WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

October 2026
Monthly Report



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Chief of Police Michael J. Marks

For: Mayor Joseph Marx, Jr.
Whitehall Township Commissioners

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WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

Patrol Division
October 2026 Report



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OFFICER STATUS REPORT

- PPO Ken Andris is in Field Training.

PATROL ACTIVITY

- Officers completed 918 initial reports this month.
- Patrol Officers investigated 37 reportable and 74 non-reportable crashes.
- Patrol charged 96 Crimes & Vehicle Code (associated with criminal charges) sections this month. See attached list of charges.
- Patrol Officers conducted 496 vehicle enforcement actions for the month of October (Citation, Warning, Parking Ticket).
- Year to date, the Patrol Division has conducted 6,309 vehicle enforcement actions (Citation, Warning, Parking Ticket).
- Year to date, the Patrol Division has made 532 criminal arrests.

LEHIGH COUNTY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (LCERT) ACTIVITIES

- We currently have six members assigned to the team.
- On Friday October 16, 2026, the Fountain Hill Police Department requested the Lehigh County Emergency Response Team for a barricaded subject in the Emergency Department at St Luke's. The subject was successfully apprehended without further incident.

TRAINING

- Eight Officers completed policy and procedure review.
- Next month, all Officers are scheduled to complete Taser recertification and dim light firearms qualifications.

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Name	Count of Charge
2709(a)(1) Harassment	10
3929(a)(1) Retail Theft	10
3304(a)(5) Criminal Mischief - Intentionally Damages	4
903(a)(1)/3929(a)(1) Criminal Conspiracy to Commit Retail Theft	4
3802(a)(1) Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol or Controlled Substance - General	4
780-113(a)(31)(i) Small Amount of Marijuana	4
780-113(a)(32) Drug Paraphernalia	3
3925 Receiving stolen property	3
1301(a) Registration and Certificate of Title Required	3
5505 Public Drunkenness and Similar Misconduct	3
6-38(a)(2) Unnecessry noise:endangers/injures the safety of another	2
3334(a) Turning Movements and Required Signals	2
5104 Resisting Arrest or Other Law Enforcement	2
3922(a)(1) THEFT BY DECEPTION (FALSE IMPRESSION)	2
15-39 Parking a trailer prohibited	2
5503 (a)(1) Disorderly Conduct (Threatening Behavior)	2
2701(a)(1) Simple Assault	2
6301(a)(1)(i) Corruption of Minors (Aids, Abets, Entices)	1
3802(d)(2) Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol or Controlled Substance - Safe Driving	1
5503(a)(4) Disorderly Conduct (Hazardous Condition)	1
6305(a)(2) Sale of tobacco to a Minor (Furnishes)	1
5104.2 Evading Arrest or Detention on Foot	1
3714(a) Careless Driving (General)	1
4703(a) Operation of Vehicle Without Official Certificate of Inspection	1
780-113(a)(16) Simple Possession	1
3809(a) Restriction on alcoholic beverages	1
2709(a)(4) Harassment	1
1543(b)(1)(ii) Driving While Operating Privilege Is Suspended or Revoked - DUI/ARD	1
3743(a) Accidents Involving Damage To Attended Vehicle or Property	1
2701(a)(3) Simple Assault	1
6113(a) Indirect Criminal Contempt	1
3309(1) Driving on Roadways Laned for Traffic	1
1543(b)(1)(iii) Driving While Operating Privilege Is Suspended or Revoked - DUI/ARD	1
Title 24 13-1333.2	1
3808(a)(1) Illegally operating a motor vehicle not equipped with ignition interlock	1
6306.1(a)(1) Use of Tobacco Products in Schools Prohibited (School Building)	1
4106(a)(1)(ii) Access device fraud	1
1786(f) Required Financial Responsibility	1
6310.1(a) Selling or Furnishing Liquor or Malt or Brewed Beverages to Minors	1
5101 Obstructing administration of law or other governmental function.	1
3733(a) Fleeing or Attempting to Elude Police Officer 1	1
780-113(a)(30) Possession with intent to deliver	1
3924 Theft of Property Lost, Mislaid or Delivered by Mistake	1
6301(a)(1)(ii) Corruption of Minors (Violation of Chapter 31)	1
907(a) Possessing Instruments of Crime	1
5503 (a)(3) Disorderly Conduct (Obscene Language)	1
3126(a)(8) Indecent Assault	1
3744(a) Duty To Give Information and Render Aid	1
3126(a)(1) Indecent Assault	1
1332(b)(4) Display of Registration Plate - Otherwise Obstructed	1
2706(a)(3) Terroristic Threats	1
Total	96

