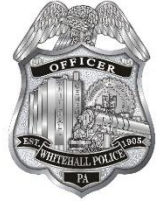




WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT



September 2026 Monthly Report



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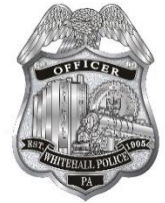
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Whitehall Township Commissioners

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Patrol Division September 2026 Report



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Patrol Division Report **September 2026**

OFFICER STATUS REPORT

- PPO Ken Andris is in Field Training.

PATROL ACTIVITY

- Officers completed 940 initial reports this month.
- Patrol Officers investigated 27 reportable and 54 non-reportable crashes.
- Patrol charged 79 Crimes & Vehicle Code (associated with criminal charges) sections this month. See attached list of charges.
- Patrol Officers conducted 482 vehicle enforcement actions for the month of September (Citation, Warning, Parking Ticket).
- Year to date, the Patrol Division has conducted 5,643 vehicle enforcement actions (Citation, Warning, Parking Ticket).
- Year to date, the Patrol Division has made 425 criminal arrests.

LEHIGH COUNTY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (LCERT) ACTIVITIES

- We currently have six members assigned to the team.
- ERT was utilized for a warrant service in Allentown on September 18, 2026.

TRAINING

- An officer attended an advanced accident reconstruction training.
- Next month, Officers are scheduled to attend policy and procedure training.

Name	Count of Charges
2709(a)(1) Harassment	16
3929(a)(1) Retail Theft	11
3802(a)(1) Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol or Controlled Substance - General	5
2701(a)(1) Simple Assault	4
903(a)(1)/3929(a)(1) Criminal Conspiracy to Commit Retail Theft	3
Title 24 13-1333.2	3
3921(a) Theft by Unlawful Taking or Disposition (Movable Property)	3
5505 Public Drunkenness and Similar Misconduct	2
3714(a) Careless Driving (General)	2
15-39 Parking a trailer prohibited	2
3925 Receiving stolen property	2
3334(a) Turning Movements and Required Signals	2
2702(a)(1) Aggravated Assault	2
6501(a)(1) Scattering rubbish (Causes any Waste Paper)	1
3934(a) Theft from a motor vehicle	1
3745(a) Accidents Involving Damage To Unattended Vehicle or Property	1
4914 False Identification to Law Enforcement Authorities	1
3929(a)(4) RETAIL THEFT (UNDER-RINGS)	1
3111(a) Obedience to Traffic-Control Devices	1
2501(a) Criminal Homicide	1
3323(b) Stop Signs and Yield Signs	1
5503 (a)(2) Disorderly Conduct (Unreasonable Noise)	1
5503 (a)(1) Disorderly Conduct (Threatening Behavior)	1
3304(a)(1) Criminal Mischief	1
6301(a)(1)(i) Corruption of Minors (Aids, Abets, Entices)	1
3309(1) Driving on Roadways Laned for Traffic	1
4904(b) Unsworn Falsification to Authorities (Statements under penalty)	1
3922(a)(1) THEFT BY DECEPTION (FALSE IMPRESSION)	1
4303(b) General Lighting Requirements - rear lighting	1
1501(a) Drivers Required to be Licensed	1
4101(a)(1) Forgery	1
3503(b)(1)(i) Criminal Trespass - Defiant Trespass (Actual Communication)	1
2718(a)(1) Strangulation	1
1543(b)(1)(ii) Driving While Operating Privilege Is Suspended or Revoked - DUI/ARD	1
908(a) Prohibited Offensive Weapon.	1
Total	79



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 Patrol Commander
 For Chief of Police Michael J. Marks
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Patrol Division Sergeant Report

September 2026

PROACTIVE POLICING ACTIVITY

6 selective traffic enforcements

Citations: 4

Warnings: 17

Locations:

MacArthur Road (aggressive drivers)

Whitehall St. & Front St.

MacArthur Rd. & Eberhart Rd.

