



City of Blanco Police Department Chief's Monthly Report March 2025

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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.



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Department News

The Blanco Police Department remains committed to serving our community with professionalism and integrity. Recently, our department has focused on enhancing public safety initiatives, increasing community engagement, and improving officer training programs. We have implemented updated policies to ensure the highest standards of law enforcement and are actively working to strengthen partnerships with local organizations. As always, we appreciate the continued support of our citizens and encourage open communication to keep Blanco a safe and welcoming place for all.

Community Events & Involvement

The Blanco Police Department was proud to support and participate in community events throughout March. Our officers were actively involved in ensuring a safe and enjoyable experience for all attendees at the Annual Founder's Day Celebration on Saturday, March 22nd. Officers were on-site assisting with traffic control, event security, and community engagement.

We appreciated the opportunity to connect with residents and visitors during the festivities. As always, our priority was the safety and well-being of our community.

Thank you to everyone who attended and helped make the event a success!

Staffing

The Blanco Police Department has experienced recent staffing changes as we continue to grow and adapt to the needs of our community. We bid farewell to Officer Kaley Gassmann, who has transitioned to a position in the private sector. We appreciate her dedication and service to Blanco and wish her the very best in her new endeavor.

At the same time, we are pleased to welcome Officer Charles Green to our team. Officer Green brings over 10 years of law enforcement experience and holds an Advanced Peace Officer certification. His extensive knowledge and commitment to public safety make him a valuable addition to our department, and we look forward to his contributions.

Additionally, our Probationary Police Officers—Milton Saltmarsh, Angel Vallejo, and Romeo Tamez—are progressing well in their field training program. Their dedication and hard work are commendable, and we are excited to see them develop into skilled law enforcement professionals.

We appreciate the continued support of our community as we maintain our commitment to excellence in policing.



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Department Statistics

Patrol Operations

Total Calls for Service	March 2025	+/- Previous Month
-In city	187	▼ 4.5% Decrease
-Out of city	47	▼ 11.3% Decrease
Agency Assist	4	▼ 60% Decrease

Traffic Stops	March 2025	+/- Previous Month
-Total Vehicles Stopped	154	▲ 110% Increase
-Resulting Citations	40	▲ 74% Increase
-Resulting Warnings	114	▲ 128% Increase
Arrests	March 2025	+/- Previous Month
-On view	1	▶ No Increase / Decrease
-Warrants	0	▶ No Increase / Decrease
Motor Vehicle Collisions	4	▼ 33.3% Decrease

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 February, Chief Thornhill continued his active engaged in 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 3 records requests in February 2025.

○ Fleet Updates

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



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Criminal Investigations Division



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Miles Patrolled by Month

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Total	2079	2326	3925									

Monthly Report of Incident by Incident Type

Call Type	Number of Calls
911 Accidental Dial	1
911 Hang Up	1
Abandoned Vehicle	2
Administrative	2
Alarm - Business	2
Alarm - Residential	1
Animal Complaint	5
Assist Public	13
Breathing Problems / Respiratory Distress	1
Business Check	5
Cardiac Problems	2
City Ordinance Violation	1
Civil	1
CP	88
Criminal Mischief	1
Death	1
Disabled Vehicle	1
Disorderly Conduct	1
Domestic Violent	2
Drugs	1
Emotion Dist Person	1
Fire Alarm - Business	1
Follow Up	5
Fraud	1
Funeral Escort	2
Gas Leak	1
ILLEGAL DUMPING	1
Informational	5
Loose Livestock	3
Medical - Unknown	1
Motorist Assist	2
MVA - Injury	4
MVA - Non Injury	5
MVA - Unknown Injury	4
Panic Alarm - Business	1
Parking	1



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Reckless Driver	22
Special Assignment	1
Stolen Property	1
Suspicious Circumstance	1
Suspicious Person	11
Suspicious Vehicle	7
Theft	2
Threats	1
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Traffic Hazard	8
Welfare Check	11
Totals	238

**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

March 2025 was a productive month for the Blanco Police Department, marked by continued efforts in public safety, community engagement, and departmental growth. Our officers played a vital role in ensuring a safe and enjoyable Annual Founder's Day Celebration, reinforcing our commitment to serving Blanco with professionalism and integrity.

Staffing updates included the departure of Officer Kaley Gassmann, who moved into the private sector, as well as the addition of Officer Charles Green, whose 10+ years of law enforcement experience and Advanced Peace Officer certification make him a strong asset to our team. Our Probationary Police Officers—Milton Saltmarsh, Angel Vallejo, and Romeo Tamez—are progressing well in their training, demonstrating dedication to their roles.

Operationally, the department responded to 238 calls for service, conducted 154 traffic stops, and maintained proactive enforcement efforts to ensure public safety. While crime trends varied, our Criminal Investigations Division remained steadfast in addressing offenses and processing cases.

However, the department's ability to effectively serve the community is being impacted by the loss of three patrol vehicles, which have been removed from service due to severe mechanical failures and deemed unsafe for continued operation. With only six vehicles remaining in service, the need for three replacement units is critical to maintaining emergency response capabilities, officer safety, and operational efficiency. Investing in these replacements will allow the department to continue providing the high standard of service our community expects and deserves.

As we move forward, the Blanco Police Department remains committed to enhancing public safety, fostering community partnerships, and maintaining high professional standards. We appreciate the ongoing support of our residents and look forward to continuing our mission of keeping Blanco safe.