Patrol Division Sergeant Report
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PROACTIVE POLICING ACTIVITY

12 selective traffic enforcements
Citations: 5
Warnings: 17

Locations:
W Union St. & Mickley Rd.
MacArthur Road (aggressive drivers)

SIGNIFICANT ARRESTS AND INCIDENTS

- The following **Assaults** were reported:
  1) 02 October, Dick's Sporting Goods, victims threatened by suspect, 1 arrest for simple assault, terroristic threats, disorderly conduct and harassment.
  2) 12 October, Presidential Drive Area, domestic disturbance, 1 arrest for harassment.
  3) 12 October, Boscov's, physical altercation, 3 arrests for harassment.
  4) 18 October, Olympic Garden Apartments, domestic disturbance, 1 arrest for harassment.
  5) 18 October, Orchard Hill Apartments, domestic disturbance, 1 arrest for harassment.
  6) 19 October, Mortgage America, domestic disturbance, 1 arrest for harassment.
  7) 24 October, Walmart, altercation between workers, 1 arrest for harassment.
  8) 29 October, Stiles Area, domestic disturbance, 1 arrest for simple assault and harassment.
  9) 29 October, Egypt Area, suspect threatened victim, 1 arrest for terroristic threats and harassment.
- The following **Burglaries** were reported:
  1) No burglaries were reported in October.
- The following **Robberies** were reported:
  1) No Robberies reported in October.
- The following **Thefts of Motor Vehicle** were reported:

1) No Vehicle Thefts reported in October.

COORDINATED ACTIVITIES WITH OTHER AGENCIES

1) 01 October, Mauch Chunk Area, assisted Upper Saucon PD
2) 03 October, Fullerton Area, assisted LC Crisis and Dept. of Aging.
3) 07 October, Fullerton Area, assisted Endicott PD.
4) 08 October, West Catasauqua Area, assisted Limerick PD.
5) 20 October, Lehigh Valley Mall, assisted Bethlehem Twp PD.
6) 21 October, Lehigh Valley Mall, assisted North Catasauqua PD.
7) 21 October, MacArthur Road, assisted Pennsylvania State Police.
8) 25 October, South Whitehall, assisted South Whitehall PD.
9) 26 October, Presidential Drive Area, assisted South Whitehall PD.
10) 27 October, Whitehall HQ, assisted Attorney General's Office
11) 28 October, Fullerton Area, assisted West Norriton PD
12) 29 October, West Catasauqua Area, assisted PSP Megan's Law.
13) 29 October, Whitehall HQ, assisted Attorney General's Office.
14) 29 October, Walmart, assisted Attorney General's Office.
15) 29 October, JC Penney, assisted Attorney General's Office.
16) 30 October, Fullerton Area, assisted Catasauqua PD.

NEXT MONTH'S PLANNED ACTIVITIES

1) Officers are assigned proactive/directed patrols based on citizen complaints.
2) Officers are assigned to take part in Chick-Fil-A's community heroes' event.
3) Officers may also volunteer for Whitehall Playoff Football games and Lehigh Valley Mall Christmas tree lighting.

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Criminal Investigations Division
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Criminal Investigation Division Report
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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 **22** cleared cases, including **4** arrests, and **29** cases assigned between 4 Detectives for this month. They also continued with new hire background investigations, which is in addition to their existing case load.

The Whitehall Crime Scene Processing Unit (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 (CSPU) did not process any scenes this month.

The Cellebrite analyzer was not used for any cases this month.

