

HANCOCK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

August 2026 Community Activity Report

*A public overview of agency operations, patrol activity, corrections,
emergency communications, and records services*



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Message to the Community

As your Sheriff, I believe our community should have a clear understanding of the work we do each day. This report combines information from the activity which took place in August 2026 that will provide an overview of our activities throughout Hancock County.

The numbers represent the many services our personnel provide, including criminal and traffic investigations, emergency communications, jail operations, court services, records management, warrant service, and proactive patrol checks. While these figures help show the scope of our work, they should not be viewed by themselves as a measure of crime or overall community safety.

Executive Summary

- The Sheriff's Office closed 2,300 incidents during August and conducted 328 traffic stops, 110 criminal investigations, and 108 traffic-crash investigations.
- Emergency communications personnel received 940 calls through 9-1-1 services—an average of approximately 30.3 calls per day.
- Corrections personnel managed an average daily inmate population of 87, completed 141 bookings, handled 178 internal incidents, and provided more than 6,949 meals.
- The township and village matrices recorded 304 selected patrol activities: 229 in township areas outside village boundaries and 75 within the ten villages listed in the village report.
- Premises checks were the largest patrol-matrix category, with 152 checks—exactly 50.0% of the activity shown. Suspicious-activity responses were second at 53.
- The geographic matrices combine preventive patrol work with incident-related activity. Higher totals do not automatically mean a community experienced more crime.

How to Read This Report

The agency-wide totals and patrol-matrix totals measure different things. The 2,300 incidents closed represent overall agency incident activity. The 304 patrol-matrix entries represent only the ten categories listed in the township and village reports. The two totals should not be added together or treated as directly comparable. The township matrix covers activity outside village boundaries, while the village matrix lists ten villages and does not include Findlay or Fostoria.

August 2026 at a Glance

Agency activity	August total
Incidents closed	2,300
Traffic stops	328
Criminal investigations	110
Traffic crashes investigated	108
Arrest warrants executed	37
Court documents served	161
OVI / reckless-operation investigations	29
9-1-1 calls received	940

Operational Service Overview

Enforcement and Investigations

Deputies and investigators addressed calls for service, traffic enforcement, criminal cases, crash investigations, warrant service, and court-related responsibilities throughout August. The 328 traffic stops equal approximately 10.6 per day, while the 108 crash investigations equal about 3.5 per day. The 110 criminal investigations equal approximately 3.5 per day.

Personnel also conducted 29 OVI or reckless-operation investigations, executed 37 arrest warrants, and served 161 court documents. The Detective Bureau and METRICH continued active investigations during the month.

Policy and Procedure

Six new policies were released during August. This reflects ongoing work to provide personnel with current, consistent guidance.

Emergency Communications

The Communications Center received 940 calls through 9-1-1 services during August—an average of approximately 30.3 calls per day. This figure represents the 9-1-1 calls reported in the monthly summary and does not necessarily include every administrative or non-emergency contact handled by communications personnel.

Corrections Division

Corrections measure	Reported activity
Average daily inmate population	87
Book-ins	141
Internal incidents managed	178
Meals provided	More than 6,949
Meals provided, year to date	59,451

Based on the monthly totals, the jail averaged about 4.5 book-ins and 5.7 internally managed incidents per day. More than 6,949 meals were provided during the month, or at least 224 meals per day. These measures reflect the continuous care, custody, safety, and logistical responsibilities of the Corrections Division.

Clerical and Records Division

Service	August	2026 YTD
Local records checks	51	329
Records requests	55	567
Reports processed	63	538
Expungements / sealed records	9	105

The division completed 178 listed transactions during August across the four reported categories. Reports processed were the largest monthly category at 63, followed by 55 records requests and 51 local records checks.

Countywide Patrol Matrix Analysis

Of the 304 selected activities, 75.3% were reported in township areas outside village boundaries and 24.7% were reported within the ten villages listed. This distribution describes the activity captured by these matrices; it does not account for differences in population, geography, road mileage, commercial locations, staffing, or calls for service.

Activity category	Townships	Villages	Combined	Share
Premises checks	113	39	152	50.0%
Property damage	23	4	27	8.9%
Investigation follow-up	19	10	29	9.5%
Suspicious activity	42	11	53	17.4%

Activity category	Townships	Villages	Combined	Share
Warrant services	2	5	7	2.3%
Residence checks	0	0	0	0.0%
Harassment / threat	8	0	8	2.6%
Fraud	13	2	15	4.9%
Theft	3	0	3	1.0%
Domestic disturbance	6	4	10	3.3%

Geographic Activity: Townships

Liberty Township recorded 71 selected activities, representing 31.0% of the township total. Marion followed with 30, Allen with 24, Union with 18, Eagle with 14, and Washington with 13. Liberty's total included 44 premises checks and 10 suspicious-activity responses. Marion's total included eight suspicious-activity responses, seven property-damage entries, six premises checks, and five investigation follow-ups.

Township	Selected activities
Liberty	71
Marion	30
Allen	24
Union	18
Eagle	14
Washington	13
Cass	11
Blanchard	9
Delaware	7
Van Buren	7
Biglick	6
Jackson	6
Pleasant	6
Orange	4
Madison	3
Amanda	0
Portage	0

Geographic Activity: Villages

Arcadia recorded the largest village total at 20, followed by Vanlue at 18 and Arlington at 10. Arcadia and Vanlue each recorded 16 premises checks. Together, those two villages accounted for 32 of the 39 premise checks reported across the ten listed villages.

Village	Selected activities
Arcadia	20
Vanlue	18
Arlington	10
Mt. Blanchard	7
Van Buren	7
McComb	6
Mt. Cory	4
Rawson	3
Benton Ridge	0
Jenera	0

What the Findings Mean for the Community

- The Sheriff's Office workload extends well beyond traditional crime response. Emergency calls, jail operations, court service, records processing, crash investigations, and proactive checks all contribute to daily service demands.
- Half of the selected patrol activity involved premises checks, showing that a substantial share of the work reported was preventive and visibility focused.
- Deputies' responsibilities include both immediate response and continued case work. Suspicious-activity responses and investigation follow-ups together made up more than one-quarter of the matrix total.
- Activity occurred across most township and village areas listed, but totals varied. Population, business locations, roadway exposure, requests for service, and proactive patrol assignments can all affect these differences.
- A zero in a category or community means no activity was entered in that location and category on these matrices.