



WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT



May 2026 Monthly Report



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For: Mayor Joseph Marx
Whitehall Township Commissioners

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Patrol Division May 2026 Report



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OFFICER STATUS REPORT

- PPO McBride completed his Field Training Program and has been assigned to the Charlie Platoon.
- PPO Hunsicker continues his Field Training Program.

PATROL ACTIVITY

- Officers completed 1,055 initial reports this month.
- Patrol Officers investigated 34 reportable and 56 non-reportable crashes.
- Patrol charged 81 Crimes & Vehicle Code (associated with criminal charges) sections this month. See attached list of charges.

LEHIGH COUNTY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (LCERT) ACTIVITIES

- We currently have five members assigned to the team.
- There were no activations this month.

TRAINING

- This month our Field Training Officers completed continuing education to keep up with trends in law enforcement training. Additionally, 5 officers attended the Lehigh County Chiefs of Police Supervisor Academy.
- Next month officers are scheduled for training in commercial vehicle inspection and enforcement as well as crime scene processing.

Name	Count of Charges
Title 24 13-1333.2	14
3929(a)(1) Retail Theft	12
2701(a)(1) Simple Assault	7
2709(a)(1) Harassment	5
780-113(a)(32) Drug Paraphernalia	4
3802(a)(1) Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol or Controlled Substance - General	4
3921(a) Theft by Unlawful Taking or Disposition (Movable Property)	3
3744(a) Duty To Give Information and Render Aid	2
5503 (a)(1) Disorderly Conduct (Threatening Behavior)	2
3743(a) Accidents Involving Damage To Attended Vehicle or Property	2
4904 (b)Unsworn Falsification to Authorities (Statements Under Penalty)	2
3503(b)(1)(i) Criminal Trespass - Defiant Trespass (Actual Communication)	2
3714(a) Careless Driving (General)	2
5104.2 Evading Arrest or Detention on Foot	1
4302(a)(1) PERIODS FOR REQUIRING LIGHTED LAMPS	1
3733(a) Fleeing or Attempting to Elude Police Officer 1	1
3922(a)(1) THEFT BY DECEPTION (FALSE IMPRESSION)	1
3112(a)(3)(i) Traffic-Control Signals	1
2709(a)(2) Harassment	1
3309(1) Driving on Roadways Laned for Traffic	1
2718(a)(1) Strangulation	1
5505 Public Drunkenness and Similar Misconduct	1
6113(a) Indirect Criminal Contempt	1
6106(a)(2) Firearms not to be carried without a license (No Prior Convictions)	1
6-38(a)(2) Unnecessry noise:endangers/injures the safety of another	1
1301(a) Registration and Certificate of Title Required	1
780-113(a)(31)(i) Small Amount of Marijuana	1
9135 Fugitive From Justice	1
4101(a)(2) Forgery	1
4914 False Identification to Law Enforcement Authorities	1
5506 Loitering and Prowling at Night Time	1
5126(a) Flight To Avoid Apprehension, Trail or Punishment	1
5104 Resisting Arrest or Other Law Enforcement	1
Total	81



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Patrol Division Sergeant Report
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PROACTIVE POLICING ACTIVITY

23 selective traffic enforcements

Citations: 12

Warnings: 59

Parking Tickets: 5

Locations:

S. 5th Ave & Center St.

5th St. & Florida Ave.

5th St. & Grape St.

Orchard Dr. & Ellsworth Dr.

MacArthur Rd. & Fairmont Ave.

MacArthur Rd. & Eberhart Rd.

New York Ave. & N 6th St. Ext.

Catasauqua Road

SIGNIFICANT ARRESTS AND INCIDENTS

- The following **Assaults** were reported:
 - 1) 08 May, Fullerton Area, victim struck by suspect, 1 arrest for harassment.
 - 2) 10 May, Burger King, domestic disturbance, 1 arrest for simple assault.
 - 3) 16 May, Fullerton Area, domestic disturbance, 1 arrest for simple assault and harassment.
 - 4) 17 May, Presidential Drive Area, domestic disturbance, 1 arrest for strangulation, simple assault and harassment.
 - 5) 25 May, Fullerton Area, domestic disturbance, 1 arrest for harassment.
 - 6) 26 May, Hokendauqua Area, domestic disturbance, 1 arrest for simple assault and harassment.

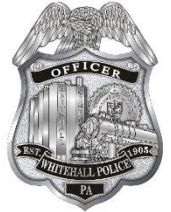
- The following **Burglaries** were reported:
 - 1) **No burglaries reported in May.**

- The following **Robberies** were reported:
 - 1) **No robberies reported in May.**

- The following **Thefts of Motor Vehicle** were reported:
 - 1) 01 May, Fullerton Area, stolen e-bike, referred to LCATTF.
 - 2) 26 May, Fullerton Area, stolen motorcycle, referred to LCATTF.



