



WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT



January 2026 Monthly Report



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Whitehall Township Commissioners

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3223 MacArthur Road

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WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT



Patrol Division

January 2026 Report



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Patrol Division Report

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OFFICER STATUS REPORT

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

PATROL ACTIVITY

- Officers completed 1,004 initial reports this month.
- Patrol Officers investigated 38 reportable and 76 non-reportable crashes.
- Patrol charged 87 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.
- The Lehigh County Warrant Service Team was utilized to serve a warrant for the Lehigh County Drug Task Force in Allentown.

TRAINING

- Officers will participate in annual Defensive Tactics Training, as well as Mental Health Training, next month.

Name	Count of Charges
2709(a)(1) Harassment	10
Title 24 13-1333.2	8
3929(a)(1) Retail Theft	7
3304(a)(5) Criminal Mischief - Intentionally Damages	5
5503 (a)(1) Disorderly Conduct (Threatening Behavior)	4
3802(a)(1) Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol or Controlled Substance - General	4
780-113(a)(32) Drug Paraphernalia	3
3921(a) Theft by Unlawful Taking or Disposition (Movable Property)	3
780-113(a)(16) Simple Possession	3
3714(a) Careless Driving (General)	3
780-113(a)(31)(i) Small Amount of Marijuana	2
3733(a) Fleeing or Attempting to Elude Police Officer 1	2
3309(1) Driving on Roadways Laned for Traffic	2
2701(a)(1) Simple Assault	2
3323(b) Stop Signs and Yield Signs	2
4914 False Identification to Law Enforcement Authorities	2
5505 Public Drunkenness and Similar Misconduct	2
3921(a) Theft by Unlawful Taking or Disposition	1
3334(a) Turning Movements and Required Signals	1
3703(a) Driving upon sidewalk	1
3310(a) Following Too Closely	1
3736(a) Reckless Driving	1
4303(b) General Lighting Requirements - rear lighting	1
1786(f) Required Financial Responsibility	1
1301(a) Registration and Certificate of Title Required	1
2706(a)(1) Terroristic Threats	1
459-502 (a.2) (1)(ii) Harboring a Dangerous Dog	1
9135 Fugitive From Justice	1
5101 Obstructing administration of law or other governmental function.	1
3743(a) Accidents Involving Damage To Attended Vehicle or Property	1
1371 Operation following suspension of registration	1
5104 Resisting Arrest or Other Law Enforcement	1
3744(a) Duty To Give Information and Render Aid	1
3112(a)(3)(i) Traffic-Control Signals	1
3503(b)(1)(i) Criminal Trespass - Defiant Trespass (Actual Communication)	1
2709(a)(7) Harassment	1
3327(a)(1) Duty of Driver in Emergency Response Areas	1
1511(a) Carrying and Exhibiting Driver's License On Demand	1
1543(b)(1)(i) Driving While Operating Privilege Is Suspended or Revoked - DUI/ARD	1
2709(a)(4) Harassment	1
Total	87



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Patrol Division Sergeant Report

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PROACTIVE POLICING ACTIVITY

16 Selective traffic enforcements

Citations: 13

Warnings: 36

Parking Tickets: 6

Locations:

S. 5th Ave & Center St.

5th St. & Florida Ave.

WCSD Bus Stops

Mickley Rd. & Mallard Dr.

MacArthur Rd. & Fairmont Ave.

MacArthur Rd & Mechanicsville Rd.

MacArthur Rd. & Jordan Pkwy.

SIGNIFICANT ARRESTS AND INCIDENTS

- The following **Assaults** were reported:
 - 1) 01 January, Fullerton Area, domestic disturbance, 1 arrest for simple assault and harassment.
 - 2) 02 January, Cementon Area, domestic disturbance, 1 arrest for harassment.
 - 3) 02 January, Mauch Chunk Area, domestic disturbance, 1 arrest for harassment.
 - 4) 03 January, Dave & Busters, domestic related, 1 arrest for harassment.
 - 5) 09 January, Wawa (under construction), physical altercation between workers, 1 arrest for simple assault and harassment.
 - 6) 12 January, JD Sports, customer struck employee, investigation on-going.
 - 7) 20 January, Fullerton area, domestic disturbance, 1 arrest for harassment.
 - 8) 27 January, Cementon, Area, altercation involving brandishing a firearm, 1 arrest for simple assault,
 - 9) 28 January, Fullerton Area, domestic disturbance, 1 arrest for harassment.
- The following **Burglaries** were reported:
 - 1) 02 January, Maryland Circle, residential burglary, investigation on-going.
 - 2) 17 January, Fullerton Area, residential burglary, 1 arrest for burglary, criminal trespass and theft by unlawful taking.



