



WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT



# March 2026 Monthly Report



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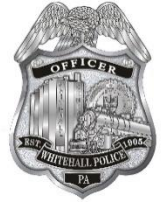
*For: Mayor Joseph Marx*  
*Whitehall Township Commissioners*

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# Patrol Division March 2026 Report



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## *Patrol Division Report* *March 2026*

### *OFFICER STATUS REPORT*

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

### *PATROL ACTIVITY*

- Officers completed 973 initial reports this month.
- Patrol Officers investigated 35 reportable and 60 non-reportable crashes.
- Patrol charged 110 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 Northampton County.

### *TRAINING*

- This month Sergeants received training in policy and procedure review.
- Next month Officers are scheduled for training in mental health, field training officer program, policy and procedure review, and spring firearm qualifications.

Name	Count of Charges
Title 24 13-1333.2	21
2709(a)(1) Harassment	13
2701(a)(1) Simple Assault	5
3714(a) Careless Driving (General)	5
780-113(a)(16) Simple Possession	4
5503 (a)(1) Disorderly Conduct (Threatening Behavior)	3
3802(a)(1) Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol or Controlled Substance - General	3
3309(1) Driving on Roadways Laned for Traffic	3
3929(a)(1) Retail Theft	3
780-113(a)(32) Drug Paraphernalia	3
3802(c) Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol or Controlled Substance - .16 BAC or greater	3
3503(b)(1)(i) Criminal Trespass - Defiant Trespass (Actual Communication)	2
780-113(a)(31)(i) Small Amount of Marijuana	2
5104.2 Evading Arrest or Detention on Foot	2
5503(a)(4) Disorderly Conduct (Hazardous Condition)	2
2706(a)(1) Terroristic Threats	2
3310(a) Following Too Closely	2
1501(a) Drivers Required to be Licensed	2
2-4 Dogs running at large	2
6113(a) Indirect Criminal Contempt	2
2709(a)(4) Harassment	1
1543(a) Driving While Operating Privilege Is Suspended or Revoked	1
3925 Receiving stolen property	1
15-39 Parking a trailer prohibited	1
1301(a) Registration and Certificate of Title Required	1
3362(3) Maximum speed limits	1
3921(a) Theft by Unlawful Taking or Disposition	1
5503 (a)(3) Disorderly Conduct (Obscene Language)	1
5505 Public Drunkenness and Similar Misconduct	1
3921(a) Theft by Unlawful Taking or Disposition (Movable Property)	1
3808(a)(1) Illegally operating a motor vehicle not equipped with ignition interlock	1
1543(b)(1)(iii) Driving While Operating Privilege Is Suspended or Revoked - DUI/ARD	1
3924 Theft of Property Lost, Mislaid or Delivered by Mistake	1
3802(d)(1)(i) Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol or Controlled Substance - Controlled Substance Schedule 1	1
3702(a) Robbery Of Motor Vehicle	1
3736(a) Reckless Driving	1
6-38(a)(1) Unnecessary noise greater than 150ft from the location	1
3922(a)(1) THEFT BY DECEPTION (FALSE IMPRESSION)	1
9135 Fugitive From Justice	1
5104 Resisting Arrest or Other Law Enforcement	1
3809(a) Restriction on alcoholic beverages	1
3304(a)(2) Criminal Mischief - excess of \$500.00 less than \$1000.00 tampers with property	1
6306.1(a)(1) USE OF TOBACCO IN SCHOOLS PROHIBITED	1
3361 Driving Vehicle At Safe Speed	1
912(b) Possession of a Weapon on School Property	1
6306.1(a)(1) Use of Tobacco Products in Schools Prohibited (School Building)	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>110</b>



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**Patrol Division Sergeant Report**  
**March 2026**

**PROACTIVE POLICING ACTIVITY**

17 selective traffic enforcements

Citations: 2  
Warnings: 14  
Parking Tickets: 17  
Arrest: 1

Locations:

S. 5<sup>th</sup> Ave & Center St.  
5<sup>th</sup> St. & Florida Ave.  
WCSD Bus Stops  
Orchard Dr. & Ellsworth Dr.  
S. Front St. & Quigg St.