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COORDINATED ACTIVITIES WITH OTHER AGENCIES

- 1) 05 May, West Catasauqua Area, assisted North Catasauqua PD.
- 2) 06 May, Lehigh Street Bridge, assisted North Catasauqua PD.
- 3) 07 May, Best Buy, assisted Montgomery County Sheriff's.
- 4) 08 May, Fullerton Area, assisted Bethlehem PD.
- 5) 10 May, Catasauqua, assisted Catasauqua PD.
- 6) 14 May, Fullerton Area, assisted West Virginia State Police.
- 7) 20 May, Catasauqua, assisted Catasauqua PD.
- 8) 22 May, West Catasauqua Area, assisted Northampton PD.
- 9) 23 May, Fullerton Area, assisted Pennsylvania State Police.
- 10) 28 May, Walmart, assisted Upper Saucon PD.
- 11) 30 May, Hokendauqua Area, assisted Northampton PD.
- 12) 31 May, Cementon Area, assisted Coplay PD.
- 13) 31 May, Fullerton Area, assisted Allentown PD.

NEXT MONTH'S PLANNED ACTIVITIES

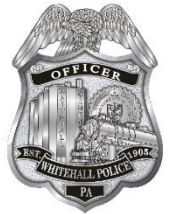
- 1) Officers are assigned proactive/directed patrols based on citizen complaints.
- 2) Officers may volunteer for DUI Checkpoints and Roving DUI patrols.
- 3) Officers may volunteer for the Whitehall Township Summer Concerts.



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Criminal Investigations Division May 2026 Report



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Criminal Investigation Division Report *May 2026*

Significant Arrests or Incidents:

The Detective Division assisted patrol with several follow-ups, including photo lineups for suspect identifications and identifying suspects in various incidents as well as assistance with follow-ups to their cases.

The Detectives had a total of **24** cleared cases and **31** cases assigned between 4 Detectives for this month. They also continued with background investigations for new entry level police applicants.

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 **1** scene this month consisting of the Homicide Investigation .

The Cellebrite Analyzer was utilized for the homicide investigation this month. The newest digital analyzer (Magnet/GrayKey) was set up for its future anticipated use.

Arrests

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

PICS

WH-26-06344

Whitehall Police received information from the Pennsylvania State Police PICS division in regard to an attempted purchase of a firearm at a local FFL business. The applicant was denied the purchase due to discrepancies in answers to questions on the form along with their criminal history. The applicant had previously been charged and convicted with a Misdemeanor 1 graded charge of Firearms Not to be Carried Without a License, making him a prohibitor of purchasing or possessing a firearm. The defendant was charged with:

-Unsworn Falsification to Authorities, Misdemeanor 3

PICS

WH-26-05000

Whitehall Police received information from the Pennsylvania State Police PICS division in regard to an attempted purchase of a firearm at a local FFL business. The applicant was denied the purchase due to discrepancies in answers to questions on the form along with their criminal history. The applicant had previously been charged and convicted with numerous Theft charges, graded as a Misdemeanor 1, making him a prohibitor of purchasing or possessing a firearm. The defendant was charged with:

-Unsworn Falsification to Authorities, Misdemeanor 3

Trespass

WH-26-05582/WH-26-05472

(1209 Echo Drive Stalking incident)

Whitehall Police took a report from a female who located a tracker on her vehicle. The female suspected her ex-boyfriend of placing the tracker on her vehicle and also provided previous unwanted visits from the ex-boyfriend to her house, along with phone calls and text messages. The assigned Detective reached out the ex-boyfriend about this and advised him that the female no longer wanted contact with her (as she had previously expressed that to him) and to stay away from her residence. Two days after this, the female called police again because she was getting an alert on her phone that it was picking up a tracking device close to her. She said she suspected her car had one on it again and the responding Officer located a tracker attached underneath the vehicle. The Officer removed the tracker and then, with the permission of the female, placed the Department Arlo surveillance camera on the ground, underneath the car in order to capture any movement. A short time after placing the camera, the Officer received notifications of movement and upon turning the flashlight on, on the camera, a male was shown underneath the vehicle, reaching where the tracker had been removed. The male was identified as the female's ex-boyfriend. The male was initially charged with the following but additional charges are pending:

-Defiant Trespass, Misdemeanor 3

-Loitering & Prowling at Night, Misdemeanor 3

Homicide

WH-26-06806

Whitehall Police responded to the 5000 block of Third St for a report of a shooting. Upon arrival, Officers located a 74-year-old male suffering from multiple gunshot wounds. The officers attempted life saving measures, but the male ultimately succumbed to his injuries on scene. Through the assistance of witnesses and video surveillance the suspect was quickly identified and taken into custody on scene. The male was identified as a 17-year-old juvenile and was charged as an adult with the following:

-Criminal Homicide, Felony 1

-Firearms not to be carried without a license, Felony 3

-Possession of Firearm by Minor, Misdemeanor 1

-Possessing Instruments of Crime, Misdemeanor 1

The investigation is still ongoing and the assistance from the Patrol Division, Pennsylvania State Police Forensics Unit (FSU) and the Lehigh County Homicide Task Force were invaluable resources for the Detective Division during this incident.

