



City of Blanco Police Department Chief's Monthly Report September 2024

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Department News

There is no major news within the department to report for the month of September.

The Police Department responded to a report of one major crime (sexual assault) which is currently under investigation.

Community Events & Involvement

The Police Department attended the city's Police Appreciation picnic September 14th with a favorable turnout.

September 25th was Blanco's Homecoming Parade and the Police Department would like to thank the Blanco Sheriff's Office and Blanco Constables for their assistance with traffic control.

September 30th officers of the Police Department participated in the annual First Responder Blessing, followed by their assistance with the event's run which is a new tradition the event coordinators would like to continue.

Staffing

The Police Department is actively recruiting qualified applicants to fill one open patrol position. Three interviews were conducted in September, with two applicants accepting conditional offers of employment.

Angel Vallejo (conditional offer of sponsorship & employment) is currently in the police academy and will be sponsored by the Blanco Police Department with an expected graduation of February, 2025.

Milton Saltmarsh (conditional offer of employment) is a former Military Police officer and is currently conducting the required courses to sit for the TCOLE exam.

Department Statistics



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Patrol Operations

Total Calls for Service	September 2024	+/- Previous Month
-In city	204	+52
-Out of city	3	-1
Agency Assist	12	+1
Traffic Stops		
-Total Vehicles Stopped	175	-43
-Resulting Citations	62	-33
-Resulting Warnings	112	-11
Arrests		
-On view	1	-2
-Warrants	0	-0
Motor Vehicle Collisions	12	+4

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 and effort this month into final budget meetings and community event coordination such as the Officer Appreciation Picnic and Homecoming Parade.

○ Records Requests

The Police Department received and fulfilled a total of 8 records requests in September 2024.

○ 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 September 2024)

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

Criminal Investigations Division

Number of Reports Taken	Total	+/- previous month
-resulting in offense report	5	-7
-resulting in informational/other report	15	+/-0
Offenses Filed		
-felony	0	-2
-misdemeanor	1	-2

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 McMains 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 September, 2024.

Detailed Statistics

Total Traffic Stops: 175

Traffic Violations by Type	Resulting in Citation	Resulting in Warning
Moving Violation	72	133
Non-Traffic Violation	2	2
School Zone Violation	15	0

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



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

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			

Offenses by Month

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

**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			

Miles Patrolled by Month

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

**Data not available prior to September 2024*

Monthly Report of Incident by Incident Type

Call Type	Number of Calls
911 Follow-Up	5
Administrative	0
Alarm - Business	7
Alarm - Residential	2



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Alarm - Other	0
Alcohol Related Offense (other)	0
Altered Mental Status	2
Animal Complaint	5
Assault - Physical	0
Assault - Sexual	1
Assist Public	5
Assist Other Agency	12
Bomb Threat	0
Burglary	0
Business Check	26
City Ordinance Violation	0
Civil	7
Close Patrol	51
Criminal Mischief	2
Deceased Person	0
Disorderly Conduct	0
Disturbance – Physical	0
Disturbance – Verbal	5
Drowning	0
DUI/DWI	0
Domestic Violence	1
Emotionally Disturbed Person	2
Fight	0
Fireworks	0
Follow-Up	9
Fraud	0
Harassment	2
Homicide	0
Hostage	0
Illegal Dumping	0
Indecency	0
Information	7
Internet Crime	0
Intoxicated	1
Misconduct	0
Missing Person	1
MVA – Fatal	0
MVA – Non-Injury	5
MVA – Injury	4
MVA – Other	6



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Overdose	0
Public Service	1
Reckless Driver	9
Robbery	0
Sexual Offense	0
Shots Fired	0
Stabbing	0
Suspicious Circumstances	5
Suspicious Person	2
Suspicious Vehicle	7
Theft	1
Threats	2
Trespass	7
Traffic Stop	175
Welfare Check	7
TOTAL (including uncategorized calls for service)	382

**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 September 2024, the Blanco Police Department saw an increase in officer engagement with the community and an increase in calls for service, however there was a decrease in verified offenses. Considering this new data is still in the early stages of collection and analysis, it is difficult to determine if this decrease is due to reduced crime rates or increased officer proactivity. There are no apparent crime trends at this time. 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.