



# City of Independence

**Traffic Safety Commission**  
**Wednesday, November 19, 2025 @ 6:00 PM**  
**Civic Center - Ash Creek Meeting Room**

(see agenda footer for meeting attendance information)

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1. **Call to Order**
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Minutes**
  - 3.1. Regular Meeting 06/18/2025
  - 3.2. Regular Meeting 10/15/2025
4. **Visitors/Public Comment**
5. **Staff Reports/Presentations**
  - 5.1. Traffic Data
  - 5.2. Vehicular Incidents
6. **Action/Discussion Items**
7. **Adjournment**

### **Meeting Attendance Information:**

The Traffic Safety Commission will hold this meeting in-person in City Hall, Ash Creek Meeting Room, via video conference (Zoom) or by phone.

- To attend in person, the City Hall address is 555 S. Main St.
- For Zoom login  
visit:<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88900715540?pwd=1T1AnOH2K9wPjhSEALDKxSH4y3NYX1.1>
- To participate in the meeting **by phone**, dial **US: +1-253-215-8782** and enter **Webinar ID: 889 0071 5540** and **Passcode: 438633**

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# City of Independence

## Agenda

**Traffic Safety Commission Meeting  
Wednesday, June 18, 2025 @ 6:00 PM  
Civic Center - Ash Creek Meeting Room**

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by LT. Gilbert.
2. **ROLL CALL.** Present: Commissioners Present: Trevor Williamson, Kevin Crutsinger, Mike Tweed, Keli McWilliams, Jason Branske. Others present: Lyle Gilbert-Staff, Myra Russell-Staff, Council liaison-Dawn Roden  
Absent: Fred Evander (Excused)
3. **MINUTES.** The minutes of the October 16, 2024, meeting were submitted in the agenda packet. Kevin Crutsinger moved to approve as amended; Mike Tweed seconded. Motion passed by all commissioners present.
4. **VISITORS / PUBLIC COMMENTS.** None.
5. **STAFF REPORTS / PRESENTATIONS.**
  - 5.1. Traffic Data. LT Gilbert presented data as submitted in the agenda packet. Question about high school address and multiple accidents. New student drivers. Question about why people would be warned instead of cited for DWS. Officers have discretion.  
Stats and Mapping information handed out at meeting. Discussion of Independence PD traffic stops. Maps of crashes, hit and runs, and traffic stops in Independence. Same areas for traffic stops is where PD get complaints from. Question about putting up traffic speed trailers. Semi perm on Hoffman. Other one can be put out when complaints of speeding in area. PW is working to replace one and put on Main st. near City Hall.
6. **ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS.**
  - 6.1. Question about light at crosswalk at Central High. Gerald has requested from Pacific Power but not yet installed.
  - 6.2. Question about sidewalks on newly annexed roadways.
  - 6.3. Question if IPD gets calls about speed bumps, etc. Gilbert not sure, hasn't heard much about it. They create issues for emergency responders.
  - 6.4. Question about I st and Bridge in regard to traffic lights. Once Jurisdictional transfer of roadways goes through the City will have options.
  - 6.5. Discussion of PD staffing. Should be fully staffed by 2026. Part time officer works on traffic stop through grants.
7. **ADJOURNMENT.** LT. Gilbert adjourned the meeting at 6:35 PM

Minutes submitted by:  
Myra Russell, City Recorder



# City of Independence Minutes

**Traffic Safety Commission Meeting  
Wednesday, October 15, 2025**

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1. **Call to Order.** Sgt. Williamson called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.
2. **Roll Call.** No quorum present  
  
Present: Commissioner Kevin Crutsinger  
Fred Evander, City Planner  
Trevor Williamson, Police Sergeant  
  
Absent: Commissioner Michael Tweed  
Commissioner Kelie McWilliams  
Jason Branske, PW Operations Manager, excused  
  
City Staff Present: Myra Russell, City Recorder  
Dawn Roden, Council Liaison-via zoom
3. **Minutes.** With no quorum present, commission was unable to approve the minutes of the 6/18/2025 meeting.
  1. **Regular Meeting 06/18/2025.**
  4. **Visitors/Public Comment.** None.
  5. **Staff Reports/Presentations.**
    1. **Traffic Data.** With no quorum present, Sgt. Williamson presented traffic data and answered questions but no decisions were made.
    2. **Vehicular Incidents.** With no quorum present, Sgt. Williamson presented vehicular incident maps and answered questions but no decisions were made.
    6. **Action/Discussion Items.** Sgt Williamson accepted input on where a speed awareness device could be placed around town for the best benefit, but no decisions were made.
    7. **Adjournment.** The informal meeting ended at 6:27 pm.

Minutes submitted by:  
Myra Russell, City Recorder

## IDP Traffic Incidents 6/12/2025 to 10/13/2025

Date	Offense Code	Location	Notes
6/24/2025	TRAFFIC ACCIDENT - INJURY	S 13TH ST & MONMOUTH ST	While turning onto Monmouth St a motorist was unable to stop before seeing a cyclist who was traveling on the side walk. The cyclist struck the side of the vehicle and had minor injuries.
7/1/2025	TRAFFIC ACCIDENT - INJURY	MONMOUTH ST & MAIN ST	A cyclist, while crossing the street at a crosswalk, is struck by the rear end of a vehicle making a turn.
7/2/2025	TRAFFIC ACCIDENT - INJURY	S 16TH ST & TALMADGE RD	A pedestrian was struck by the front of a work vehicle while crossing the street at a cross walk. Driver had been looking at on coming traffic and did not see pedestrian.
7/4/2025	FAIL TO PERFORM DUTIES- DRIVER IN ACC WITH PROP DAMAGE	1315 MONMOUTH ST	A troop transport vehicle that was to join the parade is unable to stop and rear ends vehicle in front of it. Drivers are unable to exchange info and drive off. Vehicles later tracked down and insurance info is exchanged.
7/8/2025	TRAFFIC ACCIDENT - NON INJURY PROPERTY	S GUN CLUB RD	2 vehicle crash at an intersection with a traffic light.
7/9/2025	TRAFFIC ACCIDENT - NON INJURY PROPERTY	256 MONMOUTH ST	An ambulance backed into a utility pole, minor damage.
7/12/2025	FAIL TO PERFORM DUTIES- DRIVER IN ACC WITH PROP DAMAGE	N GUN CLUB RD	A vehicle was struck while waiting to safely turn by another vehicle who took a turn too fast. Driver left the scene and was later found at a nearby apartment complex.
7/14/2025	TRAFFIC ACCIDENT INJURY	1630 MONMOUTH ST	A person on an electric bike is struck by a vehicle that was exiting a driveway.
7/30/2025	FAIL TO PERFORM DUTIES- DRIVER IN ACC WITH PROP DAMAGE	535 G ST	A vehicle was struck while parked in a parking lot. There were no occupants in vehicle when it was struck and the other vehicle left the scene. No cameras at location.
7/31/2025	RECKLESS DRIVING	50 C ST	A driver was doing cookies on a gravel lot at the park, sending rocks at other vehicles and people at the park. Cited.
8/2/2025	TRAFFIC ACCIDENT INJURY	S 3RD ST & MONMOUTH ST	A bicyclist who was not paying attention to vehicles around it struck a vehicle as it was making a turn. Witness at scene stated another vehicle was honking at bicyclist prior to the accident.
8/17/2025	FAIL TO PERFORM DUTIES- DRIVER IN ACC WITH PROP DAMAGE	740 WHITE OAK CIR	A witness reported a vehicle backed into another vehicle in a parking lot and drove off. Owner of vehicle that was struck did not want to pursue charges, closed.
8/20/2025	TRAFFIC ACCIDENT - NON INJURY PROPERTY	N POLK ST	A two vehicle crash occurred when drivers were stopped at an intersection and both vehicles began to drive at the same time.
8/20/2025	TRAFFIC ACCIDENT - NON INJURY PROPERTY	94 S MAIN ST	Two vehicles reversed into each other in parking lot. One vehicle had trailer attached and may not have noticed they struck another vehicle as they drove off.
8/20/2025	FAIL TO PERFORM DUTIES- DRIVER IN ACC WITH PROP DAMAGE	175 MONMOUTH ST	A motorist reversed out of a parking space and rear ended another vehicle. Driver got out see damage and decided to drive off. Cameras in area help identify driver and they are cited.
8/21/2025	TRAFFIC ACCIDENT - INJURY	HOFFMAN RD & JAMES ST	Single vehicle crash occurred when a motorcyclist struck a cat which caused them to crash.
8/24/2025	TRAFFIC ACCIDENT - NON INJURY PROPERTY	200 I ST	When the brakes failed, a vehicle crashed through a barricade at the end of a deadend street. Driver was cited.

