



**City of Blanco Police Department
Chief's Monthly Report
August 2024**

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Department News

Officer Gassmann and Officer Perkins both completed their required field training and were released to full duty this month, allowing the department to resume 24/7 officer response as of August 28th, 2024.

The Police Department is pleased to report no major crimes or incidents of major interest for the month of August.

Community Events & Involvement

August 14th, 2024 saw students returning to school after summer break. Officers of the Blanco Police Department visited each school campus for the first day to greet the students and ensure increased police presence for the safety of the children of our community.

Additionally, the department increased traffic presence in the school zones to ensure continued community education and enforcement of appropriate driving behaviors while children are present.

Staffing

The Police Department is actively recruiting qualified applicants to fill three open patrol positions. After a successful trip to the AACOG Police Academy in San Antonio, there are two applicants currently in the background investigation process and additional applicants visiting the department to meet current officers and conduct ride-alongs.

In-progress training: Corporal Salazar First Line Supervisor

Completed training:

TCOLE Certification Lieutenant McMain Basic TCOLE Instructor
TCOLE Firearms Instructor



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Department Statistics

Patrol Operations

Total Calls for Service	August 2024	+/- Previous Month
-In city	152	+73
-Out of city	4	+4
Agency Assist	11	+2
Traffic Stops		
-Total Vehicles Stopped	218	+127
-Resulting Citations	95	+71
-Resulting Warnings	123	+45
Arrests		
-On view	3	+2
-Warrants	0	-2
Motor Vehicle Collisions	8	-2

Detailed statistics to follow further into the report.

It is important to note these statistics represent reported Calls for Service and not verified offenses or incidents

Administrative Operations

○ Chief Activities

Chief Thornhill dedicated much of his time to finishing touches of the police department budget, to include involvement in budget workshops with members of the city council. He networked with other department heads at this month's county Chief Meeting as well. Due to a conflicting budget workshop, Chief Thornhill was unable to attend the Blanco ISD Safety & Security Meeting this month; Lieutenant McMain attended as his alternate.

Additionally, Chief Thornhill assisted patrol by taking many calls for service the month of August until the department returned to 24/7 staffing.

○ Records Requests

The Police Department received and fulfilled a total of 12 records requests in August 2024.



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○ Fleet Updates

Fleet IN COMMISSION	6	
Fleet IN REPAIR	1	Unit 201
Fleet OUT OF COMMISSION	2	Units 171, 181

○ Payroll Utilization (newly reported department statistic and data has not been compiled for August 2024)

Type of Pay	Hours	Percentage of Total
Regular		
Overtime (planned)		
Overtime (unplanned)		
Extra Duty		

Criminal Investigations Division

Number of Reports Taken	Total	+/- previous month
-resulting in offense report	12	<i>data not yet available</i>
-resulting in informational/other report	15	<i>data not yet available</i>
Offenses Filed		
-felony	2	+2
-misdemeanor	3	+1

Regional Involvement

- Child Fatality Review Team
- Hill Country Crimes Against Children Multi-Disciplinary Team
- Behavioral Health Leadership Team
- Community Paramedic Expansion Project
- Community Mental Health Awareness Team
- Sexual Assault Response Team

Lieutenant McMain oversees the criminal investigations division of the Blanco Police Department and regularly engages in regional multi-disciplinary team meetings (as listed above) to ensure the highest quality and continuity of services to the citizens of our community; specifically, children, victims of crimes against persons, and mental health consumers. These meetings were regularly scheduled and there were no special regional events of note for the month of August, 2024.



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Detailed Statistics

Total Traffic Stops: 218

Traffic Violations by Type	Resulting in Citation	Resulting in Warning
Moving Violation	92	119
Non-Traffic Violation	3	4
School Zone Violation	33	0

**Some traffic stops resulted in multiple citations/warnings if the officer addressed more than one violation*

Arrests Made by Month

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Adult	10	5	5	0	3	1	2	3				
Juvenile	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Total	10	5	5	0	3	1	2	3				

Offenses by Month

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Total								11				

**Offense data not collected prior to August 2024*

Motor Vehicle Collisions by Month

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Total	6	6	10	8	8	16	10	8				

Miles Patrolled by Month

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Total												

**Data not collected to this point, will be available starting September 2024*



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Monthly Report of Incident by Incident Type

Call Type	Number of Calls
911 Follow-Up	4
Administrative	0
Alarm - Business	11
Alarm - Residential	2
Alarm - Other	0
Animal Complaint	1
Assault - Physical	1
Assault - Sexual	0
Assist Public	2
Assist Other Agency	11
Bomb Threat	0
Burglary	0
Business Check	13
City Ordinance Violation	0
Civil	5
Close Patrol	27
Criminal Mischief	2
Deceased Person	0
Disorderly Conduct	0
Disturbance – Physical	2
Disturbance – Verbal	2
Drowning	0
DUI/DWI	0
Domestic Violence	2
Emotionally Disturbed Person	1
Fight	1
Fireworks	0
Fraud	2
Harassment	0
Homicide	0
Hostage	0
Illegal Dumping	0
Indecency	0
Information	11
Internet Crime	1
Intoxicated	1
Misconduct	0
Missing Person	1