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- The following **Robberies** were reported:
 - 1) 24 January, Walmart, investigation on-going.
- The following **Thefts of Motor Vehicle** were reported:
 - 1) No thefts of motor vehicles reported in January.

COORDINATED ACTIVITIES WITH OTHER AGENCIES

- 1) 01 January, Coplay Borough, assisted Coplay PD.
- 2) 04 January, Egypt Area, assisted Pennsylvania State Police.
- 3) 08 January, Walmart, assisted Inspector General's Office.
- 4) 10 January, Fullerton Area, assisted Allentown PD.
- 5) 11 January, Egypt Area, assisted Pennsylvania State Police.
- 6) 12 January, Valley Central, assisted Allentown PD.
- 7) 13 January, Route 22, assisted Pennsylvania State Police.
- 8) 14 January, Cementon Area, assisted Northampton PD.
- 9) 16 January, Fullerton Area, assisted LC Children & Youth.
- 10) 21 January, Northampton Borough, assisted Northampton PD.
- 11) 23 January, Fullerton Area, assisted Winslow TWP PD.
- 12) 25 January, Hokendauqua Area, assisted Cetronia EMS.
- 13) 30 January, Family Thrift Store, assisted Allentown PD.
- 14) 31 January, Fullerton Area, assisted LC Crisis Intervention.

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 enforcement.



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For Chief of Police Michael J. Marks
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WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT



Criminal Investigations Division

January 2026 Report



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Criminal Investigation Division Report

January 2026

Significant Arrests or Incidents:

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

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

The Detectives had a total of **14** cleared cases and **33** cases assigned between 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 **3** crime scenes this month that consisted of a **Suicide (WH-26-00850)**, **Burglary (WH-26-00773)**, **Suicide (WH-26-01333)**

The Cellebrite analyzer was not used this month.

Arrests

Criminal Mischief

WH-25-13372

Whitehall Police responded to an apartment building for a possible burglary. Upon arrival, damage to the apartment door was discovered but no items inside were missing. The total damage was approximately \$50. The assigned Detective was able to review video from the victim and identify juveniles observed outside of the apartment door between the time frames the victim stated the damage occurred. With the assistance of the victim and School Resource Officers, the juveniles were identified and interviewed where they admitted to the damage. One juvenile was charged with the following as the other juveniles were approved for the impact program:

-Criminal Mischief, Graded as a Summary

Criminal Mischief

WH-25-02183

Whitehall Police responded to the Cementon Park Recreation building for a window that was broken two days in a row by a rock being thrown through it. The scene was processed by a Whitehall Crime Scene Processor where the recovered rock was swabbed for DNA. This swab was brought to the Pennsylvania State Police Lab for analyzation and several months later, the assigned Detective received results from the lab with a match to the DNA swab submitted. The DNA match belonged to a juvenile who Whitehall Patrol Officers had made contact with on the night of one of the broken window incidents. The juvenile was on probation at the time of the incident and was interviewed by the assigned Detective. The juvenile admitted to the broken windows on both nights. The total amount of damage to the window was over \$2,000. The juvenile was charged with the following:

-Criminal Mischief, graded as a Misdemeanor 2

Theft by Unlawful Taking

WH-25-15685 & WH-25-15570

Whitehall Police responded to two separate businesses for damage to air conditioning units and copper wiring and parts missing from the units as well. The assigned Detective was able to obtain video from the area of one of the businesses and was able to observe two subjects on bicycles with one pulling a trailer behind it. Video surveillance was obtained from a local scrap yard and a suspect was developed. This suspect was ultimately involved in a fatal accident and succumbed to his injuries. The second suspect was eventually identified through civilian dashcam and interviews with local residents. The male was interviewed where he admitted he and the other (deceased) suspect were responsible for the damage and theft to the air conditioning units. The total damage/replacement costs to the units were over \$35,000 and the male was charged with the following:

-(2) Counts Criminal Mischief, graded as a Felony 3

-(2) Counts Theft by Unlawful Taking, graded as a Felony 3

Theft by Unlawful Taking

WH-25-15814

Whitehall Police took a report from the victim that his vehicle had been gone through, and items were stolen while it was parked at a local fitness center. The victim reported his iPad, a gun magazine, debit cards and numerous prescription medications were taken from his vehicle. The victim reported his debit card had an attempted withdrawal from a bank branded ATM. The assigned Detective was able to review video surveillance from the fitness center and the location of where the attempted ATM withdrawal occurred. From this, the Detective utilized the license plate readers (LPRs) and a suspect vehicle was developed. Through additional video review and interviews, the Detective was able to identify a suspect, and a warrant was issued for the male. The total value of the stolen items was over \$3,500. The male was charged with the following:

-Theft by Unlawful Taking, graded as a Felony 3

-Receiving Stolen Property, graded as a Felony 3

-Access Device Fraud, graded as a Felony 3

Forgery

WH-26-00091

Whitehall Police took a report from a local jewelry store who reported a male had purchased over \$18,000 worth of jewelry with a fraudulent cashier's check. They also reported the day prior to this; the male completed a credit application but was denied. Approximately 3 weeks after the successful purchase of the jewelry, the store was notified that the check was fraudulent. The store provided the information the male filled out on his denied credit application. The assigned Detective was able to produce a suspect from this information, and a photo line-up was created. The store employee who assisted the male suspect with the purchase, positively identified the male from the photo line-up. The Detective also received information that this same male was involved in an armed robbery in Berks County shortly after our incident. The male is currently incarcerated in Berks County Jail, awaiting transport to Lehigh County to answer to the following charges:

-Forgery, graded as a Felony 2

-Theft by Deception, graded as a Felony 3

-Receiving Stolen Property, graded as a Felony

Forgery

WH-25-11795

Whitehall Police took a report from a local financial institution where a check had been deposited in the amount of \$1,500 by an account holder(suspect). The bank account belonged to was from another financial institution's account holder whose bank account had been hacked and was a victim of an account takeover. This made the \$1,500 check fraudulent. The suspect was contacted by their own bank where they attempted to cash the check, and they gave her the option to pay back the \$1,500 as the bank was now at a loss. The suspect was given 4 months to repay the funds to her bank but failed to do so. The suspect was charged with the following:

-Forgery, graded as a Felony 2

-Theft by Deception, graded as a Misdemeanor 1

-Receiving Stolen Property, graded as a Misdemeanor 1

Burglary

WH-26-00773

Whitehall police responded to the 600 block of Mickley Rd for a burglary report. The victim reported a male was observed entering 3 buildings and the occupied residence without permission. The male was captured on video surveillance, and the victim reported the only

thing missing was a single grocery item from inside the occupied residence. Patrol Officers had previously encountered a male in the same night for an unrelated call who they were able to identify. While reviewing the video surveillance for this burglary call, it was discovered the male in the victim's video surveillance and the male previously encountered by Patrol Officers, were one in the same. An arrest warrant has been filed, and the male has been charged with the following:

- Burglary, graded as a Felony 1**
- Criminal Trespass, graded as a Felony 2**
- Theft, graded as a Misdemeanor 3**

Access Device Fraud

WH-26-00296

Whitehall Police took a report of an unknown person using the victim's debit card without her authorization at a business in the Township. The total amount was approximately \$190, and the victim reported she still had possession of her card. The assigned Detective was able to review transaction statements from the victim and receive video surveillance from the business where the victim's card was utilized. A male suspect could be seen attempting to use multiple cards inside the business, until successful with the victims. Through investigative resources and assistance from other agencies, the Detective was able to positively identify the male and a warrant was issued. The male is currently in Cumberland County Prison on similar charges in Cumberland County and has multiple warrants for him from other agencies for the same type of criminal activity. He was charged with:

- Forgery, graded as a Felony 2**
- Identity Theft, graded as a Misdemeanor 1**
- Access Device Fraud, graded as a Felony 3**

Access Device Fraud

WH-25-15900

Whitehall Police took a report of an unknown person using the victim's debit card without their authorization at various stores in the Township and the Lehigh Valley. The total amount was approximately \$328.16, and the victim reported they still had possession of their card. The assigned Detective was able to review transaction statements from the victim and receive video surveillance from the business where the victim's card was utilized. A male suspect could be seen attempting to use multiple cards inside these businesses, until successful with the victims. Through investigative resources and assistance from other agencies, the Detective was able to positively identify the male and a warrant was issued. The male is currently in Cumberland County Prison on similar charges in Cumberland County and has multiple warrants for him from other agencies for the same type of criminal activity. He is also the same male from the above incident (WH-26-00296)

and is responsible for additional cases where charges will be filed in those cases as well. He was charged with

-Forgery, graded as a Felony 2

-Identity Theft, graded as a Felony 3

-Access Device Fraud, graded as a Felony 3

Investigators were assigned:

1	Extortion/Blackmail	2	Criminal Mischief
1	Identity Theft	3	Theft by Unlawful Taking
1	Cyber Tip	2	Forgery
1	Suspicious Activity	1	Burglary
3	PICS	2	Access Device Fraud
3	Access Device Fraud		
1	Bad Checks	10	Total Arrests
1	Wire Fraud		
1	Pornography/Obscene Material		
2	Forgery/Counterfeiting		
2	Burglary/Attempted		
1	Robbery		
6	Childline Referral		
1	Information		
4	Theft from Vehicle		
4	Theft		
33	Total Assigned		