9/2/2025	TRAFFIC ACCIDENT - INJURY	1495 MONMOUTH ST	Two drivers exchanged information after a rear end collision that occurred when one of the drivers was following too closely.
9/5/2025	RECKLESS DRIVING	10 DEANN DR	Report of a vehicle doing donuts in park parking lot, no suspect vehicle identified and report taken as vehicle struck Port-a-Potty at the park.
9/6/2025	TRAFFIC ACCIDENT - INJURY	1737 MONMOUTH ST	The rider of an electric scooter was involved in an accident with a vehicle that was exiting a parking lot. Driver stated it was difficult to see traffic that was coming from East.
9/16/2025	RECKLESS DRIVING	MONMOUTH ST & S 4TH ST	Multiple reports of a vehicle driving erratically and at high speeds through town. Driver is later located and arrested.
9/16/2025	TRAFFIC ACCIDENT - NON INJURY PROPERTY	MONMOUTH ST & S 16TH ST	Rear end collision between 2 vehicles, one driver admitted to looking at phone which caused the accident. Driver cited.
9/18/2025	TRAFFIC ACCIDENT - NON INJURY PROPERTY	N MAIN ST & N WILLIAMS ST	An accident occurred when a driver reached down to grab something from the floor of the car and was not able to stop in time. This resulted in a rear end vehicle crash.
9/20/2025	TRAFFIC ACCIDENT INJURY	1630 MONMOUTH ST	Rear end vehicle crash caused by a driver following too closely and driving an unsafe vehicle.
9/25/2025	TRAFFIC ACCIDENT - INJURY	S MAIN ST & F ST	While a vehicle was stopped for a pedestrian another vehicle rear-ended stopped vehicle. No major injuries and pedestrian was safe.
9/26/2025	FAIL TO PERFORM DUTIES- DRIVER IN ACC WITH PROP DAMAGE	1080 MONMOUTH ST	A citizen came into report a hit and run crash to his vehicle while it was parked in the lot at their place of work. Currently the other vehicle is being tracked down.
10/1/2025	TRAFFIC ACCIDENT - INJURY	MONMOUTH ST & S 4TH ST	Rear end collision between 2 vehicles when a driver failed to stop with traffic. Driver cited.
10/5/2025	TRAFFIC ACCIDENT - NON INJURY PROPERTY	STRYKER RD & HOFFMAN RD	Unexpectedly a tire blew on the front of a vehicle while driving. The driver was unable to maintain control of their vehicle and swerved into an oncoming vehicle. The other driver was able to swerve away but the two vehicles still collided.
10/7/2025	TRAFFIC ACCIDENT - NON INJURY PROPERTY	1501 MONMOUTH ST	A vehicle made a quick turn and collided with a vehicle that was entering center turning lane. Driver information exchanged.
10/10/2025	TRAFFIC ACCIDENT - INJURY	MONMOUTH ST & 16TH ST	A pedestrian crossed the street with the hood of their hoodie impairing their view, they were struck by a vehicle. Pedestrian admitted to not looking before crossing street.
10/13/2025	TRAFFIC ACCIDENT - INJURY	S GUN CLUB RD & MONMOUTH ST	While crossing the street at a crosswalk a pedestrian was struck by a vehicle resulting in minor injuries. Driver was cooperative and stated that they were not able to see pedestrian until it was too late.
10/16/2025	TRAFFIC ACCIDENT - INJURY	30 S GUN CLUB RD	Whilst stopped for a pedestrian crossing the street a vehicle was rear ended. The other driver stated they may have accidentally pressed on the gas instead of the brake pedal. Pedestrian was not involved in accident.
10/16/2025	TRAFFIC ACCIDENT - NON INJURY PROPERTY	1800 MONMOUTH ST	Front end collision when two vehicles were entering road way from different directions and failed to notice the other driver. Driver information exchanged.

10/18/2025	TRAFFIC ACCIDENT- NON INJURY PROPERTY	N POLK ST & N MAIN ST	Stopped at a stop sign, a vehicle began reversing suddenly and struck the vehicle behind it. Reversing vehicle had a trailer hitch resulting in damage to the other vehicle.
10/18/2025	FAIL TO PERFORM DUTIES- DRIVER IN ACC WITH PROP DAMAGE	174 S MAIN ST	A late report of a hit and run accident was reported as a motorist's vehicle was struck while parked. Surveillance footage helped confirm run away vehicle. Driver was contacted and cited.
10/21/2025	TRAFFIC ACCIDENT - INJURY	S 7TH ST & F ST	Turning onto a street a vehicle strikes on-coming vehicle. Both vehicles are towed, and driver that was struck, sustained non life-threatening injuries and got transported to hospital.
10/21/2025	TRAFFIC ACCIDENT - NON INJURY PROPERTY	141 S 17TH ST	A hit and run that occurred between neighbors begins to escalate before an officer is able to respond. Statements are taken and vehicle owners information is exchanged.
10/29/2025	TRAFFIC ACCIDENT - NON INJURY PROPERTY	344 BUTLER ST	A late report was received when a motorist noticed damage to the handle of their driver door while it was parked on the street. A neighbor's camera captures the incident and owner of the vehicle is contacted so that information can be exchanged.
10/30/2025	TRAFFIC ACCIDENT - NON INJURY PROPERTY	302 S MAIN ST	A driver calls to make a late report on an accident that took place in a parking lot. Drivers had exchanged some info but reporter was not able to get ahold of other driver to get insurance info. Other driver was contacted and all information was exchanged.
11/1/2025	FAIL TO PERFORM DUTIES- DRIVER IN ACC WITH PROP DAMAGE	1558 S 7TH ST	A vehicle was struck while parked near listed location. No known suspects at this time.
11/3/2025	TRAFFIC ACCIDENT - NON INJURY PROPERTY	797 S 7TH ST	A distracted driver reaches back in their vehicle and strikes a parked car causing the driver's vehicle to flip over on its side. Driver and additional occupant were okay and vehicle is towed after driver information is collected.
11/9/2025	FAIL TO PERFORM DUTIES- DRIVER IN ACC WITH PROP DAMAGE	584 S 13TH ST	Hit and run reported at listed location, vehicle was parked on street when it was struck by another vehicle. No witness or camera footage.

