



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

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### Department News

There is no major news within the department to report for the month of October, 2024. The Department is pleased to report no major crimes or events of note.

### Community Events & Involvement

The Police Department supported multiple awareness initiatives this month, to include Breast Cancer Awareness, Bullying Awareness, and Domestic Violence Awareness. Officers were allowed to support the initiative of their choosing by wearing appropriate colored shirts under uniforms, displaying pins, pens and bracelets which were also passed out to the public.

Additionally, Chief Thornhill represented the Police Department by handing out bags of treats at the annual Trunk or Treat on the Square this Halloween.

### Staffing

The month of October, the Police Department saw a decrease of full-time staffing by one patrol officer.

As such, the Police Department continues to recruit qualified applicants to fill two open patrol positions. Three applications were received, with one application being processed through background investigation with recommendation for interview.

Angel Vallejo (sponsored cadet) is continuing his studies through the AACOG Police Academy.

Milton Saltmarsh is continuing to complete the required courses to sit for the TCOLE exam.

### Department Statistics

#### Patrol Operations

Total Calls for Service	September 2024	+/- Previous Month
-In city	220	+16
-Out of city	2	-1
Agency Assist	15	+3



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<b>Traffic Stops</b>		
-Total Vehicles Stopped	143	-32
-Resulting Citations	39	-23
-Resulting Warnings	132	+20
<b>Arrests</b>		
-On view	4	+3
-Warrants	0	+/-0
<b>Motor Vehicle Collisions</b>	10	-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 assisted Lieutenant McMain by splitting the open patrol shift for the entire month of October, dedicating time and effort to patrol duties to ensure the same level of safety and security is provided to the citizens of Blanco despite again dropping below minimum staffing levels.

This month Chief Thornhill attended the Mike Magna Complex Dedication & Memorial Service honoring Blanco County's founding Emergency Management Coordinator, Mike Magna, who recently passed away.

### ○ Records Requests

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

### ○ Fleet Updates

Fleet IN COMMISSION	7	
Fleet IN REPAIR	0	
Fleet OUT OF COMMISSION	2	Units 171, 181

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

Type of Pay	Hours	Percentage of Total
Regular	NA	5.58%
Overtime (planned)	0	-
Overtime (unplanned)	85	38.64%
Extra Duty	0	-



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## Criminal Investigations Division

Number of Reports Taken	Total	+/- previous month
-resulting in offense report	14	+9
-resulting in informational/other report	14	-1
<b>Offenses Filed</b>		
-felony	0	+/-0
-misdemeanor	1	+/-0

Lieutenant McMaim assisted Chief Thornhill by splitting the open patrol shift for the entire month of October, dedicating time and effort to patrol duties to ensure the same level of safety and security is provided to the citizens of Blanco despite again dropping below minimum staffing levels. As patrol duties take precedence over all other duties within the department, the ability to conduct CID operations was greatly diminished for the month of October.

## **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 McMaim 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. This month due to staffing levels, Lieutenant McMaim was unable to attend any of the regional meetings except for the meetings requiring regular attendance through state mandate.

October 2024, the Behavioral Health Leadership Team hosted a Breakfast Workshop & Networking Event which invited local mental health authorities to meet and discuss goals and resources which the Blanco Police Department did have representation at.

## Detailed Statistics

### **Total Traffic Stops: 143**

Traffic Violations by Type	Resulting in Citation	Resulting in Warning
Moving Violation	51	118
Non-Traffic Violation	0	2
School Zone Violation	9	22





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*\*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	1	4		
Juvenile	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Total	10	5	5	0	3	1	2	3	<u>1</u>	4		

## Calls for Service by Month

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Total	252	218	176	173	180	112	95	156	207	220		

## Offenses by Month

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Total								11	6	19		

*\*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	12	10		

## Miles Patrolled by Month

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Total									2141	2399		

*\*Data not available prior to September 2024*

## Monthly Report of Incident by Incident Type

Call Type	Number of Calls
911 Follow-Up	4
Administrative	2



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Alarm - Business	6
Alarm - Residential	0
Alarm - Other	1
Alcohol Related Offense (other)	2
Altered Mental Status	0
Animal Complaint	11
Assault - Physical	1
Assault - Sexual	0
Assist Public	3
Assist Other Agency	15
Bomb Threat	0
Burglary	1
Business Check	24
City Ordinance Violation	0
Civil	4
Close Patrol	45
Criminal Mischief	0
Deceased Person	0
Disorderly Conduct	1
Disturbance – Physical	2
Disturbance – Verbal	4
Drowning	0
DUI/DWI	0
Domestic Violence	2
Emotionally Disturbed Person	1
Fight	0
Fireworks	0
Follow-Up	8
Fraud	3
Harassment	1
Homicide	0
Hostage	0
Illegal Dumping	0
Indecency	0
Information	12
Internet Crime	0
Intoxicated	2
Misconduct	0
Missing Person	0
MVA – Fatal	0
MVA – Non-Injury	2



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MVA – Injury	5
MVA – Other	3
Overdose	0
Public Service	0
Reckless Driver	14
Robbery	0
Sexual Offense	0
Shots Fired	1
Stabbing	0
Suspicious Circumstances	7
Suspicious Person	3
Suspicious Vehicle	3
Theft	3
Threats	1
Trespass	1
Traffic Stop	143
Welfare Check	10
<b>TOTAL</b> (including uncategorized calls for service)	<b>363</b>

*\*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

During the month of October 2024, the Blanco Police Department saw another increase in providing officer assistance to other agencies as well as increases in arrests, verified offenses, and overall calls for service; despite the decrease in staff. The noted increases in verified offenses included theft, fraud, and alcohol-related offenses. The Police Department will continue to closely monitor data to determine if these crime trends change, and if new ones appear 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.