S. 5th Ave & Center St.

SIGNIFICANT ARRESTS AND INCIDENTS

- The following **Assaults** were reported:
 - 1) 02 September, Fullerton Area,, domestic disturbance, 1 arrest for harassment.
 - 2) 03 September, Cementon Area, domestic disturbance, 1 arrest for harassment.
 - 3) 03 September, Fullerton Area, domestic disturbance, 1 arrest for harassment.
 - 4) 04 September, Hokendauqua Area, victim assaulted by suspect, 1 arrest for aggravated assault, strangulation, disorderly conduct, and harassment.
 - 5) 05 September, Mechanicsville Road Area, victim assaulted by suspect, 1 arrest for simple assault and harassment.
 - 6) 06 September, Fullerton Area, domestic disturbance, 1 arrest for harassment.
 - 7) 06 September, Egypt Area, domestic disturbance, 1 arrest for simple assault and harassment.
 - 8) 07 September, Fullerton Area, domestic disturbance, 1 arrest for harassment.
 - 9) 08 September, Fullerton Area, domestic disturbance, 1 arrest for harassment.
 - 10) 08 September, Cementon Area, domestic disturbance, 1 arrest for simple assault and harassment.
 - 11) 09 September, Fullerton Area, victim assaulted and had property damaged by suspect, 1 arrest for resisting arrest, simple assault, harassment and criminal mischief.
 - 12) 10 September, Lehigh Valley Mall, victim assaulted by suspect, 1 arrest for simple assault and harassment.
 - 13) 11 September, Maryland Circle, domestic disturbance, 1 arrest for harassment.
 - 14) 16 September, Fullerton Area, domestic disturbance, 1 arrest for simple assault and

harassment.

15) 16 September, West Catasauqua Area, domestic disturbance, 1 arrest for harassment.

16) 18 September, Fullerton Area, victim struck by suspect, 1 arrest for harassment.

17) 23 September, Mauch Chunk Road Area, domestic disturbance, 1 arrest for harassment.

18) 24 September, Presidential Drive Area, domestic disturbance, 1 arrest for harassment.

19) 25 September, Ross, victim struck by suspect, 1 arrest for harassment.

20) 30 September, Schadt Ave Area, domestic disturbance, 1 arrest for harassment.

21) 30 September, Walmart, domestic disturbance, 1 arrest for simple assault and harassment.

- The following **Burglaries** were reported:

- 1) 30 September, Mechanicsville Road Area, commercial burglary, investigation on-going.

- The following **Robberies** were reported:

- 1) No Robberies reported in the month of September.

- The following **Thefts of Motor Vehicle** were reported:

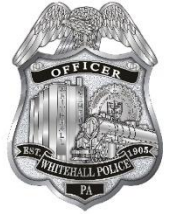
- 1) 17 September, Fullerton Area, stolen e-bike, investigation on-going.
 - 2) 22 September, LV Auto Auction, stolen vehicle referred to LCATTF.
 - 3) 27 September, Goodwill, stolen e-scooter, investigation on-going.

COORDINATED ACTIVITIES WITH OTHER AGENCIES

- 1) 04 September, Fullerton Area, assisted Catasauqua PD.
 - 2) 04 September, Olympic Circle, assisted Bethlehem PD.
 - 3) 05 September, Fullerton Area, assisted Allentown PD.
 - 4) 07 September, Fullerton Area, assisted Bethlehem PD.
 - 5) 09 September, Olympic Circle, assisted Bethlehem PD.
 - 6) 09 September, Spring Ridge Apartments, assisted Lehigh University PD.
 - 7) 09 September, Fullerton Area, assisted Pennsylvania State Police.
 - 8) 10 September, Spring Ridge Apartments, assisted Pennsylvania State Police.
 - 9) 11 September, Salisbury Township, assisted LC CART.
 - 10) 12 September, Race Street Bridge, assisted Catasauqua PD.
 - 11) 14 September, Laurys Station, assisted Northampton PD.
 - 12) 17 September, WPD HQ, assisted Phillipsburg PD.
 - 13) 18 September, Fullerton Area, assisted Richland Township PD.
 - 14) 19 September, Cementon Area, assisted LC Crisis.
 - 15) 21 September, West Catasauqua Area, assisted Allentown PD.



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- 16) 23 September, Fullerton Area, assisted Upper Macungie PD.
- 17) 23 September, Fullerton Area, assisted LC Sheriffs.
- 18) 25 September, WPD HQ, assisted New York PD.
- 19) 29 September, Coplay, assisted Coplay PD.
- 20) 30 September, Presidential Drive Area, assisted Gloucester County NJ PD.

NEXT MONTH'S PLANNED ACTIVITIES

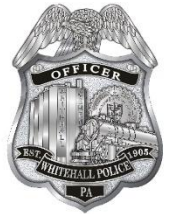
- 1) Officers are assigned proactive/directed patrols based on citizen complaints.
- 2) Officers are assigned to Whitehall-Coplay HS Football Games
- 3) Officers can elect to volunteer for Touch a Truck and Trunk or Treat Events.



