



**City of Blanco Police Department
Chief's Monthly Report
January 2025**

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Department News

In January 2025, the department responded to a total of 284 calls for service, with 247 occurring within city limits and 37 outside of the city. Additionally, our officers assisted other agencies in 11 instances. In terms of traffic enforcement, a total of 54 vehicles were stopped, resulting in 2 citations and 41 warnings. Despite the high volume of stops, the number of citations remained low, emphasizing our continued focus on education and preventive enforcement. We also made 2 arrests, both on view, with no outstanding warrants executed during the month. There were 6 motor vehicle collisions reported, signaling a slight uptick in incidents. These figures reflect our ongoing commitment to maintaining public safety, enhancing community relations, and ensuring effective traffic management within the city and surrounding areas. The department remains vigilant and adaptive to changing patterns, ensuring continuity in our efforts to serve the community.

Community Events & Involvement

The Blanco Police Department recently assisted Blanco County Constable Pct. #4 Josh Bucy with the Trail Rider Escort, ensuring a safe and smooth event. The operation was conducted successfully, with no major incidents or complaints, demonstrating effective coordination and commitment to public safety.

Staffing

The department's current roster includes Chief Jerry Thornhill, Cpl. Jazmine Salazar, and officers Jack Perkins, Chris Griffin, Kaley Gassmann, and Milton Saltmarsh, with two new officers set to join on February 26. Administrative assistant Nancy Glaze plays a vital role in maintaining daily operations, ensuring efficiency and communication within the agency.

Since Lt. McMain's departure, Chief Thornhill has taken on the responsibilities of Chief, Detective, and Lieutenant, placing significant strain on department operations. To restore efficiency and leadership, he has proposed promoting Officer Chris Griffin to Lieutenant, citing his education, years of service, prior detective experience, and overall qualifications. Filling this role will strengthen supervision, enhance investigative support, and ensure the department continues to provide the highest level of public safety.

Department Statistics

Patrol Operations

Total Calls for Service	January 2025	+/- Previous Month
-In city	247	▲ 22% Decrease
-Out of city	37	▼ 38% Decrease
Agency Assist	11	▼ 63% Decrease



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Traffic Stops			
-Total Vehicles Stopped	54	▲	26% Increase
-Resulting Citations	2	▲	250% Increase
-Resulting Warnings	41	▲	36% Increase
Arrests			
-On view	2	▼	50% Decrease
-Warrants	0		No Increase / Decrease
Motor Vehicle Collisions	6	▲	100% Increase

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

Throughout January, Chief Thornhill has been actively engaged in multiple tasks and participating in meetings to support the city's initiatives aimed at enhancing safety and security, particularly concerning the critical infrastructure of Internet Technologies and IT Services providers.

○ Records Requests

The Police Department received and fulfilled a total of 4 records requests in January 2025.

○ Fleet Updates

Fleet IN COMMISSION	6	
Fleet IN REPAIR	0	
Fleet OUT OF COMMISSION	3	Units 171, 181, 182

Criminal Investigations Division

Number of Reports Taken	Total	+/- previous month
-resulting in offense report	16	▼ 50% Decrease
-resulting in informational/other report	5	▼ 64% Decrease
Offenses Filed		
-felony	0	No Increase / Decrease
-misdemeanor	2	▼ 33% Decrease

Detailed Statistics

Total Traffic Stops: 54



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Traffic Violations by Type	Resulting in Citation	Resulting in Warning
Moving Violation	7	36
Non-Traffic Violation	0	1
School Zone Violation	0	19

**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	2											
Juvenile	0											
Total	2											

Calls for Service by Month

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Total	258											

Offenses by Month

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Total	4											

Motor Vehicle Collisions by Month

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

Miles Patrolled by Month

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Total	2079											

Monthly Report of Incident by Incident Type

Call Type	Number of Calls
911 Hang Up	1
911 Open Line	1
Abdominal Pain/Problems	1
Alarm - Business	11
Alarm - Residential	1



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Animal Bite	2
Animal Complaint	5
Assist Other Agency	2
Assist Public	3
Business Check	7
City Ordinance Violation	1
Civil	1
COUNTY COURT	1
CP	72
Disabled Vehicle	1
Disorderly Conduct	1
Disturbance	2
Domestic Violent	1
Emotion Dist Person	1
Fall - Injury	1
Follow Up	2
Fraud	2
Informational	4
Juvenile Complaint	1
Loose Livestock	2
Medical - Unknown	3
Missing Person	1
Motorist Assist	2
MVA - Injury	2
MVA - Leaving the Scene	1
MVA - Non Injury	3
MVA - Unknown Injury	1
Noise Complaint	1
Panic Alarm - Business	2
Public Works/Utilities	1
Reckless Driver	10
Seizures	1
Shots Fired	1
Special Assignment	1
Standby	1
Stroke	1
Suicidal Person	2
Suspicious Circumstance	5
Suspicious Person	2
Suspicious Vehicle	4
Theft	2



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Threats	1
Traffic Hazard	3
Traffic Stop	57
Trespass	2
Vehicle Fire	1
Warrant Service	1
Welfare Check	8
TOTAL (including uncategorized calls for service)	258

**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.*

Summary

In January 2025, the department responded to 284 calls for service, with a decrease in both in-city and out-of-city incidents. Traffic enforcement saw a significant increase in vehicle stops (up 26%), but the number of citations remained low, with a notable increase in warnings. Arrests and motor vehicle collisions both showed a decline and slight uptick, respectively. The department also participated in a successful community event, assisting with the Trail Rider Escort without major incidents. Staffing challenges continue, with Chief Thornhill temporarily filling multiple roles, leading to a proposal to promote Officer Chris Griffin to Lieutenant for better leadership. Additionally, fleet updates show six vehicles in commission, with three out of commission. Criminal investigations showed a decrease in offense reports and filed cases compared to the previous month.

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.