MacArthur Rd. & Fairmont Ave.  
MacArthur Rd. & Eberhart Rd.  
Presidential Dr. & Peachtree Cr.  
Street Sweeping

**SIGNIFICANT ARRESTS AND INCIDENTS**

- The following **Assaults** were reported:
  - 1) 01 March, Ramada Inn, domestic disturbance, 1 arrest for harassment.
  - 2) 09 March, Hokendauqua Area, domestic disturbance, 1 arrest for harassment.
  - 3) 09 March, Lehigh Valley Mall, physical altercation, investigation on-going.
  - 4) 10 March, Olympic Gardens, domestic disturbance, 1 arrest for harassment.
  - 5) 10 March, Hokendauqua Area, domestic disturbance, 1 arrest for harassment.
  - 6) 11 March, Hokendauqua Area, domestic disturbance, 1 arrest for harassment.
  - 7) 14 March, Hokendauqua Area, domestic disturbance, 1 arrest for harassment.
  - 8) 14 March, Fullerton Area, domestic disturbance, 1 arrest for simple assault, harassment, and theft by unlawful taking.
  - 9) 14 March, Hokendauqua Area, domestic disturbance, 1 arrest for harassment.
  - 10) 15 March, Fullerton Area, physical altercation, 1 arrest for harassment.
  - 11) 18 March, Egypt Area, domestic disturbance, 1 arrest for harassment.
  - 12) 21 March, West Catasauqua Area, altercation with vehicle, investigation on-going.
  - 13) 23 March, Cementon Area, domestic disturbance, 1 arrest for simple assault and harassment.
  - 14) 24 March, West Catasauqua Area, domestic disturbance, 1 arrest for simple assault and harassment.
  - 15) 28 March, Fullerton Area, physical altercation, 1 arrest for harassment.

- The following **Burglaries** were reported:
  - 1) 10 March, Schadt Ave Area, residential burglary, referred to Auto Theft Task Force.
  - 2) 27 March, Hokendauqua Area, commercial burglary, investigation on-going.
- The following **Robberies** were reported:
  - 1) No robberies reported in March.
- The following **Thefts of Motor Vehicle** were reported:
  - 1) 06 March, Cementon Area, vehicle stolen, 1 arrest for robbery of motor vehicle, receiving stolen property, theft by unlawful taking, evading arrest or detention on foot, simple assault, and several summary offenses.
  - 2) 30 March, Olympic Gardens, vehicle stolen, referred to LC Auto Theft Task Force.

### **COORDINATED ACTIVITIES WITH OTHER AGENCIES**

- 1) 01 March, West Catasauqua Area, assisted Bethlehem PD.
- 2) 03 March, Fullerton Area, assisted Maywood PD.
- 3) 07 March, WPD HQ, assisted West Lebanon County PD.
- 4) 08 March, WPD HQ, assisted Easton PD.
- 5) 10 March, Fullerton Area, assisted Easton PD.
- 6) 11 March, Hokendauqua Area, assisted Coplay PD.
- 7) 12 March, Lehigh River, assisted Lehigh County Sheriffs.
- 8) 14 March, Cementon Area, assisted Bethlehem PD.
- 9) 17 March, Fullerton Area, assisted Lehigh County Sheriffs.
- 10) 17 March, Fullerton Area, assisted New Jersey State Police.
- 11) 19 March, WPD HQ, assisted Broward County Sheriffs Florida.
- 12) 19 March, Hokendauqua Area, assisted Richland Township PD.
- 13) 20 March, Hokendauqua Area, assisted South Whitehall PD.
- 14) 21 March, Egypt Area, assisted Catasauqua PD.
- 15) 22 March, Sheetz, assisted Pennsylvania State Police.
- 16) 23 March, Ramada Inn, assisted North Catasauqua PD.
- 17) 24 March, Jordan Park, assisted Allentown PD.
- 18) 29 March, West Catasauqua Area, assisted PSP