Arrests

The Detective Division had **4** arrests this month. The following is a summary of those arrests:

Forgery
WH-26-12555

Whitehall Police took a report from a financial institution within the Township about fraudulent checks being deposited into a customer's account. During their investigation, they discovered the male who had opened the account, was not the same one negotiating the fraudulent checks and also making multiple ATM withdrawals. The suspect deposited a total of 5 fraudulent checks, with all of the account holders of these checks confirming they were fraudulent or were closed accounts. The total financial loss to the banking institution is $2,730. The assigned investigator was able to identify the suspect withdrawing the money through video surveillance, bodycam footage and information from a neighboring agency who is also investigating the same male for the same type of crime. The male was charged with:

-Forgery, Felony 2

-Theft by Deception, Felony 3

-Receiving Stolen Property, Felony 3

Theft
WH-26-13400

Whitehall Police took a report for a theft of a credit card from a gas station, located within the Township. The victim reported they had accidentally left it on the counter inside the store. They also reported an unauthorized charge of $303 that occurred at a wholesale club shortly after the credit card was discovered missing. The assigned Detective was able to view video surveillance from the gas station which revealed a male who had picked up the credit card, turned it in to the store employee, but then returned a short time later and after a brief conversation with the store employee, the male is handed back the victim's card. The same male is also seen on video surveillance making the unauthorized transaction. The assigned Detective was able to positively identify the male who ultimately admitted to the theft and unauthorized transaction. He was charged with:

-Access Device Fraud, Misdemeanor 1

-Theft by Unlawful Taking, Misdemeanor 3

-Receiving Stolen Property, Misdemeanor 3

Theft
WH-26-13867

Whitehall Police took a report from an Automotive business about missing funds from their scrap metal account. The business reported that a significant amount of their scrap metal account was underfunded since a new employee took over responsibility of the account. Through investigation, the assigned Detective learned the new employee was taking scrap metal to a scrap yard and not providing his employer with the full amount he was given for the scrap value. This occurred multiple times and a total of $277 was discovered to be the total documented amount the business withheld from their employee. The male was charged with:

-Theft by Deception, Misdemeanor 1

-Receiving Stolen Property, Misdemeanor 1

Corruption of Minors
WH-26-13794

Whitehall Police were made aware of inappropriate conduct between a 14-year-old Junior Firefighter and a 21-year-old Junior Firefighter that occurred during a yearly Fire Department event. Through numerous interviews, the assigned Detective discovered the 21-year-old male had inappropriate contact with the 14-year-old and provided her with alcohol and nicotine. It was also discovered the same 21-year-old male had provided alcohol to two other juvenile Junior Firefighters. The 21-year-old male was charged with:

-(1 Count) Corruption of Minors, Felony 3

-(2 Counts) Indecent Assault, Misdemeanor 2

-(3 Counts) Corruption of Minors, Misdemeanor 1

-(3 Counts) Furnishing Alcohol to Minors, Misdemeanor 3

-(1 Count) Furnishing Tobacco to Minor, Summary

Investigators were assigned:

1	Auto Theft/Related		**1**	Forgery
1	Forgery		**2**	Theft
1	Robbery		**1**	Corruption of Minors
1	CyberTip			
5	Access Device Fraud			
4	Identity Theft		**4**	**Total Arrests**
2	Wire Fraud			
1	Fraud by Impersonation			
4	Childline			
3	PICS			
1	Burglary/Attempted			
1	Fraud			
1	Suspicious Activity			
1	Corruption of Minors			
2	Theft			
29	**Total Assigned**			

Detective Other Clearances:

4	PICS
1	Suspicious Activity
1	Access Device Fraud
1	Identity Theft
1	Rape
1	Robbery
9	Background Investigation
1	Wire Fraud
1	Pornography/Obscene Material
2	Childline
22	**Total Other Clearances**