Detective Other Clearances:

3	PICS
1	Suspicious Activity
6	Childline referral
1	Stalking
1	Information
1	Rape
1	Sex Offense
14	Total Other Clearances

Summary:

Total department reports January 2025	911
Total department reports January 2026	1004
Detective Cases January of 2026	33
Detective Case Arrests January of 2026	10
Detective Cases Cleared January of 2026	14
Whitehall CID Clearance rate average January 2026	72%
Lehigh County Clearance rate average January 2026	28%
Crime Scenes processed by Crime Scene Unit January 2026	3
Crime Scenes processed by Crime Scene Unit year to date	3



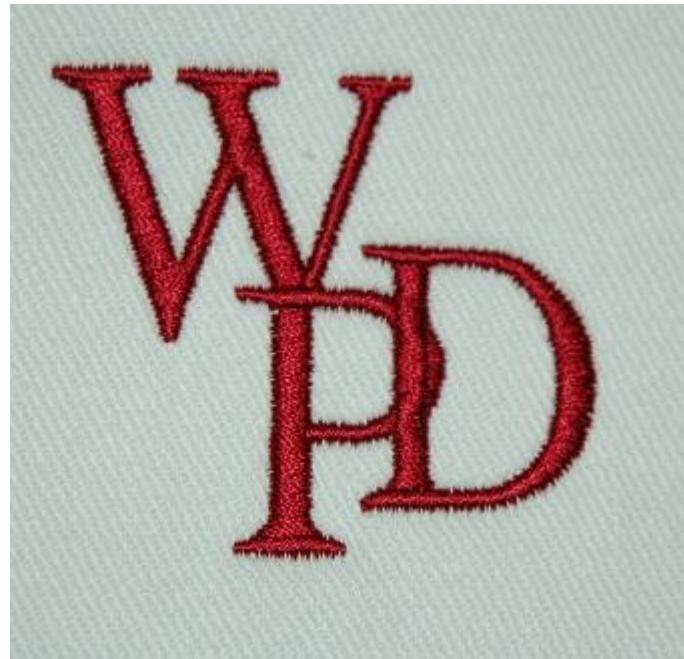
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Administration Division January 2026 Report



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For Chief of Police Michael J. Marks

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Administration Division Report

January 2026

The below listed data was data entered and or reviewed by administrative staff during the period 01–31 January 2026

REPORTED INCIDENTS	818
NIBRS REPORTABLE	127
CLEARED BY ARREST	38
NON-TRAFFIC CITATIONS	32
ALL ACCIDENTS	120
ALL OTHER/MISC/INFO	501
TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT	578
TRAFFIC CITATIONS	227
PARKING TICKETS	46
WRITTEN WARNINGS	305
SERVICE REQUESTS/PAYMENTS	3805
INCIDENT/CRASH REPORTS	177
RECORD CHECKS	12
EXPUNGEMENTS	31
ALARM REGISTRATIONS	3
PARKING TICKETS	29
PERMITS / LICENSES	6
VALIDATIONS	44
COURT DISPOSITIONS	13
CIVIL CASES	0
CRIMINAL HISTORY	0



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For Chief of Police Michael J. Marks
Whitehall Township Bureau of Police



School Resource Officer Report **January 2026**

ARRESTS/REFERRALS/CITATIONS

Non-Traffic Citations:	10
Impact Referrals:	5
Juvenile Allegations:	0

INCIDENT REPORTS:

Drug Possession:	2
Possession of Tobacco:	2
Information Report:	4
Simple Assault:	2
Truancy:	7
Found Property:	1
EMS:	1
Agency Assist:	1
Disorderly Conduct:	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 and student arrivals.
- Informal/Formal counseling with school staff, students and families.

MISCELLANEOUS:

- 35 contacts with students made assisting administration with discipline issues and regular contact.
- Attended 10 out of school suspension hearings.
- Attended 4 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 2 incentive lunches for elementary students.



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School Resource Officer
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Middle School Resource Officer Report

January 2026

ARRESTS/REFERRALS/CITATIONS

- Juvenile allegations: 1
- Non traffic citations: 1
- Impact Project referrals: 1

INCIDENT REPORTS:

- Information: 7
- Disorderly conduct: 3
- Truancy: 1
- Harassment: 1
- Weapons offense: 1
- Handle with care: 1
- Mental health: 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:

- Zephyr Express events (Fellowship Manor/Education Center).
- District court hearings.
- Safety Meetings (CLIU/WCSD).
- 13 contacts referred to school administration/nurse/or counseling for various school related incidents.



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