### **NEXT MONTH'S PLANNED ACTIVITIES**

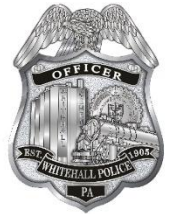
- 1) Officers are assigned proactive/directed patrols based on citizen complaints.
- 2) Officers are directed to monitor bus stops and school campuses for traffic violations.
- 3) Officers can also elect to volunteer for a Lehigh County DUI checkpoint detail and DUI roving patrols.



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# Criminal Investigations Division March 2026 Report



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## *Criminal Investigation Division Report* *March 2026*

### **Significant Arrests or Incidents:**

The Detective Division assisted patrol with several follow-ups and on-scene incidents including information from the Broward County Florida Sheriff's Department about access device fraud they were investigating.

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

The Detectives had a total of **12** cleared cases and **30** 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 **1** crime scene this month that consisted of the attempted theft of a vehicle.

The Cellebrite analyzer was used **1** time this month, for an organized Retail Theft investigation that is related from the incidents over the summer of 2025. The phone analyzed was from a suspect who was arrested on new charges for a retail theft that occurred this month and who had 4 warrants from previous incidents at the same store that the Detective division handled from the summer 2025 incidents. The analyzation lead to the identity of other suspects for this retail theft organization.

### **Arrests**

The Detective Division had **7** arrests this month. The following is a summary of those arrests:

#### **Simple Assault**

##### **WH-26-03471**

Whitehall Police School Resource Officer was notified of a domestic assault incident of an 11-year-old male that had occurred the night before at his residence. The juvenile had been hit multiple times with a metal spatula by his father, leaving multiple marks and abrasions on his body. The father was arrested and charged with the following:

**-Simple Assault, M1**

**-Harassment, Summary**

## **Forgery**

### **WH-26-02189**

Whitehall Police received information from a local financial institution to report a fraudulent check being deposited by one of their customers. The amount of the check was almost \$40,000. A week later, only \$6,700 of that check was made available to the customer, which was immediately transferred, through online banking, to another account of the customer, followed by 2 small cash withdrawals. The same day, the customer went to another branch of the financial institution and withdrew \$4,700. A couple days later the customer made another withdrawal of \$2,000 and shortly after this withdrawal, the bank was notified that the original check deposited was altered/fictitious and was discovered to be a washed check that had already been stopped and not made out to the customer who had deposited it. The customer was contacted by the bank to notify them of this and given until 1/30/26 to repay the money back (approximately \$6,700) but by March, the money was never repaid. The assigned Detective was able to positively identify the male, and he admitted to receiving the check and depositing it, not knowing where the check came from. The male was arrested and charged with the following:

**-Forgery, F2**

**-Theft by Deception, F3**

**-Receiving Stolen Property, F3**

## **Home Improvement Fraud**

### **WH-25-15023**

Whitehall Police took a report in December from a 66-year-old resident about contractor fraud. The victim reported she had hired a contractor in April 2025 for a stairwell renovation and gave the contractor a \$4,000 deposit with a projected project completion time of 4 weeks. The contractor failed to begin any work on the renovation and failed to return the \$4,000 down payment. The victim consistently tried to contact the contractor, but the contractor still failed to begin work or return the money. The assigned Detective also tried to mitigate a solution but by March (almost a full year later) the contractor, again, failed to begin the project or return the money to the victim so the contractor was arrested and charged with the following:

**-Home Improvement Fraud, F3**

## **Access Device Fraud**

### **WH-26-02537**

Whitehall Police took a report from the victim about fraudulent charges on two different bank cards after he lost his wallet at an unknown location. There were 5 fraudulent charges

made at 4 different stores in the township for just over \$900, without the victim's permission. The assigned Detective was able to obtain and review video surveillance from the stores where the fraudulent charges were made. From the video, the Detective was able to develop two suspects and a suspect vehicle. The Detective was able to positively identify the suspects who were seen together in the stores and using the victim's bank cards, together and separately, at the 4 different stores. This was done utilizing intelligence resources, video surveillance and license plate readers. Arrest warrants were filed for the two males who were each charged with the following:

**-(4 Counts) Access Device Fraud, M1**

**-(4 Counts) Conspiracy to Access Device Fraud, M1**

### **Theft**

#### **WH-26-03051**

Whitehall Police took a report about theft of money from a grocery store. The victim reported after paying for their items at a store, they had requested \$50 in cash back but forgot to take the money after the transaction was complete. A couple minutes after the victim leaves the store (without the money), the suspect uses the same register to check out as the victim had used. The suspect pays for her items and then takes the \$50 left behind by the victim. The suspect made no attempt to turn the money in or notify a store associate about the money found. The assigned Detective was able to identify the suspect, after reviewing video surveillance and obtaining the rewards information for the suspect. The Detective spoke with the suspect who admitted to taking the money. The female was charged with the following:

**-Theft of Mislaid Property, M2**

### **Theft by Deception**

#### **WH-25-15494**

Whitehall Police took a report from a local business where the employee reported being victim to a scam. The victim reported she received a phone call at her place of work where the caller identified themselves as a Pennsylvania State Trooper and provided their first and last name. The caller told the victim that her mother was in police custody, and she needed to pay \$970 for her to be released. The victim was instructed to send the money through CashApp and provided a username that matched the first and last name that the caller identified themselves as. The assigned Detective completed a search warrant to CashApp and once the results were received, it showed the same first and last name of the CashApp holder to be the same as the caller had identified themselves as and the CashApp username. The search warrant results also provided a selfie of the account holder, along with a copy of their driver license to verify their identity when opening the account. The Detective was able to verify the information and person as being one in the same from the original caller's information and the CashApp account holder information. The male resides out of state, and a warrant was issued for the following charge:

**-Theft by Deception, M1**

**Investigators were assigned:**

**Assigned Investigations:**

**Detective Arrests:**

<b>3</b>	Auto Theft		<b>1</b>	<b>Forgery</b>
<b>1</b>	Sex Offense		<b>1</b>	<b>Home Improvement Fraud</b>
<b>1</b>	Computer Crime		<b>2</b>	<b>Access Device Fraud</b>
<b>1</b>	Simple Assault		<b>1</b>	<b>Simple Assault</b>
<b>1</b>	Forgery		<b>1</b>	<b>Theft of Mislaid Property</b>
<b>4</b>	Access Device Fraud		<b>1</b>	<b>Theft by Deception</b>
<b>1</b>	CyberTip			
<b>2</b>	Wire Fraud		<b>7</b>	<b>Total Arrests</b>
<b>5</b>	Childline Referral			
<b>1</b>	Information			
<b>8</b>	Theft			
<b>2</b>	Burglary/Attempted Burglary			
<b>30</b>	<b>Total Assigned</b>			

**Detective Other Clearances:**

<b>Forgery</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Home Improvement Fraud</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Access Device Fraud</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Simple Assault</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Theft of Mislaid Property</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Theft by Deception</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Total Arrests</b>	<b>7</b>

**Summary:**

<b>Total department reports March 2025</b>	<b>969</b>
<b>Total department reports March 2026</b>	<b>973</b>
<b>Detective Cases March of 2026</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Detective Case Arrests March of 2026</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Detective Cases Cleared March of 2026</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Whitehall CID Clearance rate average March 2026</b>	<b>63%</b>
<b>Lehigh County Clearance rate average March 2026</b>	<b>29%</b>
<b>Crime Scenes processed by Crime Scene Unit March 2026</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Crime Scenes processed by Crime Scene Unit year to date</b>	<b>6</b>



