



City of Independence

Traffic Safety Commission
Wednesday, February 18, 2026 @ 6:00 PM
Civic Center - Ash Creek Meeting Room

(see agenda footer for meeting attendance information)

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Minutes**
 - 3.1. Regular Meeting 11/19/2025
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/84119570805?pwd=tK8z9lIsMjbRYfabqoVrbDQ8KM89ed.1>
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City of Independence Minutes

**Traffic Safety Commission Meeting
Wednesday, November 19, 2025**

1. **Call to Order.** Chair Williamson called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

2. **Roll Call.**

Present: Planning Manager Fred Evander
Commissioner Michael Tweed
Commissioner Kevin Crutsinger
Commissioner Trevor Williamson
Commissioner Jason Branske
Commissioner Kelie McWilliams

Absent:

City Staff Present: Myra Russell, City Recorder
Noemy Vega, Police Records Technician

3. **Minutes.**

1. **Regular Meeting 06/18/2025. Action:**

Commissioner McWilliams moved to approve the minutes of the 6/18/2025 meeting with a correction of the spelling of her name; Commissioner Branske seconded. No Discussion

Voice vote. Motion 6-0-0

Ayes: Fred Evander, Michael Tweed, Kevin Crutsinger, Trevor Williamson, Jason Branske, Kelie McWilliams

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

2. **Regular Meeting 10/15/2025. Action:**

Planning Manager Evander moved to approve the minutes of the 10/15/2025 meeting as submitted; Commissioner Branske seconded. No Discussion

Voice vote. Motion 6-0-0

Ayes: Fred Evander, Michael Tweed, Kevin Crutsinger, Trevor Williamson, Jason Branske, Kelie McWilliams

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

4. **Visitors/Public Comment.** None

5. **Staff Reports/Presentations.**

1. **Traffic Data.** The meeting reviewed traffic incident data from June 12th to October 13th, focusing on crashes and other vehicular incidents. Clarifications were made about warning citations, particularly in cases involving concurrent criminal charges. Questions were addressed regarding the meaning of "Salem/MC" on maps (Marion County), the inability of drivers to exchange information during incidents, and the frequency of accidents on Monmouth Street. Additionally, concerns were raised about debris from recent accidents remaining on sidewalks and public spaces, with clarification provided that the responsibility for cleanup lies with the contracted tow companies.
2. **Vehicular Incidents.** The commission talked about traffic safety concerns. The discussion covered the process for officers to select safe stop locations, with the officer having the responsibility to determine the stop location while considering safety for both parties. The group also reviewed how driving complaints are handled, with community members calling in concerns, and clarified the hit-and-run mapping system which uses different levels (1-4) to indicate the timing and nature of reported incidents. The commission also discussed accident data analysis and the potential to gather more detailed information about drivers involved in accidents. Commissioner McWilliams inquired about accessing age data for accident drivers, which the Chair Williamson explained may be challenging due to privacy concerns, particularly for juvenile drivers. They considered the need for strategies to improve road safety, such as educational programs for high schools and increased signage in neighborhoods but noted that further discussion with the chief and legal team would be necessary to determine the feasibility of collecting and analyzing such data. Commissioner Evander wondered about analyzing collision data using GIS mapping. They agreed to investigate exporting collision data to GIS files for tracking hotspots over time, with the next scheduled meeting in February.
6. **Action/Discussion Items.** None.
7. **Adjournment.** Planning Manager Evander moved to Adjourn; Commissioner McWilliams seconded. Sgt. Williamson adjourned the meeting at 6:31pm.

