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John C. Snyder
Chief of Police

Police Chief's Report for March 2026

March 26th 2026

Dear Board of Supervisors, Manager and staff,

For the month of February, the officers handled 416 incidents as well as 57 vehicle crashes. Officers conducted over 434 traffic stops and issued 162 traffic citations. The officers made 10 felony arrests, 35 misdemeanor arrests, 15 summary non-traffic arrests and 4 juvenile petitions were also filed.

Our officers and staff attended the UPMC memorial in February commemorating the event at the hospital where Officer Duarte was killed as a result of the incident where an armed subject committed entered the hospital and shot several employees and was subsequently shot and neutralized by officers at that incident. We were honored to be a part of the event and represented West Manchester Township proudly.

Very Respectfully,
John C. Snyder, Chief of Police

I have presented the MOU for the 287G program from Immigration and Customs Enforcement. I and my staff have met with Supervisors from ICE to discuss the benefits of the program. While there has been a lot of negative attention to this program, the benefits are usually overshadowed by the media's negative coverage and the political hot button this has become. The truth of the matter is that we have always cooperated with ICE and any other federal law enforcement agency that has asked us for assistance. We are currently cooperating with ICE and as a matter of normal practice, contact them when we encounter undocumented people that have detainers or other warrants for their arrest and subsequently ICE officials take them into custody after we contact them. The 287g program would simply allow officers to receive training and

frankly, we should get the training either way. This would allow the officers to be better informed about what to do with these legal processes for ICE and the steps to take when we encounter these situations which we do on a regular basis. The program is not deputizing our officers or forcing us to pursue people that are in the United States illegally against federal law. This would allow the patrol officers to receive the training required to provide information to our officers and to provide direction as to what to do when this happens. There are other benefits and the program is completely voluntary. There are no quotas to achieve and our participation can end at any time.

Training:

02/23	Det. Fink	AI/Chat GPT Law Enforcement Investigations
02/23	Det. Davenport	AI/Chat GPT Law Enforcement Investigations
02/23	Det. DeWitt	AI/ Chat GPT Law Enforcement Investigations

Respectfully Submitted,



Chief John C. Snyder

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 West Manchester Township Statistics
FEBRUARY 2026

	Quantity
Part I & II Offenses	122
Incidents (excluding crashes)	294
TOTAL	416
Felony Arrests	10
Misdemeanor Arrests	35
Juvenile Arrests	4
Summary Arrests	15
Traffic Citations	162
Warning / PT-10's	272
Parking Tickets	2
Reportable Crashes	19
Non-Reportable Crashes	38
TOTAL CRASHES	57
Injury Crashes	6
Total Injuries	9

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CI Division Report for March 2026 Board Meeting

2/19/2026 through 3/19/2026

Since February 19, 2026, WMTPD Criminal Investigations has taken on 12 new case assignments: 2 PICS cases, 2 investigations into suspected elder abuse/exploitation, 2 rape/sexual assault cases involving adult victims and suspects, 4 ChildLine Referral cases for alleged sexual assaults against children/juveniles or general child endangerment, a community notification for a Sexually Violent Predator registered through Megan's Law, and an attempted burglary at a firearms dealer.

During the same time frame, our office has formally closed out 6 cases: the 2 PICS cases listed above, the 2 elder abuse/exploitation cases listed above, the Megan's Law community notification listed above, and a sexual assault of a child from September 2023.

In addition to the above formal assignments, it is worth noting that Detectives Fink and DeWitt attended training for the use of facial recognition software and have since assisted patrol officers with suspect identification on multiple cases. Det. Fink has subsequently spent a great deal of time installing/upgrading programs for the effective use of that tool (i.e., the facial recognition software itself and a version of PhotoShop to be used in conjunction with it). Det. Davenport also completed the annual PA Treasury submission during this time frame.

It is also worth noting that a few of the above-mentioned closures, specifically the PICS cases, were achieved with the assistance of Officer Adam Esteves while on light duty assignment recovering from injury.

Respectfully Submitted,

Det Sgt Sean J. Conway