**Traffic Patrol**

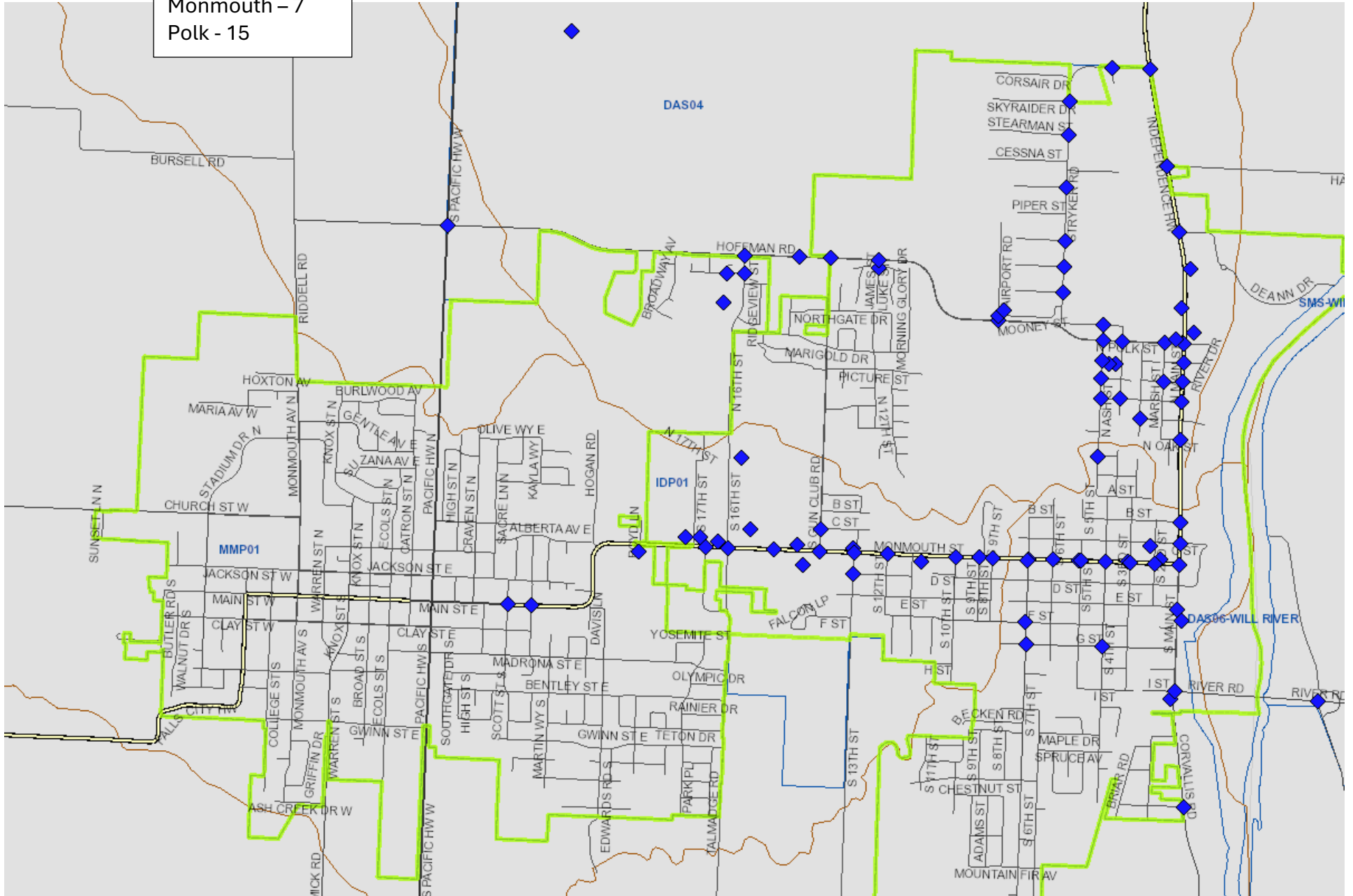
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Speed	53	80
Driving While Suspended	55	3
Operating a mobile device while driving	27	36
Fail to Obey Traffic Control Device	6	23
DMV Violations	21	256
Other	173	186