Minutes submitted by:
Myra Russell, City Recorder

IDP Traffic Incidents 11/10/2025 to 2/6/2026

Date	Offense Code	Location	Age	Notes
11/13/2025	TRAFFIC ACCIDENT - INJURY	1315 MONMOUTH ST	18-24 yoa	While exiting the drive through at listed location a vehicle strikes stop sign with concrete base when turning. Passenger complained
11/15/2025	FAIL TO PERFORM DUTIES- DRIVER IN ACC WITH PROP DAMAGE	8500 BLOCK OF OFFMAN RD	35-44 yoa	A vehicle in a ditch was reported early in the morning. An officer arrives and finds it unoccupied. Registered owner of the vehicle is contacted and states that the vehicle became inoperable due to a flat tire and he left it there; could not state why he decided to not contact police or a tow truck. Driver is cited.
11/16/2025	DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF INTOXICANTS - MISD	1000 BLOCK OF S MAIN ST	25-34 yos	An intox driver crashes into a concrete post for a gas line. After field sobriety tests are completed the driver is arrested.
11/19/2025	FAIL TO PERFORM DUTIES- DRIVER IN ACC WITH PROP DAMAGE	MONMOUTH ST & 16TH ST	unknown	Reporter states that while driving through intersection another vehicle makes an unsafe turn and as they were unable to stop in time they side-swipe the other vehicle. The other vehicle flees and
11/21/2025	FAIL TO PERFORM DUTIES- DRIVER IN ACC WITH PROP DAMAGE	10 DEANN DR	unknown	Vehicle owner states that a dent was noticed when they returned to their parked vehicle at listed location. No cameras in the area and vehicle owner was not near the vehicle when the incident occurred.
12/3/2025	TRAFFIC ACCIDENT - NON INJURY PROPERTY	INDEPENDENCE HW & STRYKER RD	18-24 & 45-54 yoa	T-bone crash occurred when a vehicle attempts to turn and on-coming vehicle is not able to slow down/stop in time. One driver's testimony states crash occurred due to confusion with turn signals.
12/3/2025	FAIL TO PERFORM DUTIES- DRIVER IN ACC WITH PROP DAMAGE	496 F ST	unknown	A vehicle parked in front of a residence is stuck overnight. No witnesses or cameras in the area captured accident.
12/10/2025	TRAFFIC ACCIDENT - NON INJURY PROPERTY	141 S 17TH ST	65+	Due to the driver's foot slipping a vehicle accelerates unexpectedly and crashes into carport.
12/17/2025	TRAFFIC ACCIDENT - INJURY	C ST & S 4TH ST	55-64 & 35-44 yoa	A late report is taken of a 2 vehicle crash at a 4 way stop. Report is taken and insurance information is exchanged, both drivers were cooperative.
12/18/2025	TRAFFIC ACCIDENT - INJURY	MARIGOLD DR & N GUN CLUB RD	25-34 yoa	At night, a pedestrian is struck while on a jog when a vehicle, who states they were not able to see the jogger in time, strikes them while turning.
1/3/2026	TRAFFIC ACCIDENT - NON INJURY PROPERTY	MONMOUTH ST & S GUN CLUB RD	25-34 & 25-34 yoa	A rear end collision occurs while vehicles are proceeding through intersection. 2nd vehicle could not provide details on how crash occurred.
1/8/2026	TRAFFIC ACCIDENT - NON INJURY PROPERTY	N POLK ST & N MAIN ST	25-34 & 35-44 yoa	Near head on collision reported several hours after incident. Drivers had exchanged information but did not contact police at time. 2nd driver would not answer phone.
1/12/2026	TRAFFIC ACCIDENT - NON INJURY PROPERTY	S 4TH ST & MONMOUTH ST	18-24 & 55-64 yoa	At intersection two vehicles were involved in a t-bone crash. Both drivers state they did not see other vehicle in time.
1/13/2026	DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF INTOXICANTS - MISD	629 AIRPORT WAY	25-34 yoa	A driver flees vehicle after striking a parked vehicle. Driver is tracked down and returns to scene. Driver arrested for DUII.
1/14/2026	TRAFFIC ACCIDENT - INJURY	50 C ST	18-24 yoa	While reversing in a parking lot in a medical van, the driver hit a pedestrian and drove away. Driver was located and stated that neither they nor the passenger had heard/felt impact.
1/19/2026	FAIL TO PERFORM DUTIES- DRIVER IN ACC WITH PROP DAMAGE	900 N MAIN ST	35-44 yoa	Late report of a vehicle striking a car that was parked at repair shop. Employees attempted to get information from driver but were unable to. Currently under investigation.
1/20/2026	FAIL TO PERFORM DUTIES- DRIVER IN ACC WITH PROP DAMAGE	915 N MAIN ST	25-34 yoa	A dispute occurred when a driver struck another vehicle and left the scene. Other driver pursued and called the police. Driver who initially left scene stated they were not aware they hit the other vehicle.
1/23/2026	TRAFFIC ACCIDENT - INJURY	902 MONMOUTH ST	45-54 yoa	A deer which had been reported as injured on the side of the road bolts and is struck by a vehicle which was traveling around blocked off area. Only one vehicle was involved.

