HANCOCK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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October 2026
Community Activity Report

Message to the Community

Within this document you will find the furtherance of my commitment to the residents of Hancock County in transparency by providing you with a view of the work performed by our staff throughout the month of October 2026. Please understand, this report is a statistical based report on the number of activities we participated in within the multiple areas of the Sheriff's Office. My goal is for you to have a perspective of where our activity took place by looking at these numbers that took place in each Township and Village.

In addition, in this report you will also view the many other areas of responsibility governed by the Sheriff's Office. Again, this report is statistical based and does not measure the overall crime or community safety rating.

Executive Summary

- The Sheriff's Office closed 2,366 incidents during October and conducted 320 traffic stops, 110 criminal investigations, and 145 traffic-crash investigations.
- Corrections personnel managed an average daily inmate population of 90, completed 145 book-ins, handled 111 internal incidents, and provided more than 7,253 meals.
- The township and village matrices recorded 597 selected patrol activities: 386 outside village boundaries and 211 within the twelve incorporated communities listed in the village matrix.
- Premises checks were the largest patrol category, with 226 checks. Property-damage activity was second at 122, followed by 103 suspicious-activity responses.
- October's 9-1-1 call total was unavailable because of the Next Generation 9-1-1 switchover.

How to Read This Report

The agency-wide incident total and the patrol-matrix total measure different things. The 2,366 incidents closed represent overall agency incident activity. The 597 matrix entries represent only the ten selected categories listed in the township and village reports. These totals should not be added together or treated as directly comparable.

Michael A. Cortez, Sheriff

October 2026 at a Glance

Agency activity	October total
Incidents closed	2,366
Traffic stops	320
Criminal investigations	110
Traffic crashes investigated	145
OVI or reckless-operation investigations	23
Court documents served	103
Arrest warrants executed	32
9-1-1 calls received	Unavailable during system switchover

Note: Emergency Communications

The October 9-1-1 call total was unavailable due to the Next Generation 9-1-1 switchover. The absence of a monthly count is a reporting limitation and should not be interpreted as an absence of emergency communications activity or service.

Corrections Division

Corrections measure	Reported activity
Average daily inmate population	90
Book-ins	145
Internal incidents managed	111
Meals provided	More than 7,253
Meals provided year to date	73,654

The jail averaged approximately 4.7 book-ins and 3.6 internally managed incidents per day. More than 7,253 meals were provided during October, averaging at least 234 meals per day.

Clerical and Records Division

Service	October	2026 YTD
Local records checks	38	397
Records requests	80	680
Reports processed	30	644
Expungements or sealed records	71	207

The division completed 219 listed transactions during October across the four reported categories. Records requests were the largest monthly category at 80, followed by 71 expungement or sealed-record actions, 38 local records checks, and 30 reports processed.

Countywide Patrol Matrix Analysis

The two patrol matrices recorded 597 selected activities during October. Township areas outside village boundaries accounted for 386 entries, or 64.7% of the combined total. The twelve incorporated communities in the village matrix accounted for 211 entries, or 35.3%.

Activity category	Townships	Villages	Combined	Share
Premises checks	125	101	226	37.9%
Property damage	114	8	122	20.4%
Investigation follow-up	27	39	66	11.1%
Suspicious activity	77	26	103	17.3%
Warrant services	3	29	32	5.4%
Residence checks	2	0	2	0.3%
Harassment or threat	7	5	12	2.0%
Fraud	7	1	8	1.3%
Theft	9	1	10	1.7%
Domestic disturbance	15	1	16	2.7%

Geographic Activity in Townships

Liberty Township recorded 106 selected activities, representing 27.5% of the township total. Allen followed with 59, Marion with 31, Union with 22, and Jackson with 20. Liberty's total included 54 premises checks, 20 suspicious-activity responses, and 16 property-damage entries. Allen recorded 23 premises checks and 15 each in property damage and suspicious activity.

Township	Selected activities
Liberty	106
Allen	59
Marion	31
Union	22
Jackson	20
Cass	19
Delaware	18
Eagle	17
Biglick	15
Washington	15
Orange	14
Madison	11
Portage	11
Van Buren	9
Pleasant	7
Amanda	6
Blanchard	6

Activity in Incorporated Communities

Findlay recorded 146 selected entries, representing 69.2% of the village-matrix total. Arlington followed with 17, Vanlue with 15, and McComb with 10. Findlay's entries included 80 premises checks, 28 warrant services, and 26 investigation follow-ups. These figures represent Sheriff's Office activity captured in the supplied matrix and should not be interpreted as the total workload of another law-enforcement agency serving an incorporated community.

Community	Selected activities
Findlay	146
Arlington	17
Vanlue	15
McComb	10
Arcadia	6
Van Buren	5
Mt. Blanchard	4
Fostoria	3
Mt. Cory	2
Rawson	2
Benton Ridge	1
Jenera	0