Traffic Stops

134 Traffic Stops

Indy - 112  
Monmouth - 7  
Polk - 15

JULY VEHICULAR INCIDENTS 2025

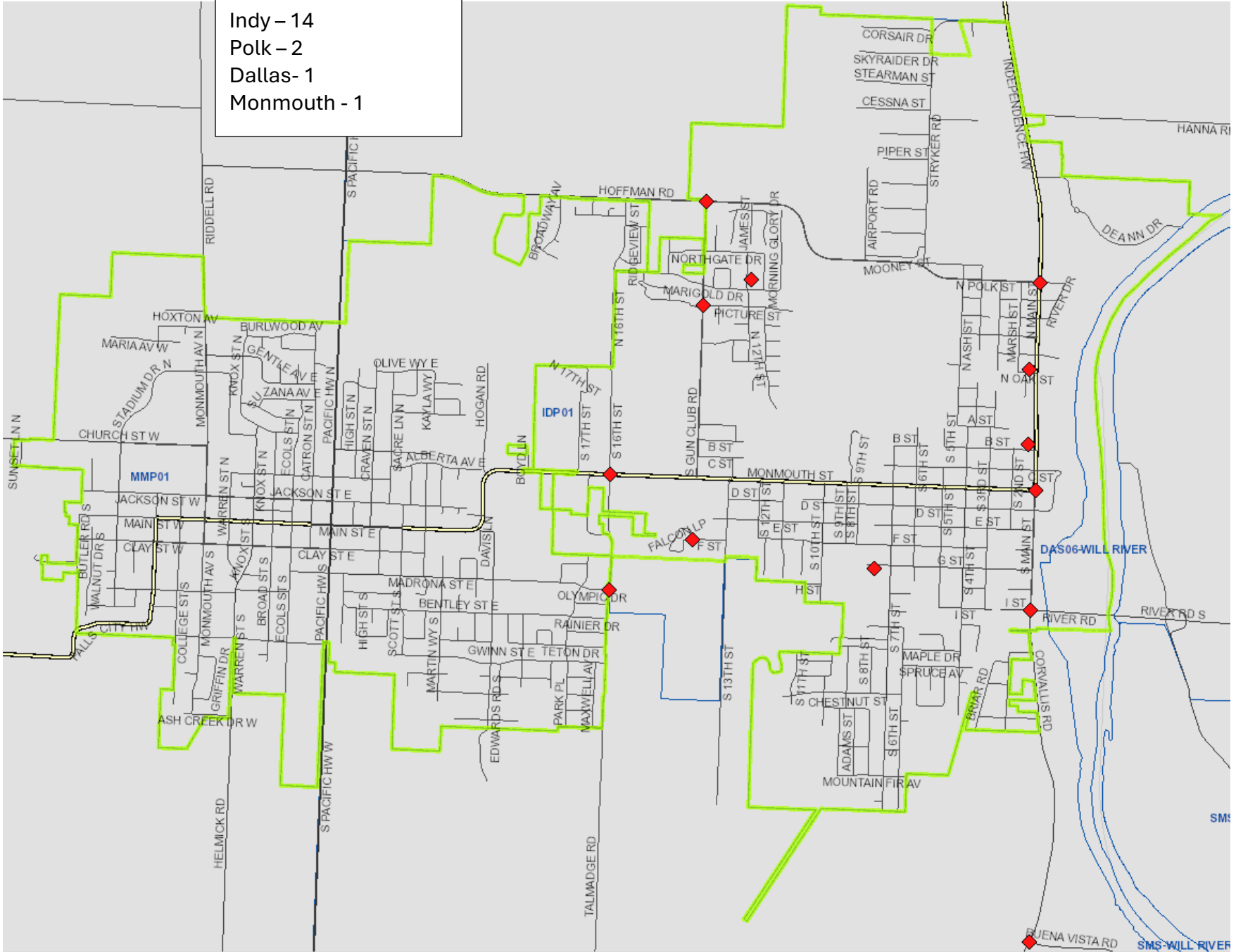


Traffic Complaints

18 Driving Complaints

JULY VEHICULAR INCIDENTS 2025

- Indy - 14
- Polk - 2
- Dallas - 1
- Monmouth - 1





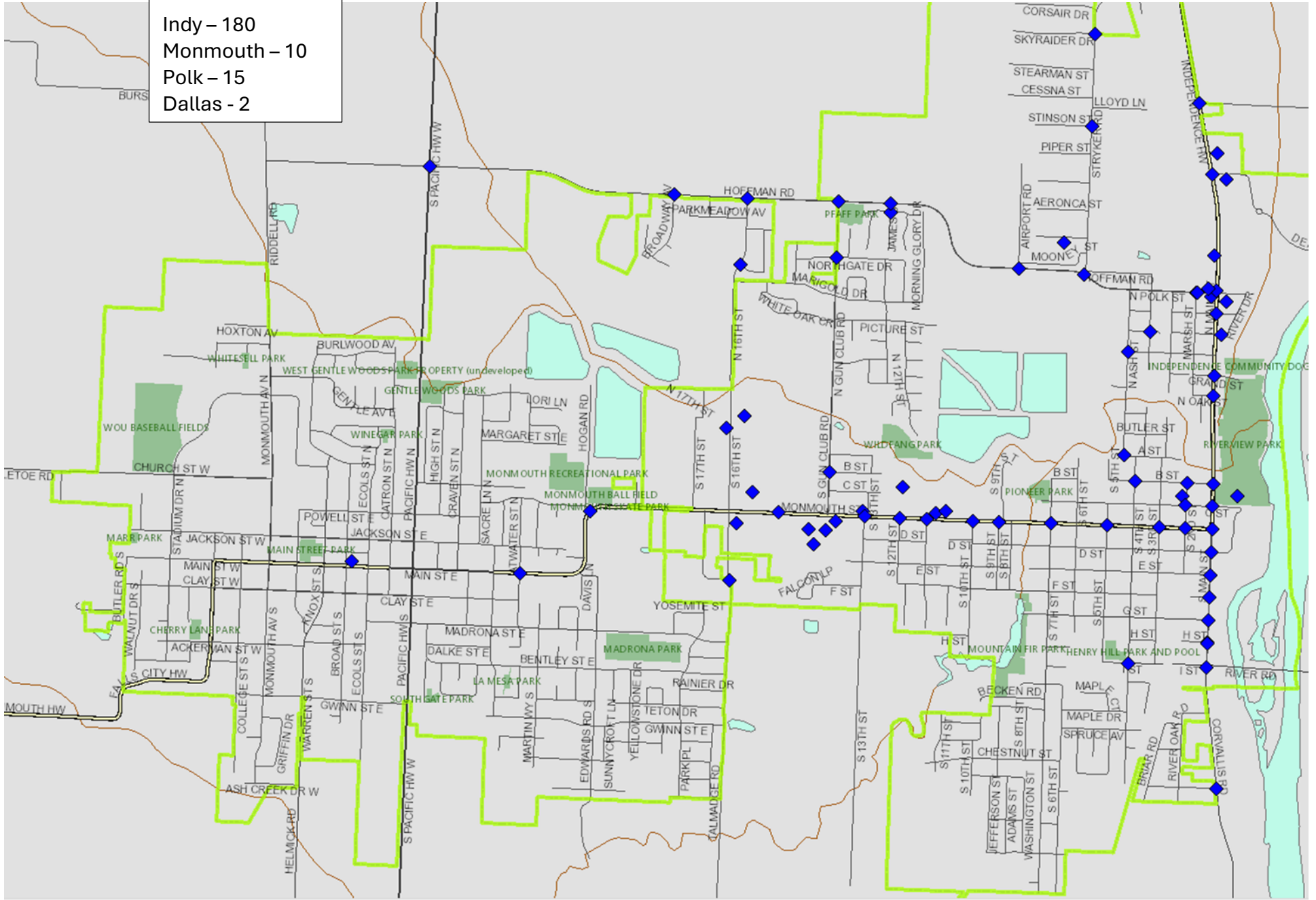


Traffic Stops

207 Traffic Stops