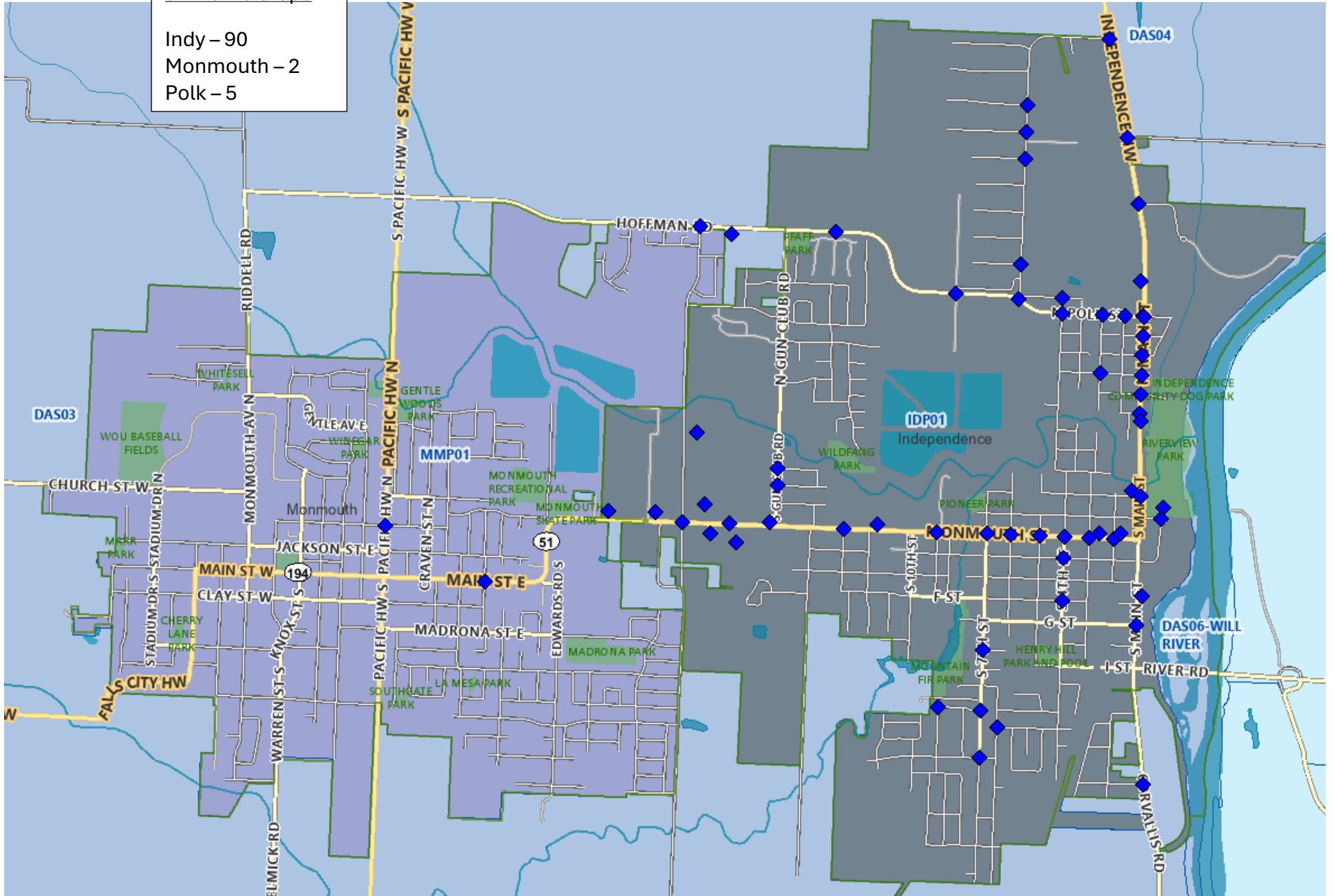
FAIL TO PERFORM DUTIES- DRIVER IN ACC WITH PROP				A driver was exiting a parking spot at listed location and struck another vehicle. Driver left scene and owner of vehicle that was struck called to report incident. With camera footage the driver that fled was identified. Driver stated they did not believe any damage had occurred which is why they left.
1/27/2026 DAMAGE	1311 MONMOUTH ST		55-64yoa	
TRAFFIC ACCIDENT NON-				Late report of a rear end collision, both driver remained on scene. Stated while parked another driver struck them. Insurance information exchanged.
1/29/2026 INJURY PROPERTY	S 7TH ST & E ST		65+	
				During patrol, an officer observes headlights moving erratically in the fog. Unfortunately, the vehicle flees and the officer loses sight of them. Officer returns to initial area and sees circular tire marks. Still under investigation.
1/30/2026 RECKLESS DRIVING	S MAIN ST & I ST		??	
FAIL TO PERFORM DUTIES- DRIVER IN ACC WITH PROP				A report was received of a hit and run. Reporter stated that they were sitting inside their vehicle and another car struck it. They exited the vehicle to speak with other driver and the vehicle sped off. Reporter knew what home the driver may have come out of, but when officers knocked on door residents denied having driven recently. Currently investigating area for cameras.
1/31/2026 DAMAGE	280 EVERGREEN S		18-24 & ?? Yoa	
TRAFFIC ACCIDENT -	MONMOUTH ST & GUN CLUB			T-bone crash at intersection when one driving was proceeding through intersection and another driver failed to obey red light and struck the other vehicle. Driver stated they had thought the light was green.
2/6/2026 INJURY	RD		25-34 & 18-24 yoa	