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MVA – Non-Injury	7
MVA – Injury	1
Overdose	0
Public Service	2
Reckless Driver	15
Robbery	0
Sexual Offense	0
Shots Fired	0
Stabbing	0
Suspicious Circumstances	2
Suspicious Person	2
Suspicious Vehicle	4
Theft	2
Threats	0
Trespass	1
Traffic Stop	218
Welfare Check	9
TOTAL (including uncategorized calls for service)	367

**Note, numbers reflect the incident type the call was dispatched as, not necessarily what the incident type and/or offense was determined to be. Additionally, some incidents required multiple incident codes and can be listed under many categories.*

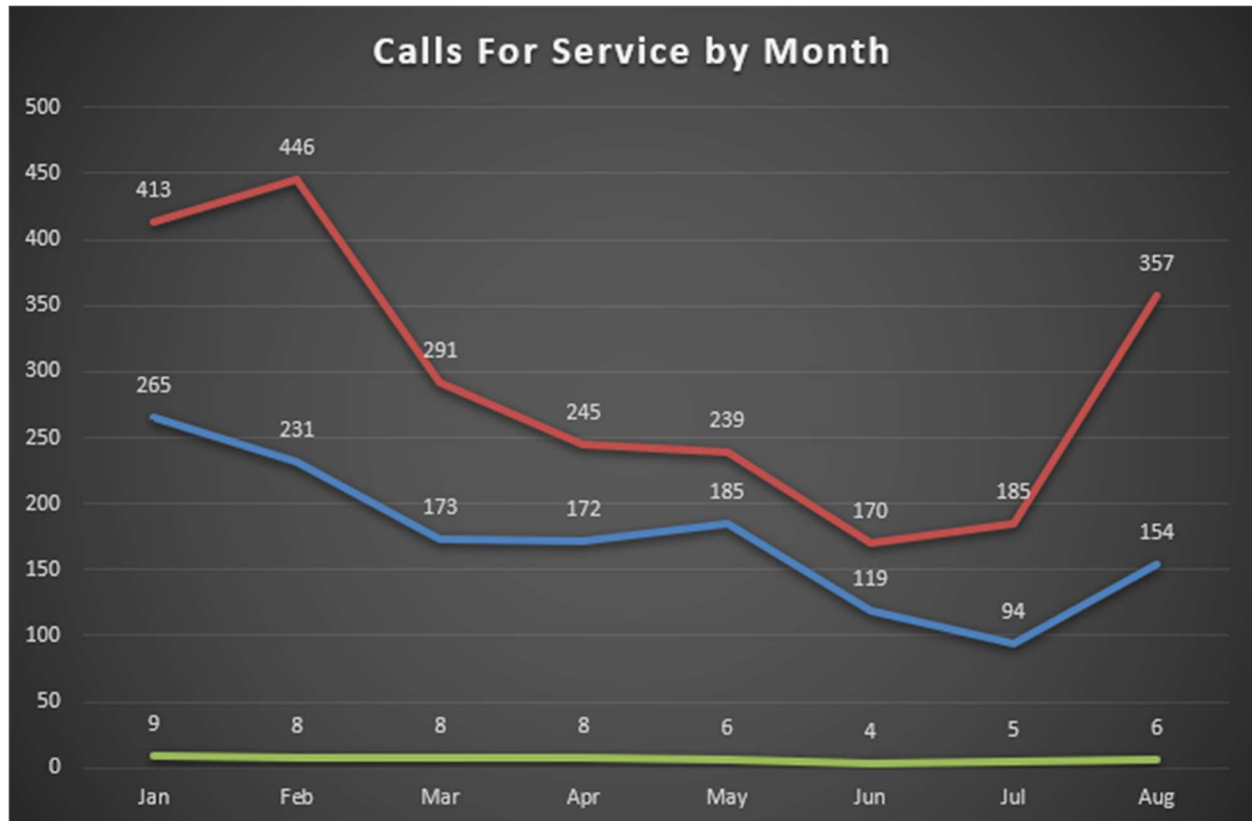


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Summary

The Blanco Police Department saw an increase in both overall calls for service, verified offenses, and officer productivity for the month of August 2024. At this time, it is not able to be determined if that is due to an increase in crime or due to rising staffing levels. The Police Department will continue to closely monitor data to determine if any crime trends begin to develop.

Disclosure

Many data collection sources were utilized to compile the presented information to include Record Management System reporting and administrative logs. In our continued effort to report accurate and transparent numbers, the department discloses that the RMS system is continuously updated and reports run at various times, sometimes producing different results. Care should be taken when comparing this monthly report to other data reports as different data collection methods and data sources may be used. The data provided is for informational use only.