vehicle out of the ditch.

Burglary

December 17

1400 block of Meadow Lane, Maple Plain. Officers were dispatched to a report of damage to property, later believed to be a burglary. Officers arrived on scene and spoke to the reporting party and the occupants of the home who advised they observed a suspect outside yelling at them through the window. The suspect then began pushing, kicking, and throwing objects at a window. Ultimately, the suspect threw a large rock causing the window to break. The suspect ran towards a vehicle on the street and fled at a high rate of speed. Case forwarded to investigations for further.

Traffic

December 18

County Road 6/County Road 110, Independence. Officer conducted a traffic stop due to expired registration and the vehicle showed the registered owner was revoked. Officer provided an insurance card and confirmed the policy hasn't been active in over a year. Officer conducted an inventory of the vehicle prior to a tow and found open bottles of vodka. The driver admitted to drinking earlier, provided a preliminary breath sample, and was found not to be intoxicated. The driver was released pending charged for gross misdemeanor no insurance and driving after revocation.

Suspicious Activity

December 19

2000 block of County Road 90, Independence. Officer was dispatched to a possible burglary. The reporting party advised they heard a huge noise downstairs, followed by several smaller noises after. Officer arrived on scene and cleared the inside of the home. The origin of the noises heard were unknown.

Crash

December 20

Independence Road/Pagenkopf Road, Independence. Officer was dispatched to a vehicle in the ditch with property damage. Officer arrived on scene and observed a cattle fence was damaged. The property owner was contacted and advised it happens all the time, declined receiving the driver's information, and would fix the fence. The vehicle was pulled out of the ditch, and the driver was able to leave the scene in his vehicle. It was found the driver was delivering packages and slipped off the road.

Crash

December 21

7000 block of County Road 11, Independence. Officer was dispatched to a single vehicle crash. Officer arrived on scene and spoke to the driver who advised he lost control of his vehicle causing him to crash into a tree. The driver did not have insurance and the registration expired in July of 2024. He was cited for the offenses and provided a ride home.

Crash

December 22

Highway 12/County Road 90, Independence. Officer was dispatched to a three-vehicle crash with injuries. Officer arrived on scene and found the vehicles all with significant damage. One driver was bleeding from the head, and another had to be extricated from the vehicle. Two drivers were transported to the hospital. One driver did not have insurance and a citation was mailed. No signs of impairment were observed on any of the drivers. The intersection was closed while duty crews and tow trucks cleared the scene.

Animal Complaint

December 23

5900 block of Henry Street, Maple Plain. Officer was dispatched to sick racoon. Officers responded and the racoon hid under the shed before they could catch it. Officers spoke to the neighbor who advised he might be able to trap the racoon.

Arrest

December 25

1800 block of Newport Street, Maple Plain. Officer was dispatched to a domestic assault between roommates. It began as a verbal argument and escalated to physical where the victim was punched multiple times in the head by the suspect. Officers took statements from both parties involved and arrested the suspect. The suspect was booked and transported to Hennepin County Jail.

Arrest

December 26

Highway 12/County Road 90, Independence. Officer stopped a vehicle for a lane violation and a burnt-out brake light. Officer spoke to the driver who admitted to drinking alcohol. Field Sobriety Tests were performed, and the driver was arrested for DWI. The driver was booked, provided an evidentiary breath sample of 0.16, and transported to Hennepin County Jail.

Arrest

December 27

6000 block of Highway 12, Independence. Officer initiated a traffic stop for a lane violation. Officer spoke to the driver who displayed signs of impairment and admitted to consuming alcohol. SFST's were administered and the officer placed him under arrest. He was transported for booking and provided an evidentiary breath sample of 0.12. He was released to a sober party with a citation.

Shots Heard
December 27

1400 block of Meadow Lane, Maple Plain. Officers were dispatched to a call of shots heard in the area. With assistance from several agencies, the scene was secured and no injuries were reported. The case was forwarded to investigations for further.

Arrest
December 27

1600 block of Baker Park Road, Maple Plain. Officers were dispatched to a report of a domestic assault. The reporting party advised his fiancée physically assaulted him, threatened assault with a hammer, and ran water over his laptop in the bathtub causing damage. The female party was taken into custody and transported to Hennepin County Jail pending charges.

Suspicious Activity
December 28

5900 block of Three Oaks Avenue, Maple Plain. Officer was dispatched to a suspicious activity report. Officer spoke to the reporting party who advised a nearby building had a door ajar with fresh shoe prints in the snow. Officers arrived and found the tracks in the snow. Officers were able to push the door open and checked inside where no one was found. Officers were unable to contact the property owner.

Motorist Assist
December 29

Highway 12/Howard Avenue, Maple Plain. Officers were dispatched to a jackknife semi and the intersection. Officers arrived on scene and spoke to the driver who advised he began to slide and then jack-knifed into the median. The semi was able to be driven away from the scene.

Crash
December 29

Highway 12/Boundary Avenue, Maple Plain. Officer was dispatched to a vehicle in the ditch. Officer located the vehicle and spoke to the driver who advised he was zoned out and believe he hit a piece of ice on the road causing him to go into the ditch. Officer informed the driver of the dangers of driving while tired and advised the tread on her tires were extremely bald.

Animal Complaint

December 30

Pagenkopf Road/McDow Lane, Independence. Officer was dispatched to a report of a raccoon in the roadway. The reporting party was directing traffic, so the raccoon didn't get hit and was trying to move it off the roadway. Officer arrived and suspected the raccoon to have distemper. Officer used his catchpole to remove the raccoon from the roadway and properly dispatched it.

Motorist Assist

December 31

5600 block of Pioneer Creek Drive, Maple Plain. Officer was dispatched to a report of an abandoned vehicle that was stuck in a snowbank, still running, and in gear with the tires actively spinning. Officers arrived on scene and spoke to the driver who had just returned to the vehicle. He advised he slid into the snowbank and exited the vehicle and locked the keys inside. Officer was able to unlock the vehicle to shut the vehicle off and assisted with shoveling the vehicle out of the snowbank.