Traffic Patrol

	Cited	Warned
Speed	31	17
Driving While Suspended	37	0
Operating a mobile device while driving	15	7
Fail to Obey Traffic Control Device	15	32
DMV Violations	12	79
Other	84	65

Traffic Stops

97 Traffic Stops
Indy – 90
Monmouth – 2
Polk – 5

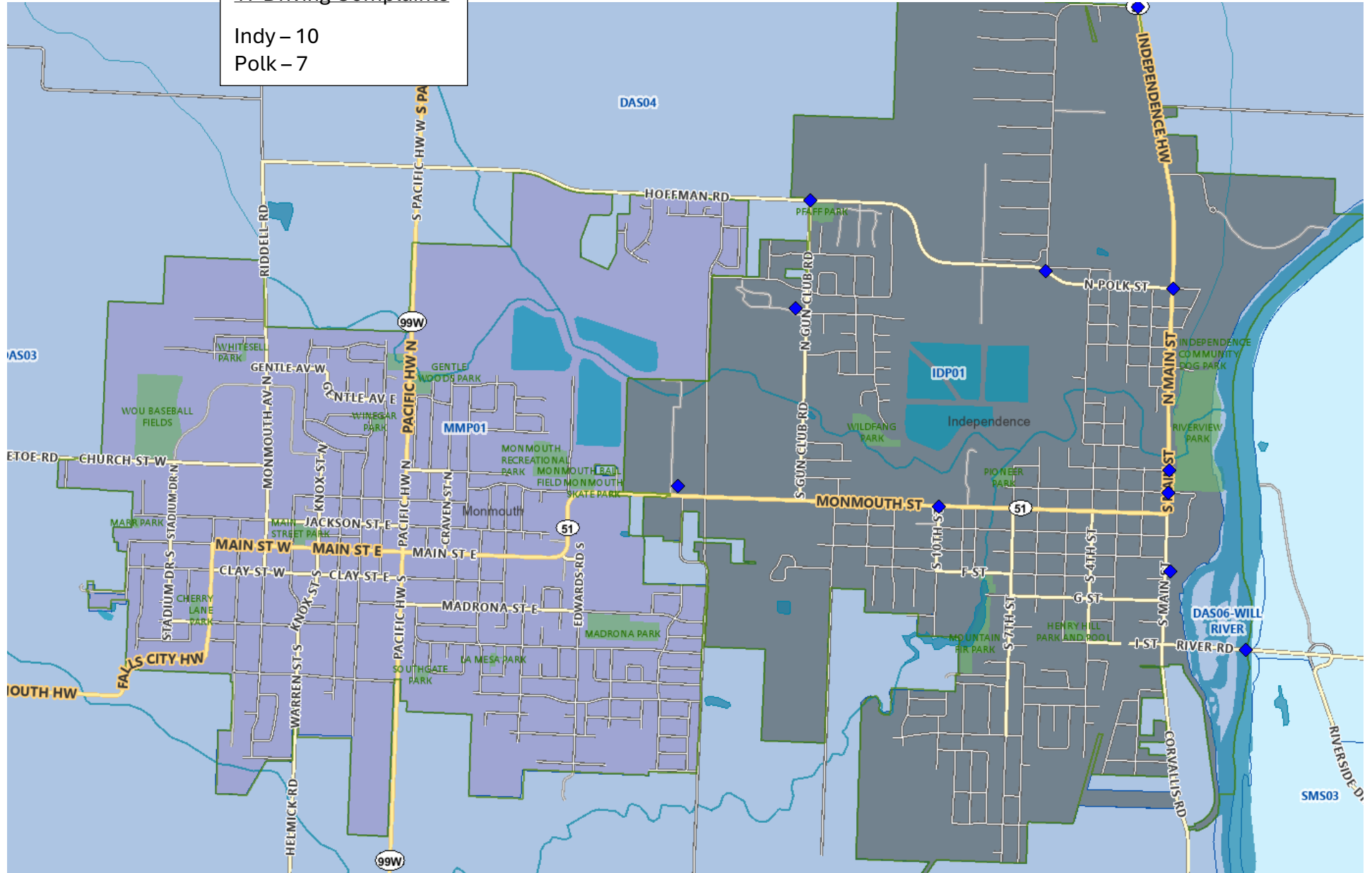


November Vehicular Incidents

Traffic Complaints

17 Driving Complaints

Indy - 10
Polk - 7



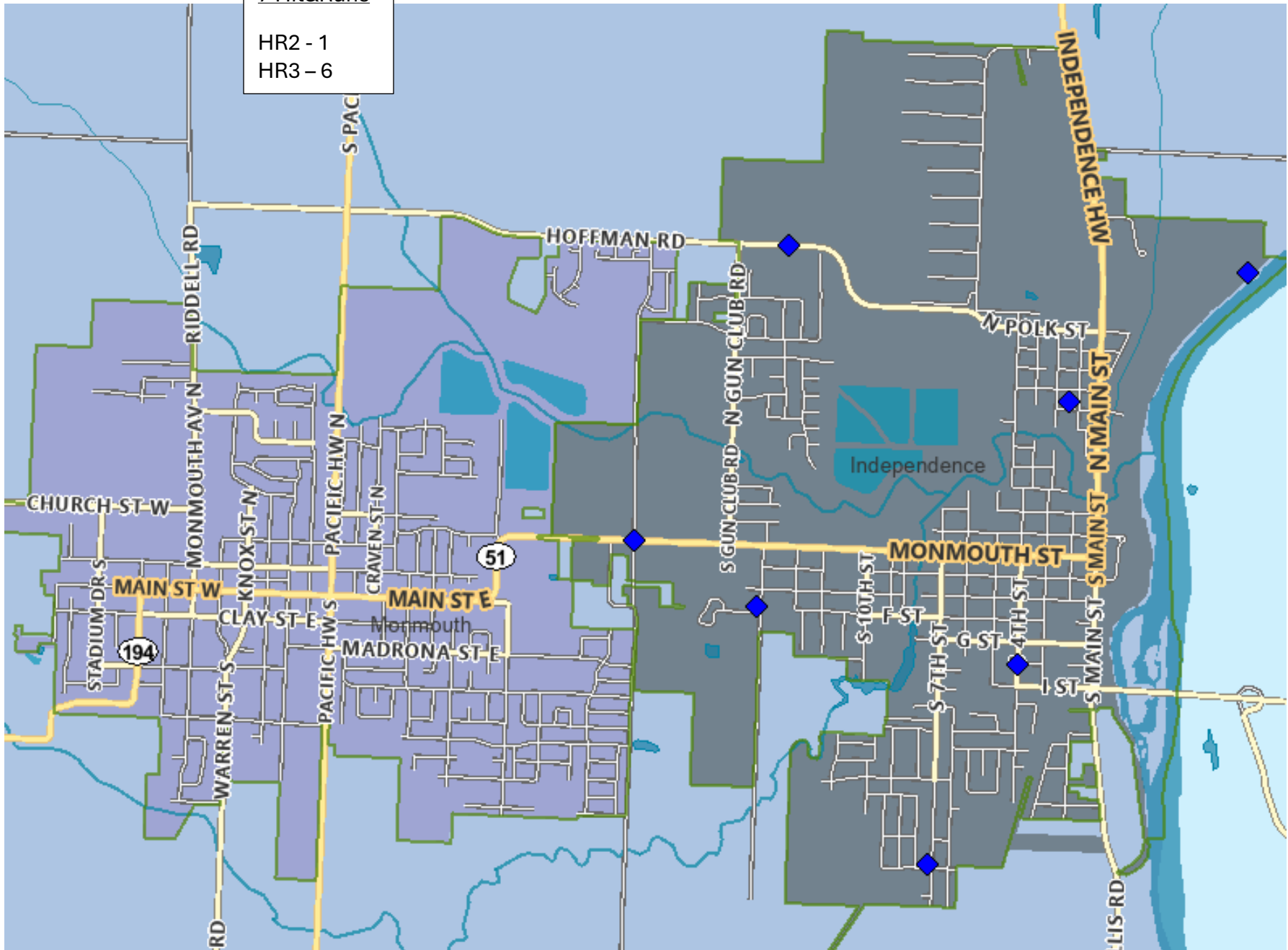
