



HANCOCK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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September 2026 Community Activity Report

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

Message to the Community

I am happy to present the September 2026 Community Activity Report so you can have a view as to what it is your Sheriff's Office does to serve you and other residents of Hancock County. In general, this is a statistic-based report to what specific work was completed throughout the month. This is not a report of crime measurement or community safety.

Executive Summary

- The Sheriff's Office closed 2,348 incidents during September and conducted 383 traffic stops, 92 criminal investigations, and 81 traffic-crash investigations.
- Emergency communications personnel received 876 calls through 9-1-1 services, an average of 29.2 calls per day.
- Corrections personnel managed an average daily inmate population of 87, completed 146 bookings, handled 122 internal incidents, and provided more than 6,950 meals.
- The township and village matrices recorded 515 selected patrol activities: 293 in township areas outside village boundaries and 222 within the twelve incorporated communities listed in the village report.
- Premises checks were the largest patrol-matrix category, with 245 checks, or 47.6% of the activity shown. Suspicious-activity responses were second at 84.
- 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 2,348 incidents closed represent overall agency incident activity. The 515 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. The village matrix includes twelve incorporated communities, including Findlay and Fostoria.

September 2026

Agency activity	September total
Incidents closed	2,348
Traffic stops	383
Criminal investigations	92
Traffic crashes investigated	81
Arrest warrants executed	32
Court documents served	134
OVI / reckless-operation investigations	26
9-1-1 calls received	876

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 September. The 383 traffic stops equal approximately 12.8 per day, while the 81 crash investigations equal 2.7 per day. The 92 criminal investigations equal approximately 3.1 per day.

Personnel also conducted 26 OVI or reckless-operation investigations, executed 32 arrest warrants, and served 134 court documents. The Detective Bureau and METRICH continued active investigations during the month.

Policy and Procedure

Four new policies were released during September. This reflects ongoing work to provide personnel with current, consistent guidance in order to properly apply best practices during the performance of their duties.

Emergency Communications

The Communications Center received 876 calls through 9-1-1 services during September, an average of 29.2 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	146
Internal incidents managed	122
Meals provided	More than 6,950
Meals provided, year to date	66,401

Based on the monthly totals, the jail averaged about 4.9 book-ins and 4.1 internally managed incidents per day. On average, 232 meals were served per day. These measures reflect the continuous care, custody, safety, and logistical responsibilities of the Corrections Division.

Clerical and Records Division

Service	September	2026 YTD
Local records checks	30	359
Records requests	53	600
Reports processed	76	614
Expungements / sealed records	85	190

The division completed 244 listed transactions during September across the four reported categories.

Countywide Patrol Matrix Analysis

Of the 515 selected activities, 56.9% were reported in township areas outside village boundaries and 43.1% among the twelve incorporated communities listed in the village matrix. Findlay accounted for 138 village-matrix entries. This distribution describes recorded activity and 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	144	101	245	47.6%
Property damage	61	9	70	13.6%
Investigation follow-up	8	40	48	9.3%
Suspicious activity	52	32	84	16.3%
Warrant services	6	24	30	5.8%
Residence checks	0	0	0	0.0%
Harassment / threat	6	6	12	2.3%
Fraud	10	4	14	2.7%
Theft	2	2	4	0.8%
Domestic disturbance	4	4	8	1.6%

Geographic Activity: Townships

Liberty Township recorded 97 selected activities, representing 33.1% of the township total. Allen and Union followed with 34 each, Marion with 22, and Eagle with 17.

Township	Selected activities
Liberty	97
Allen	34
Union	34
Marion	22
Eagle	17
Washington	12
Delaware	11
Orange	10
Cass	9
Blanchard	8
Van Buren	7
Amanda	6
Jackson	6
Biglick	5
Madison	5
Pleasant	5
Portage	5

Geographic Activity: Villages

Findlay recorded the largest incorporated-community total at 138, representing 62.2% of the village-matrix total. Arcadia and McComb followed with 16 each, Arlington with 10, and Vanlue with nine.

Village	Selected activities
Findlay	138
Arcadia	16
McComb	16
Arlington	10
Vanlue	9
Van Buren	8
Mt. Blanchard	7
Mt. Cory	7

Village	Selected activities
Fostoria	5
Jenera	3
Rawson	2
Benton Ridge	1

What the Findings Mean for the Community

The findings in this report reflect the Hancock County Sheriff's Office's continued commitment to serving and protecting residents throughout our county. Our responsibilities extend far beyond responding to crime. Every day, our personnel answer emergency calls, operate the jail, serve court documents, process public records, investigate crashes, conduct follow-up investigations, and maintain a visible presence in our communities.

These monthly reports offer the community a transparent look at the work done by the Sheriff's Office. By reviewing this information over time, we can better identify changing service needs, direct our resources effectively, and continue providing the professional, responsive, and proactive service the residents of Hancock County deserve.

Public Information and Engagement

Community members can use the Hancock County Sheriff's App for current alerts, public information, and agency updates.

