



WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT



February 2026 Monthly Report



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Patrol Division February 2026 Report



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OFFICER STATUS REPORT

- PPO's McBride and Hunsicker continue their Field Training Program.

PATROL ACTIVITY

- Officers completed 877 initial reports this month.
- Patrol Officers investigated 23 reportable and 66 non-reportable crashes.
- Patrol charged 68 Crimes & Vehicle Code (associated with criminal charges) sections this month. See attached list of charges.

LEHIGH COUNTY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (LCERT) ACTIVITIES

- We currently have five members assigned to the team.
- LC ERT was activated to assist with an incident in the township, but the team was not utilized, as the subject cooperatively exited his residence.

TRAINING

- Officers participated in annual Defensive Tactics Training this month.
- Next month, Sergeants will receive training in policy and procedure refresher.

Name	
Title 24 13-1333.2	14
2709(a)(1) Harassment	8
3929(a)(1) Retail Theft	5
3802(a)(1) Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol or Controlled Substance - General	5
780-113(a)(16) Simple Possession	4
5503(a)(4) Disorderly Conduct (Hazardous Condition)	3
780-113(a)(32) Drug Paraphernalia	3
5503 (a)(1) Disorderly Conduct (Threatening Behavior)	3
3309(1) Driving on Roadways Laned for Traffic	2
15-39 Parking a trailer prohibited	2
2701(a)(1) Simple Assault	2
6306.1(a)(1) USE OF TOBACCO IN SCHOOLS PROHIBITED	1
3334(b) Signals on turning and starting	1
4120(a) Identity Theft	1
3922(a)(1) THEFT BY DECEPTION (FALSE IMPRESSION)	1
1543(a) Driving While Operating Privilege Is Suspended or Revoked	1
3921(a) Theft by Unlawful Taking or Disposition	1
3304(a)(5) Criminal Mischief - Intentionally Damages	1
4303(b) General Lighting Requirements - rear lighting	1
4581(a)(2)(ii) RESTRAINT SYSTEMS/ DRIVER OVER 18 YRS AGE	1
2718(a)(1) Strangulation	1
4106(a)(1)(i) Access device fraud	1
4101(a)(2) Forgery	1
3112(a)(3)(i) Traffic-Control Signals	1
3802(d)(2) Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol or Controlled Substance - Safe Driving	1
3714(a) Careless Driving (General)	1
4703(a) Operation of Vehicle Without Official Certificate of Inspection	1
780-113(a)(31)(i) Small Amount of Marijuana	1
Total	68



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Patrol Division Sergeant Report *February 2026*

PROACTIVE POLICING ACTIVITY

13 selective traffic enforcements

Citations: 4

Warnings: 43

Parking Tickets: 4

Locations:

S. 5th Ave & Center St.

5th St. & Florida Ave.

MacArthur Rd. & Jordan Pkwy.

Mickley Rd. & Lehnert Rd.

MacArthur Rd. & Fairmont Ave.

MacArthur Rd. & Eberhart Rd.

Orchard Dr. & Ellsworth Dr.

S. Church St. & Bridge St.

SIGNIFICANT ARRESTS AND INCIDENTS

- The following **Assaults** were reported:
 - 1) 02 February, Stiles Area, domestic disturbance, 1 arrest for harassment.
 - 2) 09 February, Hokendauqua Area, physical altercation, 2 arrests for harassment.
 - 3) 14 February, Hokendauqua Area, domestic disturbance, 1 arrest for harassment.
 - 4) 15 February, Fullerton Area, domestic disturbance, 1 arrest for criminal trespass, simple assault and harassment.
 - 5) 16 February, Egypt Area, domestic disturbance, 1 arrest for strangulation, simple assault and harassment.
 - 6) 20 February, Ramada Inn, domestic disturbance, 1 arrest for harassment.
 - 7) 28 February, West Catasauqua Area, domestic disturbance, 1 arrest for harassment.

- The following **Burglaries** were reported:
 - 1) No burglaries reported in February

- The following **Robberies** were reported:
 - 1) No robberies reported in February.

- The following **Thefts of Motor Vehicle** were reported:
 - 1) No thefts of motor vehicles reported in February.