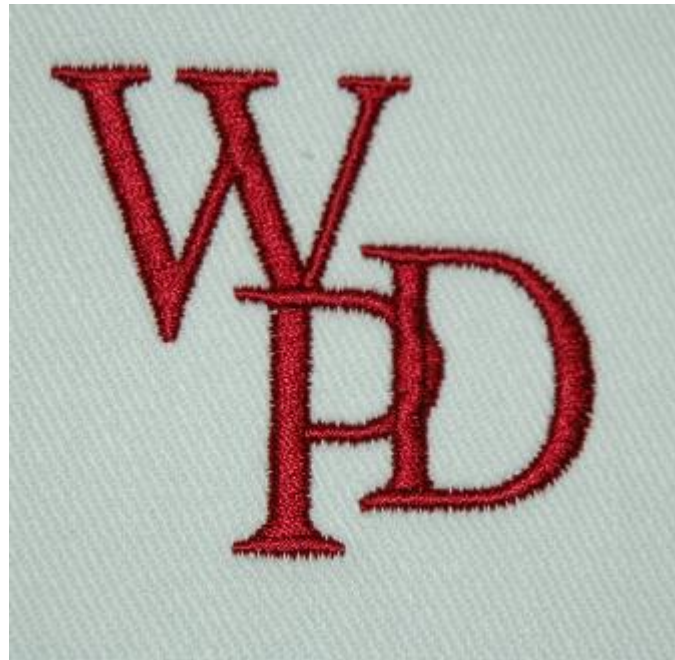
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# Administration Division March 2026 Report



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**Administration Division Report**  
**March 2026**

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

REPORTED INCIDENTS	<b>934</b>
NIBRS REPORTABLE	167
CLEARED BY ARREST	54
NON-TRAFFIC CITATIONS	46
ALL ACCIDENTS	96
ALL OTHER/MISC/INFO	767
TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT	<b>988</b>
TRAFFIC CITATIONS	317
PARKING TICKETS	219
WRITTEN WARNINGS	452
SERVICE REQUESTS/PAYMENTS	<b>\$3,850</b>
INCIDENT/CRASH REPORTS	92
RECORD CHECKS	9
EXPUNGEMENTS	1
ALARM REGISTRATIONS	2
PARKING TICKETS	110
PERMITS / LICENSES	0
VALIDATIONS	96
COURT DISPOSITIONS	14
CIVIL CASES	0
CRIMINAL HISTORY	0



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For Chief of Police Michael J. Marks  
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## *School Resource Officer Report* *March 2026*

### *ARRESTS/REFERRALS/CITATIONS*

<b>Non-Traffic Citations:</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>Impact Referrals:</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Juvenile Allegations:</b>	<b>1</b>

### *INCIDENT REPORTS:*

<b>Drug Possession:</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Possession of Tobacco:</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Information Report:</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Simple Assault:</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Truancy:</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Welfare Check:</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Found Property:</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Disorderly Conduct:</b>	<b>4</b>

### *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.
- Attended the School Board meeting.

### *MISCELLANEOUS:*

- 45 contacts with students made assisting administration with discipline issues and regular contact.
- Attended 8 out of school suspension hearings.
- Attended 6 Student Assistant Program meetings.
- Attended 1 WHS volleyball games with no incidents.
- Safety and Security monthly meeting.
- Attended 3 incentive lunches for elementary students.
- Attended the Penn SSI Safety Summit Conference.
- Attended a community event at the Lehigh Valley Mall.



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## *Middle School Resource Officer Report* *March 2026*

### *ARRESTS/REFERRALS/CITATIONS*

- Juvenile allegations: 0
- Non traffic citations: 3
- Impact Project referrals: 3

### *INCIDENT REPORTS:*

- Disorderly conduct: 5
- Truancy: 3
- Traffic: 3
- Information: 2
- Handle with care: 1
- Harassment: 1
- Weapons offense: 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:*

- School safety meetings.
- WPD Youth Academy planning/meetings.
- Boyle legal updates.
- 14 contacts referred to school administration/nurse/or counseling for various school related incidents



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