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Criminal Investigations Division September 2026 Report



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Criminal Investigation Division Report

September 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 **19** cleared cases, including **7** arrests, and **49** cases assigned between 4 Detectives for this month. This month the Detectives also started the preliminary stages of background investigations for potential new hires, which is in addition to their current 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) processed **3** scenes this month consisting of **2** theft incidents and a homicide investigation.

The Cellebrite analyzer was used for the homicide investigation on **2** devices this month.

Arrests

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

PICS Investigation

WH-26-11417

Whitehall Police received a PICS investigation from the Pennsylvania State Police for a person who attempted to purchase a firearm in our jurisdiction but was a prohibited person. The person had filled out the form and indicated they did not have any prohibitors to purchase a firearm. The assigned investigator discovered the person was a prohibited person due to a previous conviction of a Firearm charge, graded as a Misdemeanor 1. The person was charged with:

-Unsworn Falsification to Authorities, Misdemeanor 3

Theft From Vehicle

WH-26-11990

Whitehall Police took a report about a purse that was stolen from a vehicle in the parking lot of a business. The victim reported she left her purse on the front passenger seat in her unlocked vehicle while she went inside the store. Upon her return to the vehicle, approximately 5 minutes later, her purse was missing. Through investigation, the assigned Investigator was able to identify a male who had parked next to the victim's vehicle. This was done with utilizing license plate readers and surveillance video. During an interview with the male, he admitted to taking the purse from the victim's vehicle and then threw the purse out in a nearby dumpster. The purse and contents were not recovered and the approximate total loss to the victim is \$235. The male was charged with:

- Theft from Motor Vehicle, Misdemeanor 1**
- Receiving Stolen Property, Misdemeanor 1**

Forgery (2 Defendants)

WH-26-11811

Whitehall Police took a report from a local business where counterfeit money had been passed during a purchase. The assigned Investigator discovered a male and female were involved in this incident and had arrived together at the store but made separate transactions using a total of 23 counterfeit twenty-dollar bills. They purchased an approximate total of \$520 in merchandise with the counterfeit bills and received change back in the amount of approximately \$60, making the total loss to the store of approximately \$580. The male and female duo were identified as suspects in other store locations and were able to be identified through those incidents, bodycam, police reports from other agencies and license plate readers. An arrest warrant was approved, and the male and female were each charged with:

- Forgery, Felony 2**
- Theft by Deception, Misdemeanor 1**
- Conspiracy, Felony 2**

Theft

WH-26-11424

Whitehall Police took a report for a theft of a wallet inside the restroom of a grocery store. The victim reported he had it last at that store and was later turned in at a store inside the Lehigh Valley Mall. The victim report \$170 in cash was missing from the wallet. The assigned Investigator was able to review video surveillance from the grocery store which showed the suspect. A store employee had also witnessed this suspect take the wallet from the floor of the bathroom, make a purchase and then leave the store. Utilizing the video surveillance and license plate readers, the assigned Investigator was able to identify the male suspect. The male suspect spoke with the assigned Investigator and admitted to the theft and turning it into a store at the Lehigh Valley Mall. The male was charged with:

- Theft of Mislaid Property, Misdemeanor 2**

Forgery**WH-26-11371**

Whitehall Police took a report about a check that had been deposited for a second time and had been originally issued last year to an ex-employee of the victim. The victim explained the dates had been altered on the original issued check, made out to the suspect for \$750, dated for 5/20/25. On 8/25/26, the same check was mobile deposited for a second time, but the date had been altered to show 8/20/26. The assigned investigator was able to speak with the suspect, who admitted to altering the check and mobile depositing the check a second time. The male was charged with:

-Forgery, Felony 2

Homicide***WH-26-12419**

Whitehall Police responded to the 700 block of Second St for a reported stabbing, called in by a male who said he stabbed his Father. Upon arrival, a male victim was discovered with multiple stab wounds and was transported to the hospital where he succumbed to his injuries. The victim's wife was a witness to the incident and sustained an injury from the incident that required medical treatment. The suspect was interviewed by Investigators where he admitted to stabbing his father multiple times during a verbal altercation. The male was charged with:

-Criminal Homicide, Felony 2
 -Aggravated Assault, Felony 2
 -Prohibitive Offensive Weapons, Misdemeanor 1

***This investigation was assisted by the Lehigh County District Attorney's Office and the Pennsylvania State Police Forensics Unit**

Investigators were assigned:

1	Auto Theft/Related		1	PICS
4	Access Device Fraud		2	Theft
1	Homicide		3	Forgery
16	Background Investigation		1	Homicide
1	Rape			
4	Wire Fraud		7	Total Arrests
1	Fraud			
4	Childline			
4	PICS			
3	Forgery/Counterfeiting			
2	Theft from Vehicle			
3	Identity Theft			
2	Information			
3	Theft			
49	Total Assigned			

Detective Other Clearances:

1	Wire Fraud
5	PICS
1	Death Investigation
1	Access Device Fraud
1	Theft
2	Information
2	Theft by Deception
6	Childline
19	Total Other Clearances

Summary:

Total department reports September 2025	972
Total department reports September 2026	940
Detective Cases September of 2026	49
Detective Case Arrests September of 2026	7
Detective Other Cases Cleared September of 2026	19
Whitehall CID Clearance rate average September 2026	53%
Lehigh County Clearance rate average September 2026	34%
Crime Scenes processed by Crime Scene Unit September 2026	3
Crime Scenes processed by Crime Scene Unit year to date	15



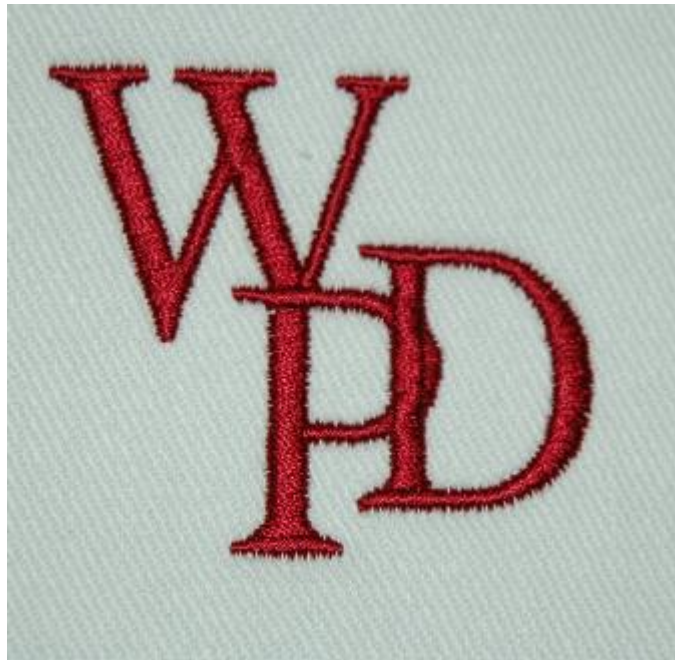
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Administration Division September 2026 Report



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Administration Division Report

September 2026

The below listed data was data entered and or reviewed by administrative staff during the period 01–30 September 2026

REPORTED INCIDENTS	910
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NIBRS REPORTABLE	148
CLEARED BY ARREST	60
NON-TRAFFIC CITATIONS	21
ALL ACCIDENTS	81
ALL OTHER/MISC/INFO	762

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT	482
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TRAFFIC CITATIONS	140
PARKING TICKETS	39
WRITTEN WARNINGS	303

SERVICE REQUESTS/PAYMENTS	\$2,445
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INCIDENT/CRASH REPORTS	112
RECORD CHECKS	22
EXPUNGEMENTS	17

ALARM REGISTRATIONS	1
PARKING TICKETS	21
PERMITS / LICENSES	3
VALIDATIONS	42
COURT DISPOSITIONS	21
CIVIL CASES	0
CRIMINAL HISTORY	0



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Whitehall Township Bureau of Police



School Resource Officer Report **September 2026**

ARRESTS/REFERRALS/CITATIONS

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

INCIDENT REPORTS:

Threats: 1
Information Report: 6
Suspicious Activity: 1
Burglar Alarm: 1
Traffic: 1
911 Call: 1
Disturbance: 1
EMS Assist: 1
Poss of Tobacco: 1
Truancy: 3

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:

- 20 contacts with students made assisting administration with discipline issues and regular contact.
- 4 WHS football games attended with no issues.
- Attended meet the teacher night at the high school.
- Conducted annual bicycle training.
- Participated in Critical Response Pool Training.



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Middle School Resource Officer Report **September 2026**

ARRESTS/REFERRALS/CITATIONS

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

INCIDENT REPORTS:

- Information: 1
- Medical: 1
- Handle with Care: 2
- Disturbance: 3

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:

- Whitehall high school football games.
- Bike patrol training.
- Behavioral threat assessment training.
- School safety meetings.
- Boyle legal updates.
- 14 contacts referred to school administration/nurse/or counseling for various school related incidents.



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