Indy - 180  
Monmouth - 10  
Polk - 15  
Dallas - 2

AUGUST VEHICULAR INCIDENTS 2025

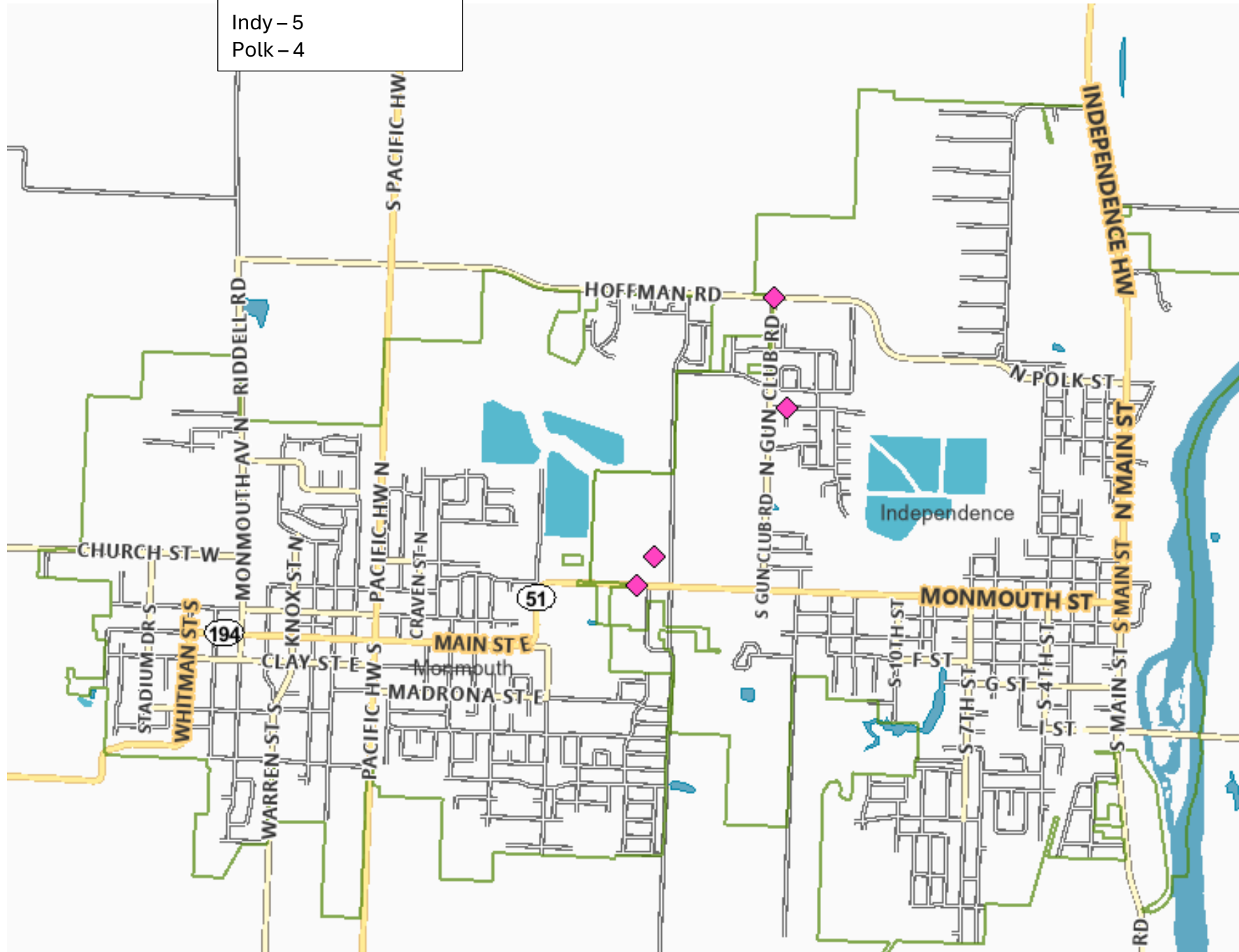


Traffic Complaints

9 Driving Complaints

Indy - 5  
Polk - 4

AUGUST VEHICULAR INCIDENTS 2025



Hit and Run Crashes

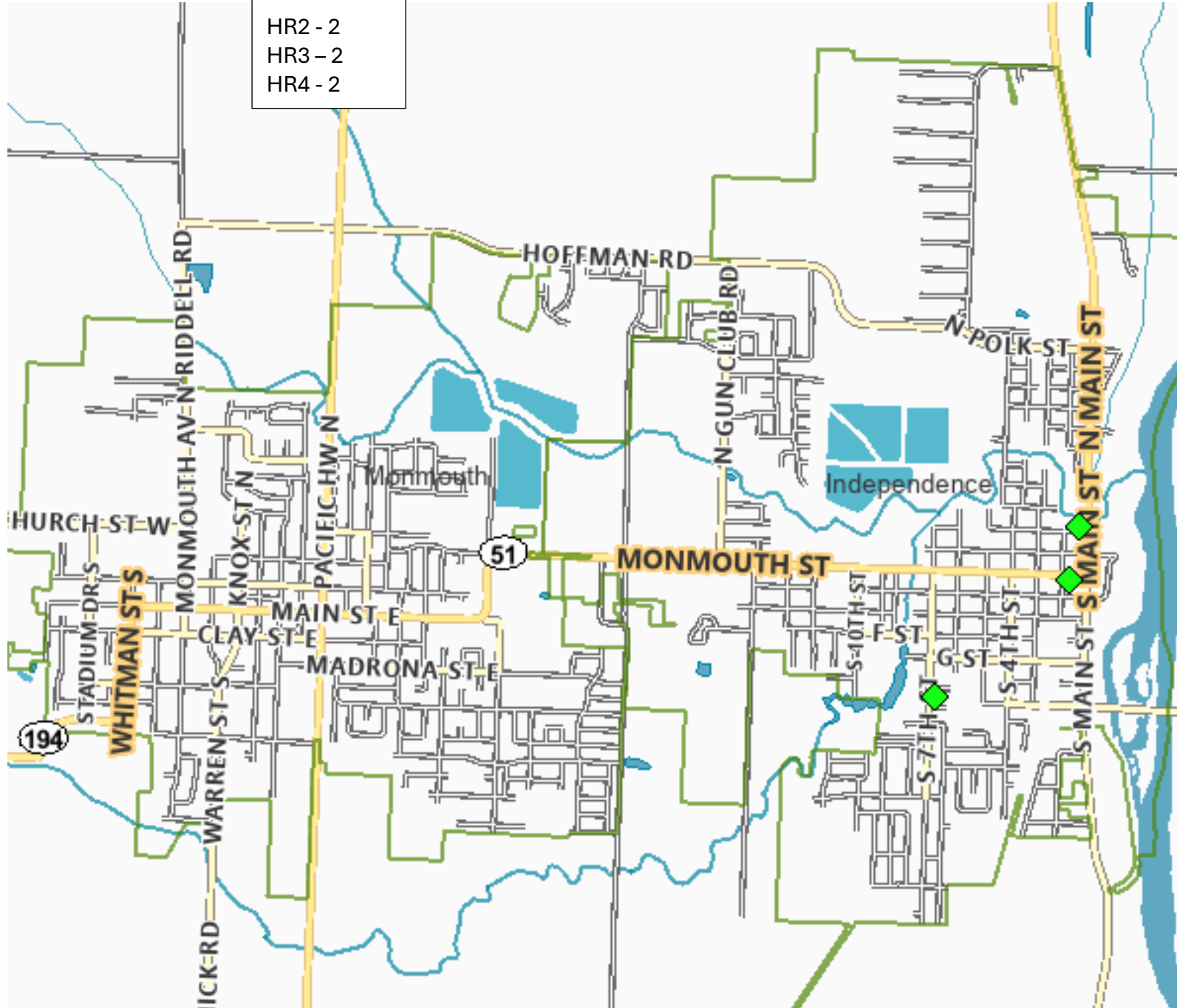
6 Hit&Runs

HR2 - 2

HR3 - 2

HR4 - 2

AUGUST VEHICULAR INCIDENTS 2025