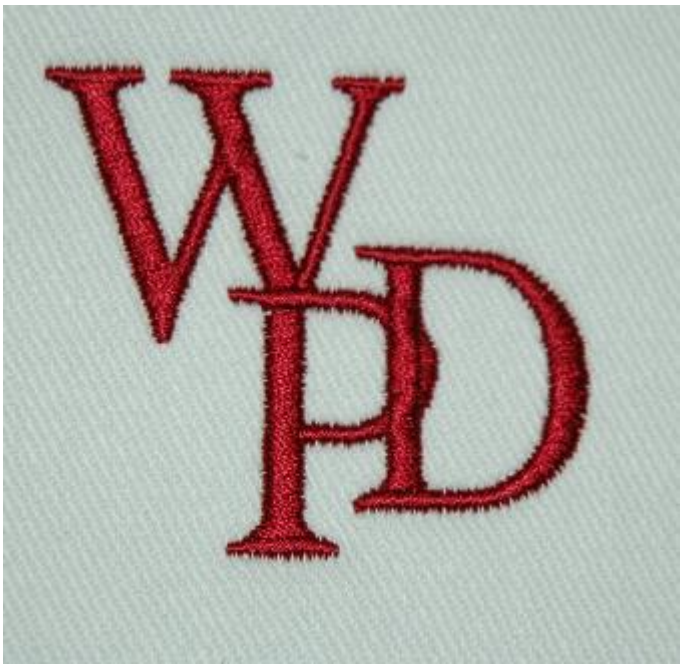
Summary:

Total department reports October 2025	**977**
Total department reports October 2026	
Detective Cases October of 2026	**29**
Detective Case Arrests October of 2026	**4**
Detective Other Cases Cleared October of 2026	**22**
Whitehall CID Clearance rate average October 2026	89%
Lehigh County Clearance rate average October 2026	36%
Crime Scenes processed by Crime Scene Unit October 2026	**0**
Crime Scenes processed by Crime Scene Unit year to date	**15**

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Administration Division
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Administration Division Report
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The below listed data was data entered and or reviewed by administrative staff during the period 01–31 October 2026

REPORTED INCIDENTS		**898**
	NIBRS REPORTABLE	155
	CLEARED BY ARREST	52
	NON-TRAFFIC CITATIONS	24
	ALL ACCIDENTS	111
	ALL OTHER/MISC/INFO	743
TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT		**495**
	TRAFFIC CITATIONS	169
	PARKING TICKETS	43
	WRITTEN WARNINGS	283
SERVICE REQUESTS/PAYMENTS		**$2,450**
	INCIDENT/CRASH REPORTS	116
	RECORD CHECKS	17
	EXPUNGEMENTS	0
	ALARM REGISTRATIONS	1
	PARKING TICKETS	15
	PERMITS / LICENSES	2
	VALIDATIONS	29
	COURT DISPOSITIONS	18
	CIVIL CASES	0
	CRIMINAL HISTORY	0

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School Resource Officer Report
October 2026

ARRESTS/REFERRALS/CITATIONS

Non-Traffic Citations:	**2**
Impact Referrals:	**3**
Juvenile Allegations:	**3**
Adult Criminal Complaint:	**0**

INCIDENT REPORTS:

Threats:	**1**
Information Report:	**5**
Simple Assault:	**1**
Traffic:	**1**
911 Call:	**1**
Disturbance:	**1**
EMS Assist:	**1**
Poss of Tobacco:	**5**
Drug Offense:	**5**
Drug Complaint:	**1**
Found Property:	**1**
Disorderly Conduct:	**2**

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 meetings.

MISCELLANEOUS:

- 42 contacts with students made assisting administration with discipline issues and regular contact.
- 2 WHS football games attended with no issues.
- Conducted a site assessment at the Whitehall Coplay Middle School
- Attended the Homecoming Dance.
- 6 Out of school suspension hearings.
- Conducted a safety preparedness presentation for the students at the Whitehall Christian School.

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Middle School Resource Officer Report
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ARRESTS/REFERRALS/CITATIONS

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

INCIDENT REPORTS:

- Information: 4
- Suspicious activity: 3
- Disorderly conduct: 3
- Handle with care: 3
- Medical: 3
- Threat: 2
- Harassment: 1
- Mental health: 1
- Property damage: 1
- 911 hang up: 1
- Runaway: 1
- Traffic: 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.
- Court hearing.
- Taser training.
- Boyle legal updates.
- 28 contacts referred to school administration/nurse/or counseling for various school related incidents.

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