

West Manchester Township

Police Department



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Police Chief's Report for September

September 24, 2026

Dear Board of Supervisors, Manager and staff,

For the month of August, the officers handled 522 incidents as well as 74 vehicle crashes. Officers conducted 422 traffic stops and issued 188 traffic citations. The department made 16 felony arrests, 53 misdemeanor arrests, 20 summary non-traffic arrests and 2 juvenile petition(s) were also filed.

The department began to train officers in the 287g program for participation with Immigration Customs and Enforcement. The majority of the officers are finished with the training and will be operational very soon and some are already working the program. The monthly 287g report accompanies this report.

Lieutenant Emig will graduate from the FBI National Academy 299th session on September 17th 2026. This program is a leadership and law enforcement executive training program that is very prestigious and difficult to be accepted into due to demand and lack of positions. Lieutenant Emig will be one of the few Pennsylvania police officers with both Northwestern School of Police Staff and Command and The FBI National Academy to his resume. Congratulations to him for successfully completing this difficult and challenging program.

Our School Resource Officers, Officers Zachary Werner and Jordan Johnson have been working in the Middle School and High School since school came back into

session. Officer Laron Woody will be unavailable due to a military commitment and therefore Officer Zachary Werner stepped up into the role for the Middle School while Officer Johnson is now working in the High School for West York School District.

Training:

08/01-08/31	Lt. Emig	FBI National Academy
08/10-08/12	Ofc. Hobbs	NCTC-Low Light Tactical Training
08/10-08/12	Sgt. Adam Jordan	NCTC-Low Light Tactical Training

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John C. Snyder". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "John" being more prominent and the last name "Snyder" following in a similar style.

Chief John C. Snyder

West Manchester Township Police Department
West Manchester Township Statistics
AUGUST 2026

	Quantity
Part I & II Offenses	140
Incidents (excluding crashes)	382
TOTAL	522
Felony Arrests	16
Misdemeanor Arrests	53
Juvenile Arrests	2
Summary Arrests	20
Traffic Citations	188
Warning / PT-10's	234
Parking Tickets	1
Reportable Crashes	23
Non-Reportable Crashes	51
TOTAL CRASHES	74
Injury Crashes	7
Total Injuries	11

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CI Division Report for September 2026 Board Meeting

8/20/2026 through 9/17/2026

Since August 20, 2026, WMTPD Criminal Investigations has taken on 21 new case assignments: 1 PICS investigation, 2 ChildLine Referral investigations into the alleged physical or sexual abuse of a child or general child endangerment, a rape investigation involving adult suspect and victim, an additional sexual assault allegation involving adults (made against a licensed massage therapist), 12 theft/access device fraud investigations, an investigation into alleged elder abuse/exploitation, an assist to another Police Department (NYCRPD) related to possession of Child Sexual Abuse Material, and 2 additional investigations within our area for the alleged possession/distribution of CSAM.

During the same time frame, our office has formally closed out 16 cases: 2 PICS cases (the one listed above and one from last month's report), the assist to other PD listed above, the above-listed investigation into the alleged abuse/exploitation of an older adult, 7 theft/access device fraud cases, a forgery case from last month's report, an investigation into child endangerment, a statutory sexual assault from last month, one of the above-listed investigations into the alleged possession/sharing of CSAM, and the investigation into an infant death from mid-July.

Respectfully Submitted,

Det Sgt Sean J. Conway

West Manchester Township Police

INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: MR KELLY KELCH, TOWNSHIP MANAGER, WEST MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

FROM: LIEUTENANT JOHN P. HANUSKA

SUBJECT: 287(G) ENFORCEMENT AND REMOVAL OPERATIONS

DATE: 9/18/2026

CC: JOHN SNYDER, CHIEF OF POLICE; MATT EMIG, LIEUTENANT OF POLICE ADMINISTRATION

Since the West Manchester Township Board of Supervisors voted to enter into an ICE 287(g) agreement in July 2026, Chief Snyder, Lieutenant Emig and I have worked diligently to roll out that effort. We drafted a policy that mirrors that of several of our local peers, follows the International Association of Chiefs of Police best practices model policy, and gives priority to contacts that have a nexus to illegal activity.

We released this policy August 22, 2026. Officers were required to review and acknowledge understanding of the policy and complete the forty (40) hour Immigration and Customs Enforcement "Enforcement and Removal Operations Delegated Immigration Officer Training Program" administered by Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC)

The training focused on everything from the scope of work that is authorized under a 287(g) agreement to 4th amendment protections under the United States Constitution. Despite the mounting social media misinformation, media lies of omission and individuals who are willing to boldly lie to anyone who will listen, officers trained in immigration enforcement activities receive a healthy dose of training in professional and constitutional policing through the required training.

I am incredibly confident that before taking on this added task, each one of our officers who has undertaken the training is adequately trained and informed on the Department's expectations, as well as versed in the law.

Below is a synopsis of the immigration enforcement activities our officers engaged in from 8/22/2026-09/15/2026:

Officers made six (6) total contacts in the course of their duties that led to immigration enforcement investigations. One individual had an open federal warrant for illegal re-entry. Three individuals being investigated in a retail theft incident were turned over to ICE. An individual who our Department has stopped for multiple traffic violations dating back to 2020 was remanded into ICE custody. An officer stopped a vehicle with four occupants, two of whom were wearing ski masks and winter coats in the heat of summer, were remanded to ICE custody. The officer was never able to explain the suspicious circumstances. All of the contacts that were initiated with a traffic infraction involved individuals who were driving without a valid driver's license in addition to the initial stop for moving or equipment violations.

In addition to the six contacts our officers had after completing required training and policy review, our officers made additional contacts with individuals who were turned over to York County Central Booking who then took immigration enforcement action.

One of these contacts involved an individual with a parole violation warrant for a domestic violence assault. Another individual was arrested for DUI and possession of drug paraphernalia. These contacts occurred before any of our officers were authorized to conduct immigration enforcement investigations. Both of these individuals were turned over to ICE by the York County Sheriff's Office under their 287(g) agreement.

Currently seventeen (17) of twenty-eight (28) officers designated as Task Force Officers by this Department have completed the required forty hours of training. These officers now hold "one more tool in the toolbox" to carry out their public safety mission.

I am unapologetic in my assessment prior to our entering into a 287(g) agreement and now after a small sample size of immigration enforcement investigations that this is a legitimate public safety endeavor. DUI and driving offenses are not victimless crimes. Theft is not a victimless crime. Certainly, an individual engaged in domestic violence is a public safety risk.

While immigration enforcement is not the primary focus of this police department, when it presents itself, I am confident our officers will handle these investigations with the same vigor and professionalism that they apply to all of their duties.