Crashes

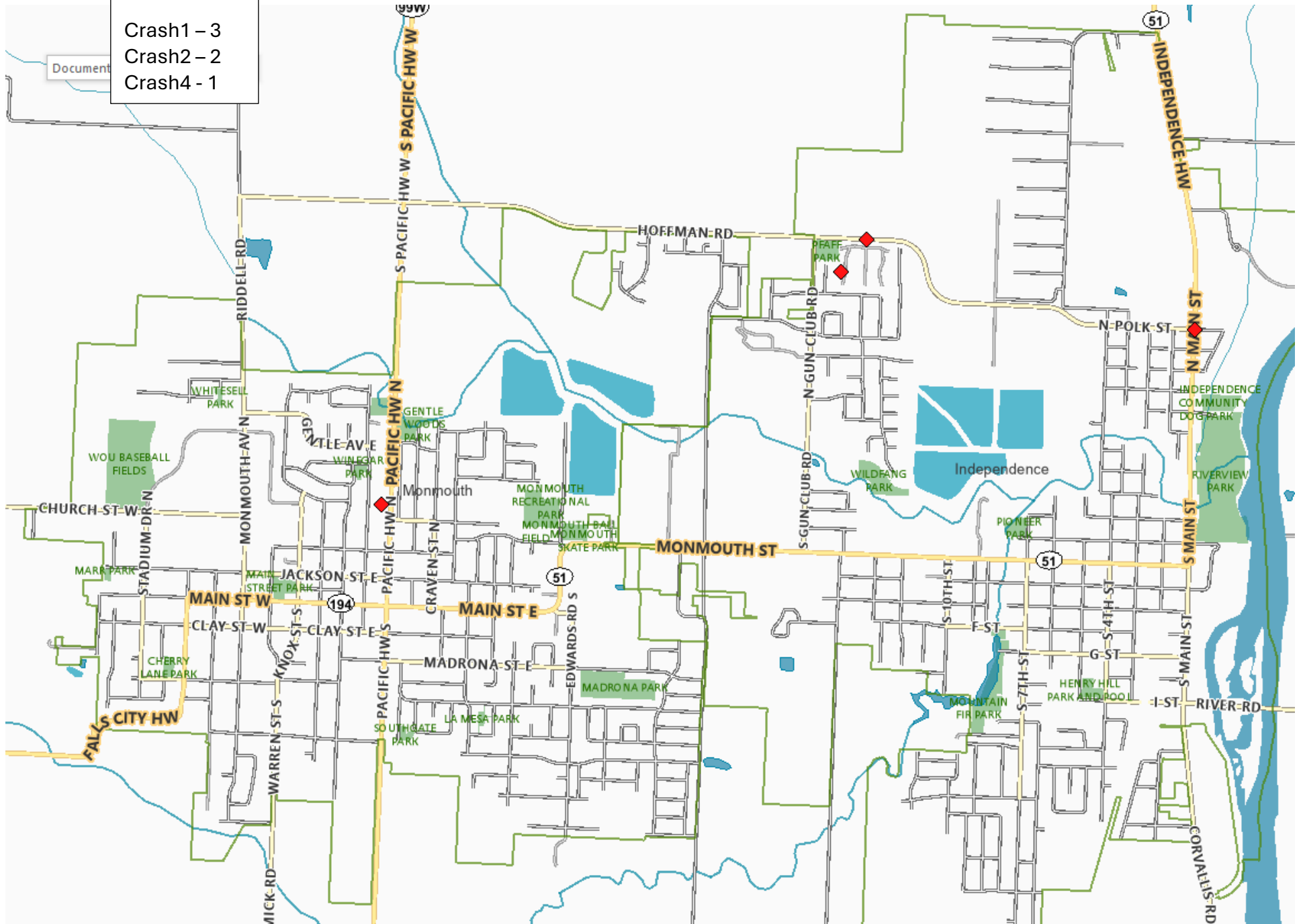
6 Crashes

Crash1 - 3

Crash2 - 2

Crash4 - 1

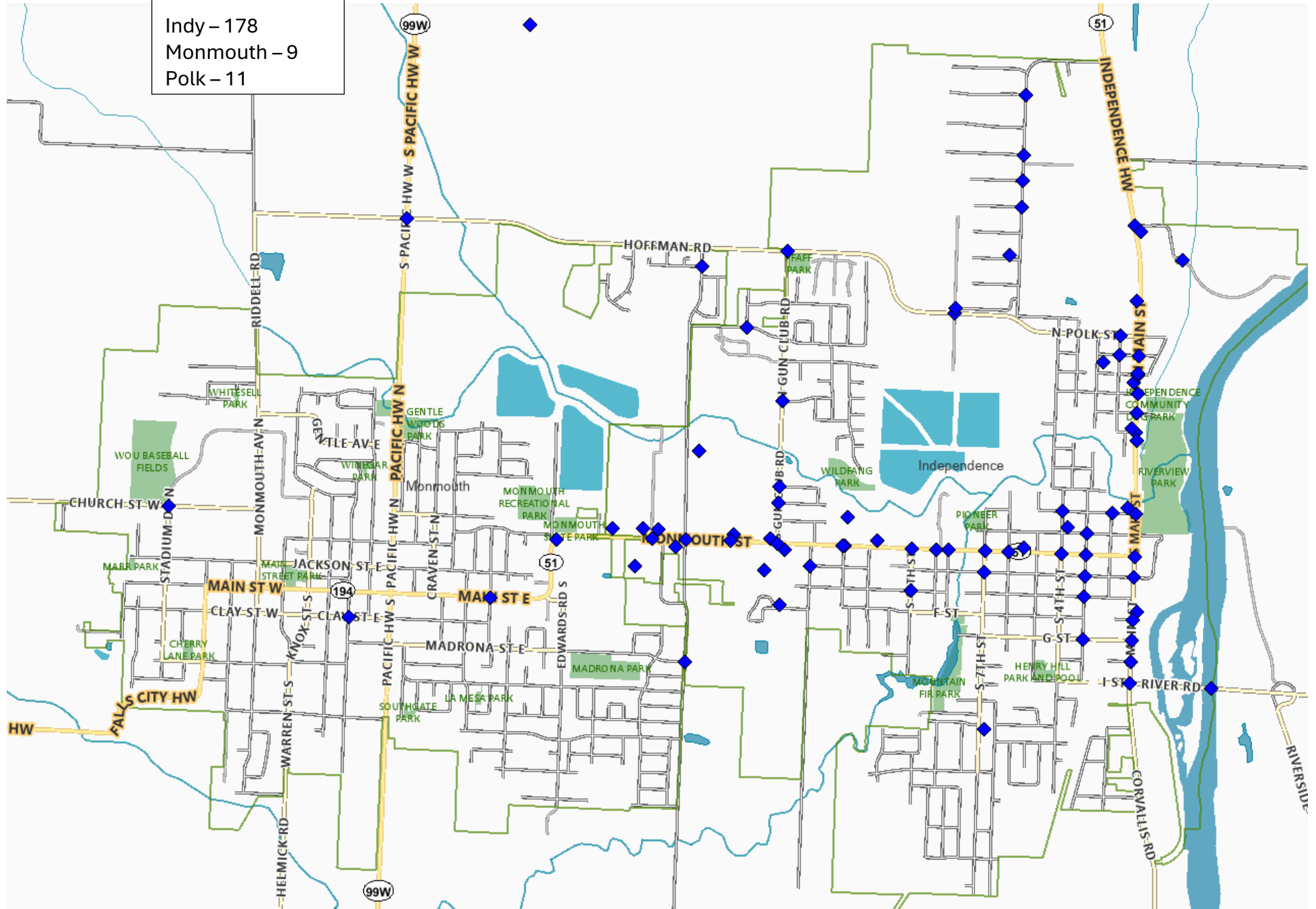
AUGUST VEHICULAR INCIDENTS 2025



Traffic Stops

198 Traffic Stops  
Indy – 178  
Monmouth – 9  
Polk – 11

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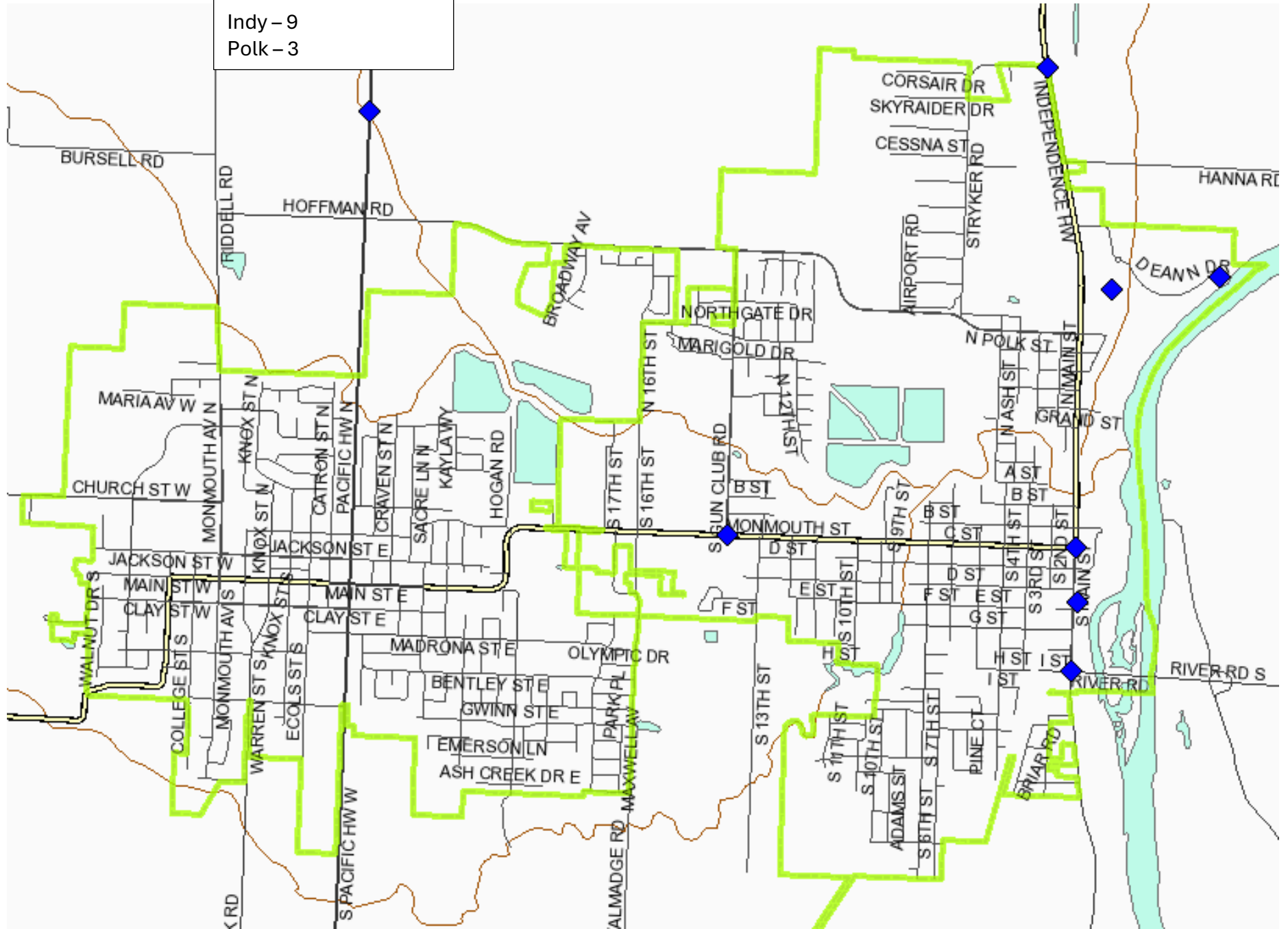