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COORDINATED ACTIVITIES WITH OTHER AGENCIES

- 1) 01 February, Fullerton Area, assisted Franklin Township PD.
- 2) 02 February, Catasauqua, assisted North Catasauqua PD.
- 3) 06 February, Hokendauqua Area, assisted Montgomery Twp PD.
- 4) 09 February, Fullerton Area, assisted the LC District Attorney's Office.
- 5) 13 February, Fullerton Area, assisted Bethlehem Twp PD.
- 6) 18 February, Presidential Drive Area, assisted Bethlehem PD.
- 7) 19 February, Presidential Drive Area, assisted US Marshals.
- 8) 19 February, Upper Macungie, assisted Upper Macungie PD.
- 9) 19 February, North Catasauqua, assisted North Catasauqua PD.
- 10) 20 February, MacArthur Road, assisted Pennsylvania State Police.
- 11) 21 February, Fullerton Area, assisted Paterson PD.
- 12) 26 February, Fullerton Area, assisted Lehigh University PD.
- 13) 26 February, WPD HQ, assisted Northampton County Sheriffs.
- 14) 27 February, West Catasauqua Area, assisted Catasauqua PD.
- 15) 28 February, South Whitehall, assisted South Whitehall PD.

NEXT MONTH'S PLANNED ACTIVITIES

- 1) Officers are assigned proactive/directed patrols based on citizen complaints.
- 2) Officers can elect to volunteer for DUI Rover/Sobriety Checkpoint enforcement.



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Criminal Investigations Division February 2026 Report



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Criminal Investigation Division Report *February 2026*

Significant Arrests or Incidents:

The Detective Division assisted patrol with several follow-ups and on-scene incidents including a suicide scene.

They also assisted patrol with photo lineups for suspect identifications and identifying suspects in various incidents.

The Detectives had a total of **18** cleared cases and **30** cases assigned among 4 Detectives for this month.

The Whitehall CSPU will be assisting the Lehigh County Accident Investigation Team, in processing scenes outside Whitehall Township. Those crime scene statistics are not included in the monthly report.

The Whitehall Police Crime Scene Processing Unit processed **2** crime scenes this month that consisted of 2 Suicides (WH-26-01985 & WH-26-02155).

The Cellebrite analyzer was used **1** time this month, for a **Suicide (WH-26-01333)** that occurred at the end of last month.

Arrests

Forgery

WH-25-15831

Whitehall Police took a report from an 87-year-old male who reported his debit card had been fraudulently used at two stores in our Township. The victim had the only copy of his debit card and there were two unauthorized purchases made at retail stores for a total of approximately \$150.00. The assigned Detective was able to view video surveillance from the retail stores where a suspect was seen on video. This suspect was found to be responsible for other unauthorized charges throughout the Township, reported by other victims (on last month's CID Monthly Report). The male was positively identified and subsequently arrested out of County on similar charges. The male is currently incarcerated and was charged with the following:

- Forgery (Felony 2)**
- Access Device Fraud (Misdemeanor 1)**
- Identity Theft (Misdemeanor 1)**

PICS

WH-25-10088

Whitehall Police received information from the Pennsylvania State Police (PSP) PICS Division regarding an attempted firearm purchase where the person is not eligible to purchase or possess firearms. The information received from PSP includes documents showing the reason for the denial, the application and any other documents supporting the reason for denial and/or knowledge of their ineligibility. In this case, the individual who applied for the firearm was ineligible due to a prior burglary and robbery conviction but stated on the form there was nothing in their criminal history that made them ineligible. The male was charged with:

- Unsworn Falsifications (Misdemeanor 3)**

Theft

WH-26-01251

Whitehall Police took a report of a theft of money from an ATM located inside of a social hall in the Township. The victim reported that the suspect who stole the money was an employee of his business who was tasked with repairs of skills redemption machines, also inside of this social hall. The employee utilized a master key to open the ATM and take over \$5,000 from the ATM. The victim confronted the employee who admitted to the theft. The victim then gave the employee time to pay him back, but the employee failed to pay back the entire amount over a 3-month period. The total amount still owed to the victim was over \$3,000. After reviewing messages between the victim and employee, the assigned Detective filed the following charges and a warrant was issued:

- Theft by Unlawful Taking (Felony 3)**
- Receiving Stolen Property (Felony 3)**

Simple Assault/Weapons Offense

WH-26-01054

Whitehall Police were called to a retail store for a fight in progress and a robbery. Upon arrival of Patrol Officers, it was discovered that there was a fight in the parking lot involving 4 adults and 1 juvenile with pepper spray being deployed and a report of a wallet stolen. Detectives responded to assist with the investigation where numerous interviews were conducted with the six people involved. A search of the involved vehicle was also conducted which resulted in the discovery of a firearm in the possession of the involved juvenile. During the investigation, new information was learned through video surveillance, witness statements, suspect statements and the victim statement, that determined this was not a robbery, as no item was seen being taken from the victim, but a mutual fight. This resulted in 5 arrests, including 4 adults and 1 juvenile:

-Adult #1: Simple Assault (Misdemeanor 2)

Disorderly Conduct (Misdemeanor 3)

Harassment (Summary)

-Adult #2: Disorderly Conduct (Misdemeanor 3)

-Adult #3: Disorderly Conduct (Misdemeanor 3)

-Adult #4: Disorderly Conduct (Misdemeanor 3)

-Juvenile #1: Firearms not to be Carried Without a License (Misdemeanor 1)

Simple Assault (Misdemeanor 2)

Disorderly Conduct (Misdemeanor 3)

Forgery

WH-25-15894

Whitehall Police took a report from a 79-year-old victim reporting her debit card was used at a grocery store without her authorization. The assigned Detective reviewed video surveillance from the store which showed a male suspect, making a purchase, totaling \$50, with the victim's card number. This male was the same male previously identified in last month's report, as well as this one (see arrest for report # WH-25-15831). The male is currently incarcerated in another County on similar charges. Charges were filed and an arrest warrant issued for the following charges:

-Forgery (Felony 2)

-Access Device Fraud (Misdemeanor 1)

-Identity Theft (Misdemeanor 1)

Retail Theft

WH-26-01815

The Criminal Investigations Division received information about a retail theft that had occurred at a retail store, who are known to be victims of theft. The female suspect was seen selecting items for sale, removing the security sensors and concealing the items on her person. The female exited the store, making no attempt to pay for the merchandise, which totaled over \$500. The assigned Detective regularly communicates with an organized crime task force, specifically retail based, who was able to identify the female involved as one involved in numerous other thefts at the same stores, all in different locations and states. The Detective was able to confirm the female's identity, and she was charged with the following and an arrest warrant was issued:

-Retail Theft (Felony 3)

-Unlawful Possession of Retail Instruments (Felony 3)

Investigators were assigned:

Assigned Investigations:

Detective Arrests:

1	Identity Theft		2	Forgery
2	PICS		1	PICS
2	Forgery/Counterfeiting		1	Simple Assault
6	Access Device Fraud		3	Disorderly Conduct
1	Fraud by Impersonation		1	Weapons Offense
2	Sex Offense		1	Retail Theft
1	Retail Theft		1	Theft
8	Childline Referral			
1	Simple Assault		10	Total Arrests
5	Theft			
1	Wire Fraud			
30	Total Assigned			

Detective Other Clearances:

9	Childline referral
1	Pornography/Obscene Material
2	PICS
2	Access Device Fraud
2	Information
1	Cyber Tip
1	Identity Theft
18	Total Other Clearances

Summary:

Total department reports February 2025	846
Total department reports February 2026	877
Detective Cases February of 2026	30
Detective Case Arrests February of 2026	10
Detective Cases Cleared February of 2026	18
Whitehall CID Clearance rate average February 2026	93%
Lehigh County Clearance rate average February 2026	31%
Crime Scenes processed by Crime Scene Unit February 2026	2
Crime Scenes processed by Crime Scene Unit year to date	5