Investigators were assigned:

Assigned Investigations:

Detective Arrests:

1	Auto Theft/Related		1	Trespass
1	Homicide		2	PICS
1	Molesting		1	Homicide
1	Trespass			
1	Information		4	Total Arrests
1	Background Investigation			
1	Simple Assault			
1	Pick Pocket			
7	PICS			
2	Wire Fraud			
1	Stalking			
2	Theft			
10	Childline Referral			
1	Theft from Vehicle			
31	Total Assigned			

Detective Other Clearances:

6	PICS
3	Background Investigation
1	Identity Theft
1	Stalking
1	Retail Theft
1	Access Device Fraud
1	Molesting
1	Simple Assault
5	Childline referral
1	Information
24	Total Other Clearances

Summary:

Total department reports May 2025	932
Total department reports May 2026	1055
Detective Cases May of 2026	31
Detective Case Arrests May of 2026	4
Detective Cases Cleared May of 2026	24
Whitehall CID Clearance rate average May 2026	90%
Lehigh County Clearance rate average May 2026	33%
Crime Scenes processed by Crime Scene Unit May 2026	1
Crime Scenes processed by Crime Scene Unit year to date	10



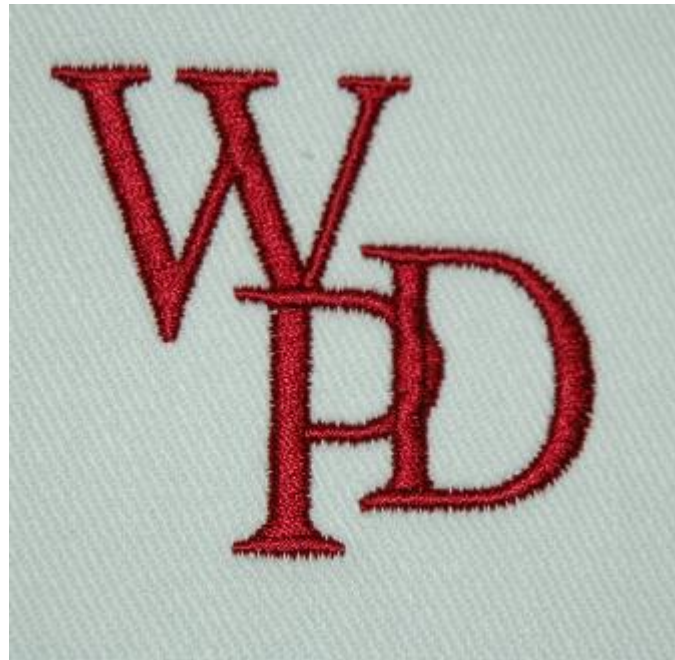
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Administration Division May 2026 Report



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Administration Division Report
May 2026

The below listed data was data entered and or reviewed by administrative staff during the period 01–31 May 2026

REPORTED INCIDENTS **1,024**

NIBRS REPORTABLE	166
CLEARED BY ARREST	45
NON-TRAFFIC CITATIONS	20
ALL ACCIDENTS	92
ALL OTHER/MISC/INFO	858

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT **777**

TRAFFIC CITATIONS	283
PARKING TICKETS	57
WRITTEN WARNINGS	437

SERVICE REQUESTS/PAYMENTS **\$2,640**

INCIDENT/CRASH REPORTS	91
RECORD CHECKS	12
EXPUNGEMENTS	12

ALARM REGISTRATIONS	1
PARKING TICKETS	31
PERMITS / LICENSES	3
VALIDATIONS	47
COURT DISPOSITIONS	24
CIVIL CASES	0
CRIMINAL HISTORY	0



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School Resource Officer Report May 2026

ARRESTS/REFERRALS/CITATIONS

Non-Traffic Citations:	12
Impact Referrals:	1
Juvenile Allegations:	1
Adult Criminal Complaint:	0

INCIDENT REPORTS:

Drug Possession:	2
Information Report:	3
Truancy:	12
EMS:	2
Disorderly Conduct:	1

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:

- 47 contacts with students made assisting administration with discipline issues and regular contact.
- Attended 2 out of school suspension hearings.
- Attended 3 Student Assistant Program meetings.
- Attended Hero's Night at Chick fil la.
- Safety and Security monthly meeting.
- Attended 2 incentive lunches for elementary students.
- Attended Senior Award Night.



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Middle School Resource Officer Report *May 2026*

ARRESTS/REFERRALS/CITATIONS

- Juvenile allegations: 2
- Non traffic citations: 3
- Impact Project referrals: 2

INCIDENT REPORTS:

- Harassment: 4
- Truancy: 3
- Information: 2
- Drug offenses: 2
- Disorderly conduct: 2
- Weapons offense: 1
- Pornography: 1
- Assault: 1
- Handle with care: 1

NON-POLICE REPORT CONTACTS

- Presence around the student drop off and pick up areas.
- Presence in the cafeteria during the 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.
- WPD Youth Academy planning/meetings.
- Middle School dance.
- WHS graduation parade.
- 16 contacts referred to school administration/nurse/or counseling for various school related incidents



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