Traffic Complaints

12 Driving Complaints

Indy - 9  
Polk - 3

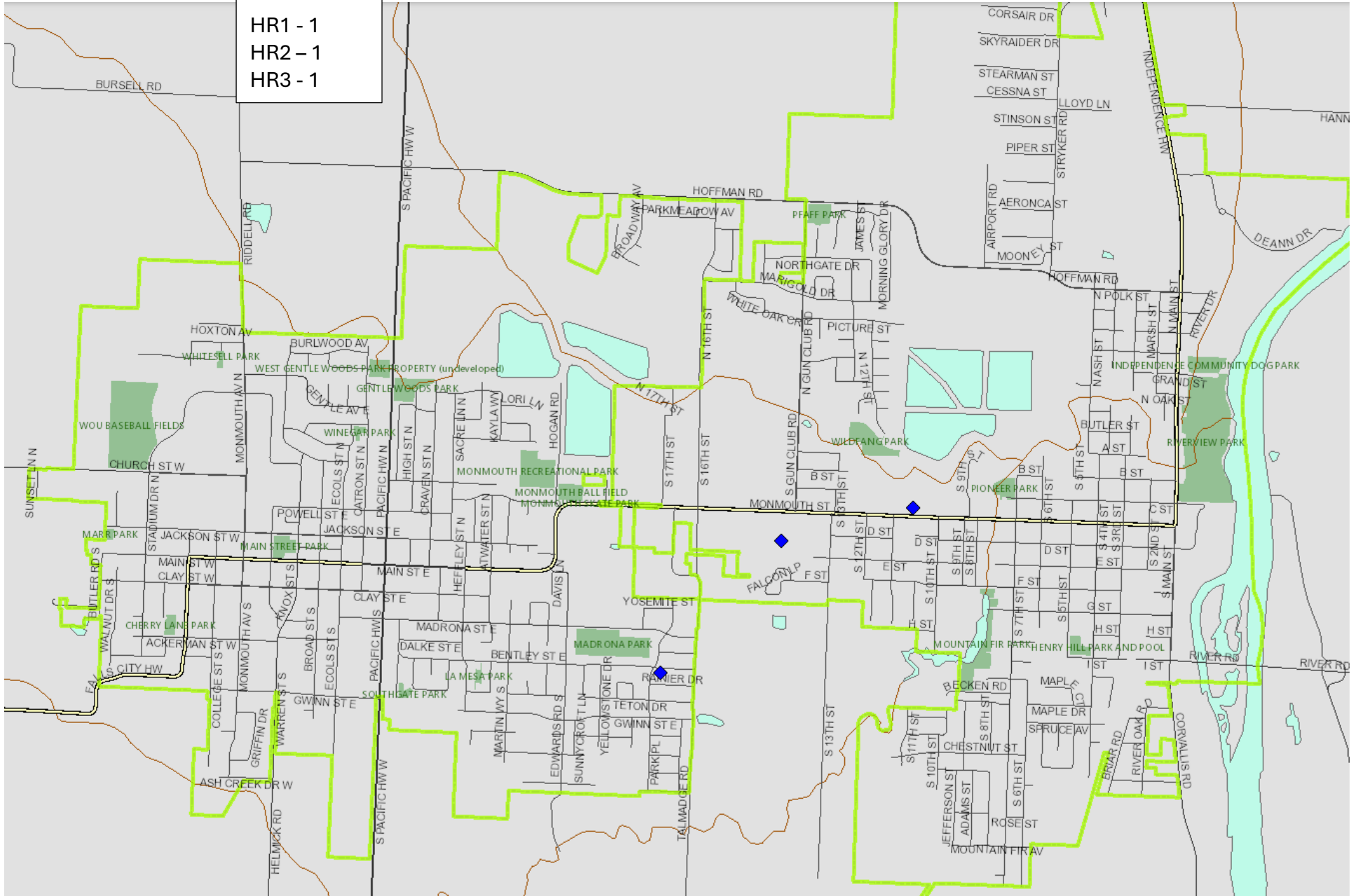
SEPTEMBER VEHICULAR INCIDENTS 2025



Hit and Run Crashes

3 Hit&Runs  
HR1 - 1  
HR2 - 1  
HR3 - 1

SEPTEMBER VEHICULAR INCIDENTS 2025



Crashes

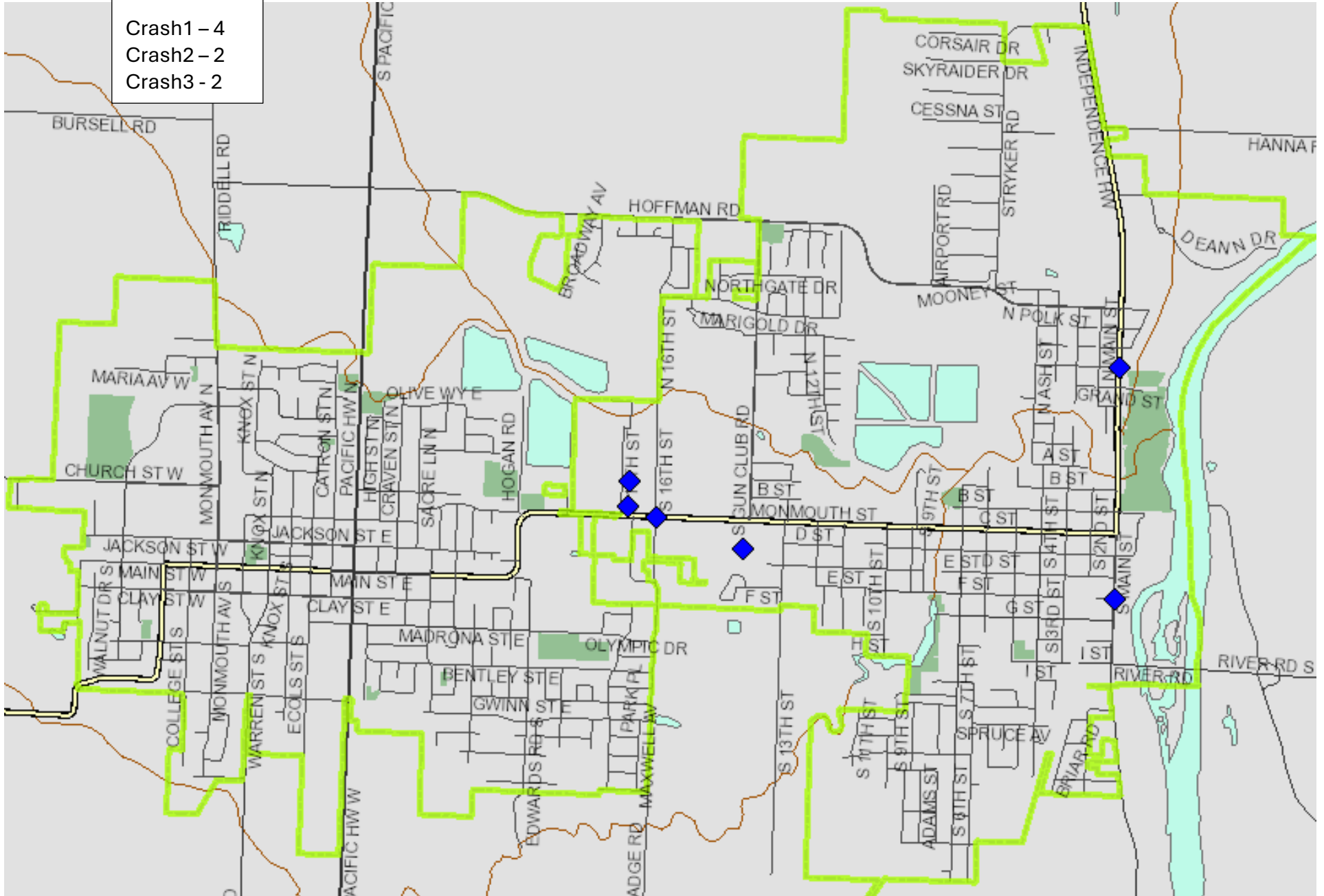
SEPTEMBER VEHICULAR INCIDENTS 2025

8 Crashes

Crash1 - 4

Crash2 - 2

Crash3 - 2

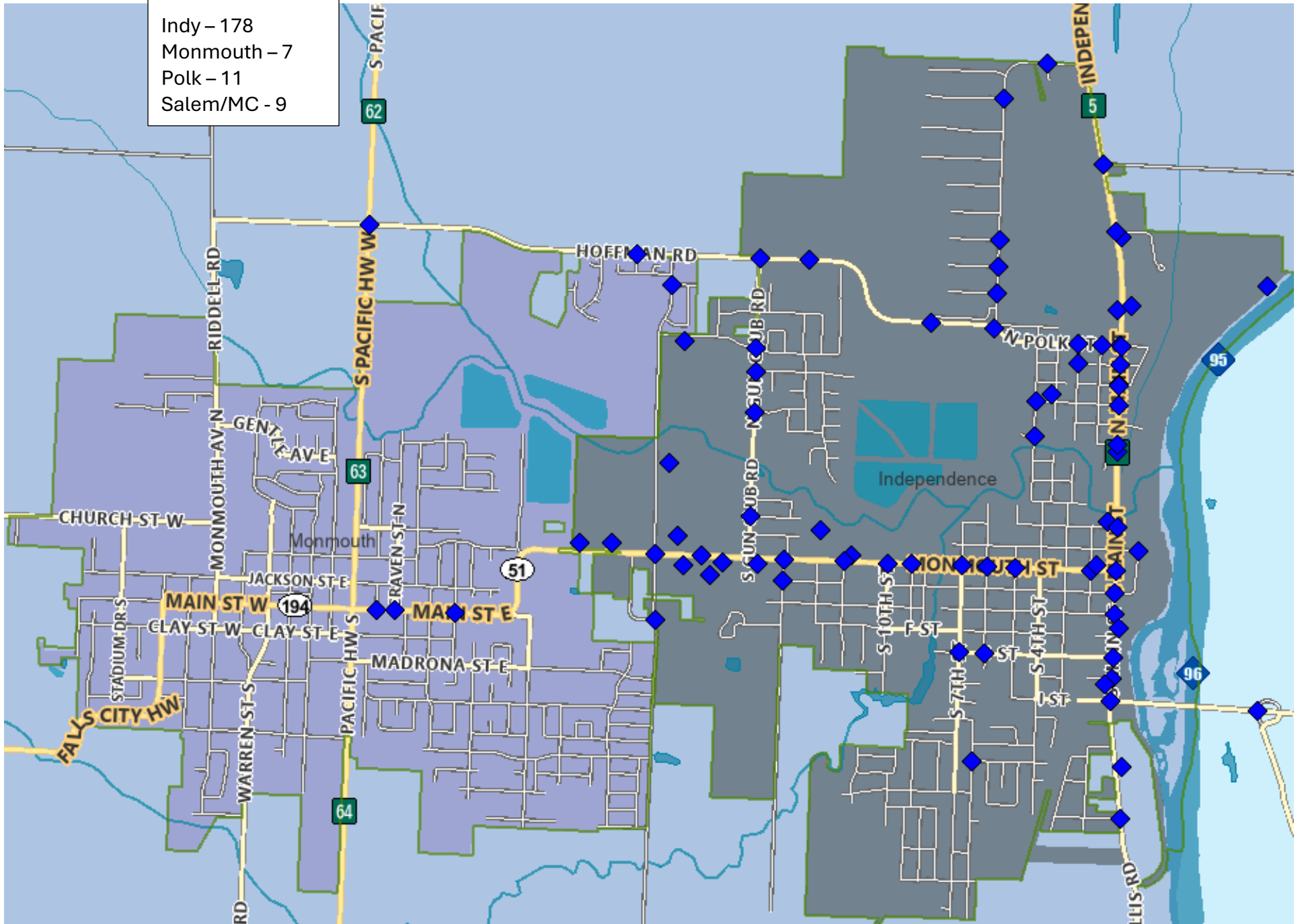


Traffic Stops

152 Traffic Stops

- Indy - 178