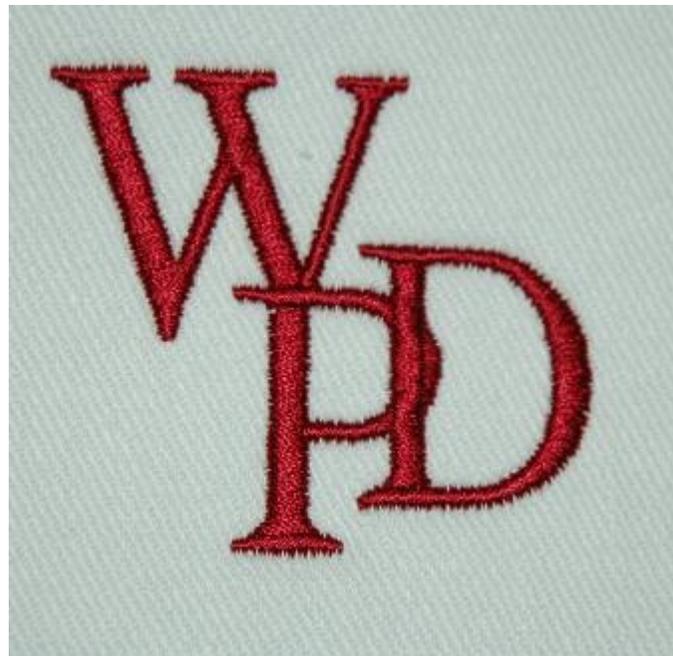
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Administration Division February 2026 Report



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Administration Division Report
February 2026

The below listed data was data entered and or reviewed by administrative staff during the period 01–28 February 2026

REPORTED INCIDENTS

	881
NIBRS REPORTABLE	113
CLEARED BY ARREST	33
NON-TRAFFIC CITATIONS	32
ALL ACCIDENTS	88
ALL OTHER/MISC/INFO	615

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

	657
TRAFFIC CITATIONS	218
PARKING TICKETS	73
WRITTEN WARNINGS	366

SERVICE REQUESTS/PAYMENTS

	\$2,725
INCIDENT/CRASH REPORTS	116
RECORD CHECKS	8
EXPUNGEMENTS	24
ALARM REGISTRATIONS	2
PARKING TICKETS	36
PERMITS / LICENSES	0
VALIDATIONS	36
COURT DISPOSITIONS	10
CIVIL CASES	0
CRIMINAL HISTORY	0



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School Resource Officer Report February 2026

ARRESTS/REFERRALS/CITATIONS

Non-Traffic Citations:	13
Impact Referrals:	2
Juvenile Allegations:	1

INCIDENT REPORTS:

Drug Possession:	1
Possession of Tobacco:	8
Information Report:	2
Simple Assault:	1
Truancy:	9
Alarm:	2
Threats:	1
Found Property:	1
Disorderly Conduct:	2
Sex Offense:	1
Weapons Offense:	1

MONTHLY ACTIONS:

- Regular presence at student arrival and dismissal.
- Regular presence in the cafeteria during the lunch periods.
- Regular presence in the hallways when classes are changing and during classes.
- Visited the other school buildings for a walk through student arrivals and dismissals.
- Informal/Formal counseling with school staff, students and families.

MISCELLANEOUS:

- 36 contacts with students made assisting administration with discipline issues and regular contact.
- Attended 3 out of school suspension hearings.
- Attended 2 Student Assistant Program meetings.
- Attended 1 WHS basketball games with no incidents.
- Attended 2 WHS wrestling matches with no incidents.
- Safety and Security monthly meeting at the Whitehall Early Learning Center.
- Attended the Emergency Preparedness Committee Meeting.
- Attended 2 incentive lunches for elementary students.
- Monitored Keep out drills at the Elementary Buildings.



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Middle School Resource Officer Report *February 2026*

ARRESTS/REFERRALS/CITATIONS

- Juvenile allegations: 0
- Non traffic citations: 5
- Impact Project referrals: 0

INCIDENT REPORTS:

- Truancy: 5
- Mental health: 3
- Information: 2
- Traffic: 2
- Weapons offense: 1
- Disturbance: 1
- Pornography: 1

NON-POLICE REPORT CONTACTS

- Presence around the student drop off and pick up areas.
- Presence in the cafeteria during breakfast/lunch periods.
- Presence in the hallways during/after class changes.
- Monitoring of the school surveillance cameras on campus.
- Informal/formal counseling with staff/students/families.

MONTHLY ACTIONS:

- Court hearings.
- School safety meetings.
- Day care community visit.
- School safety trainings.
- Defensive Tactics training.
- WPD Youth Academy planning/meetings.
- Boyle legal updates.
- 18 contacts referred to school administration/nurse/or counseling for various school related incidents



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