- Monmouth - 7
- Polk - 11
- Salem/MC - 9

OCTOBER VEHICULAR INCIDENTS 2025

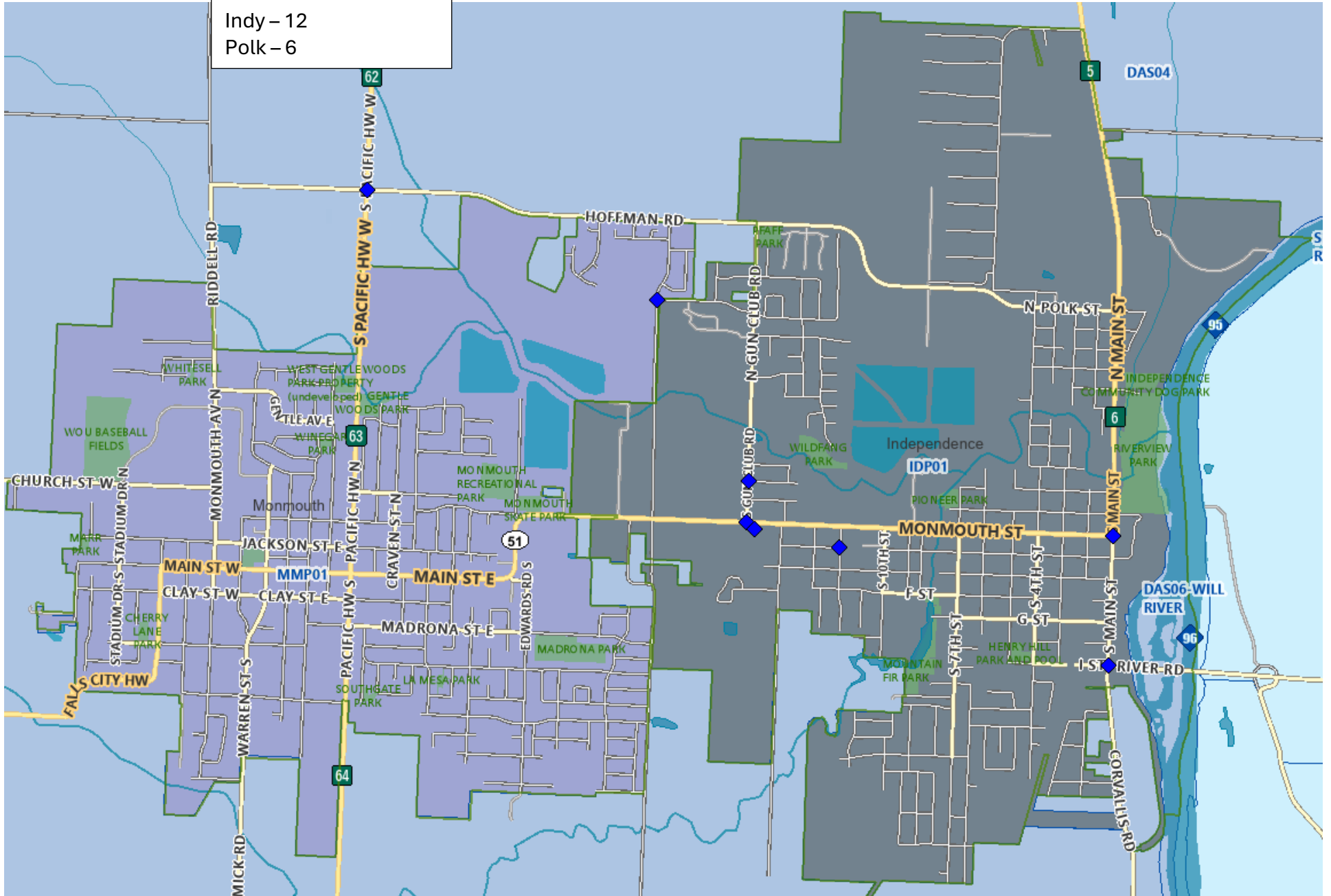


Traffic Complaints

18 Driving Complaints

Indy – 12  
Polk – 6

OCTOBER VEHICULAR INCIDENTS 2025



Hit and Run Crashes

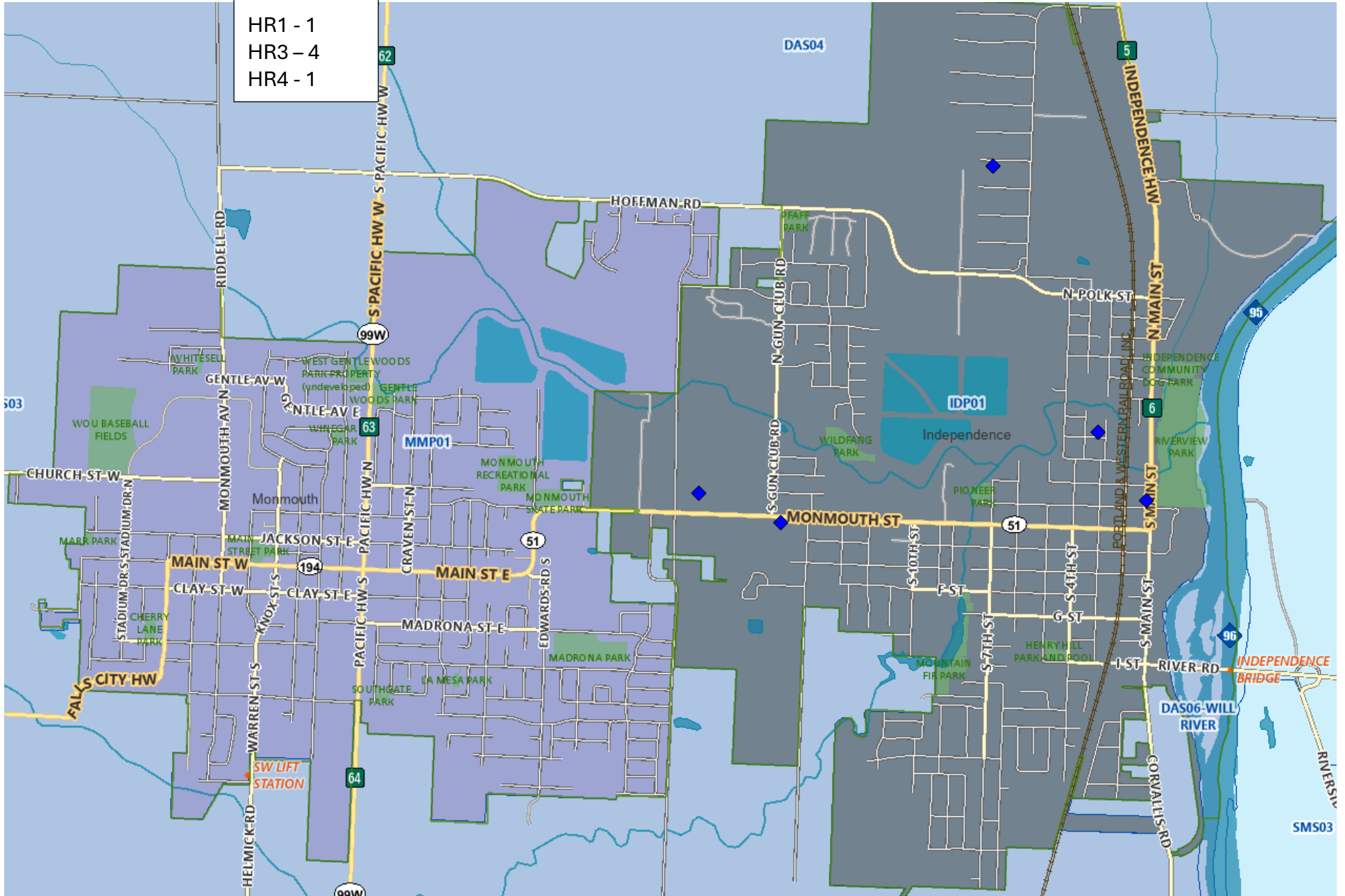
OCTOBER VEHICULAR INCIDENTS 2025

6 Hit&Runs

HR1 - 1

HR3 - 4

HR4 - 1



Crashes

13 Crashes

- Crash1 – 6
- Crash2 – 2
- Crash3 – 4
- Crash 4 - 1

OCTOBER VEHICULAR INCIDENTS 2025