November Vehicular Incidents

Hit and Run Crashes

7 Hit&Runs

HR2 - 1

HR3 - 6



November Vehicular Incidents

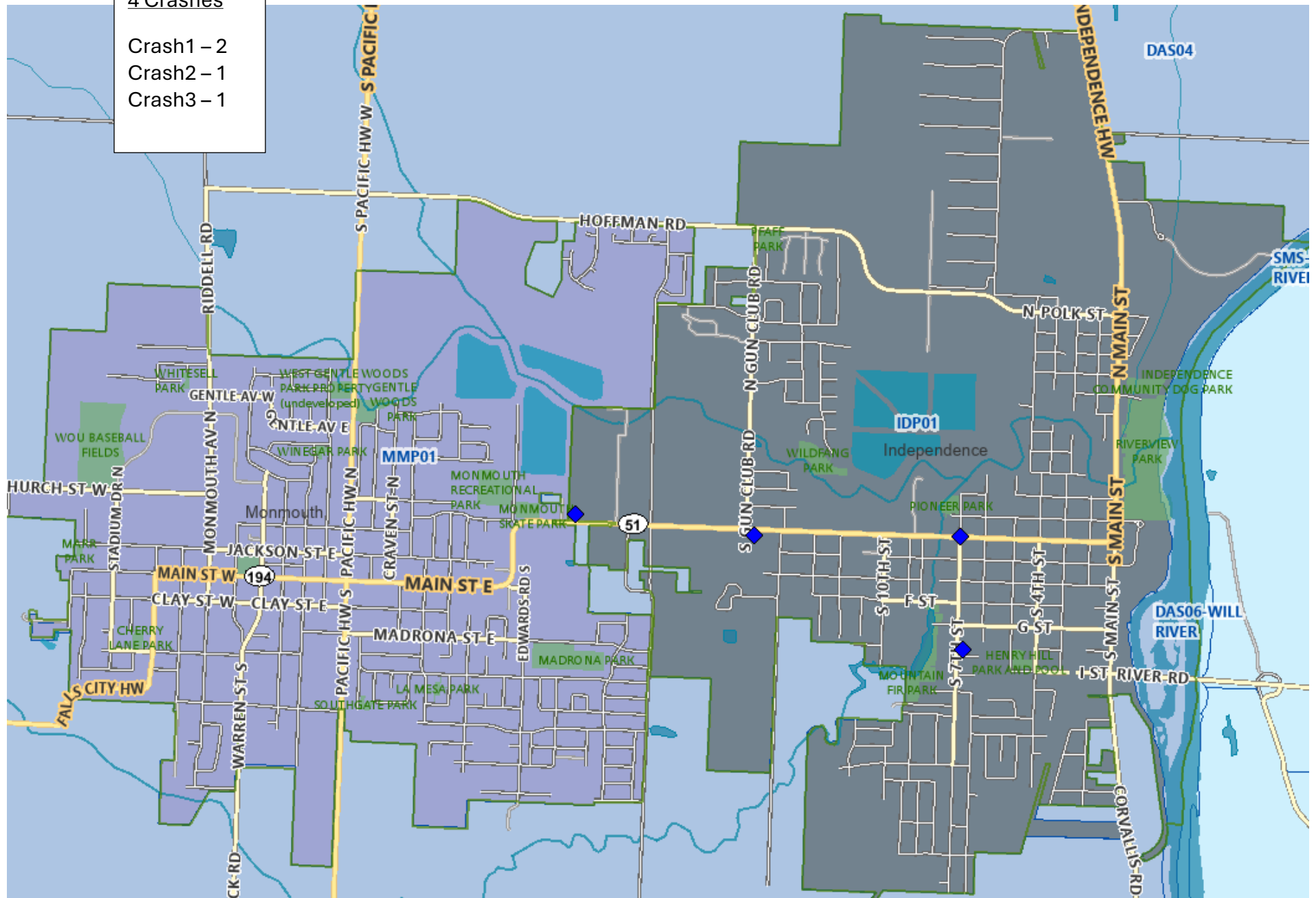
Crashes

4 Crashes

Crash1 – 2

Crash2 – 1

Crash3 – 1

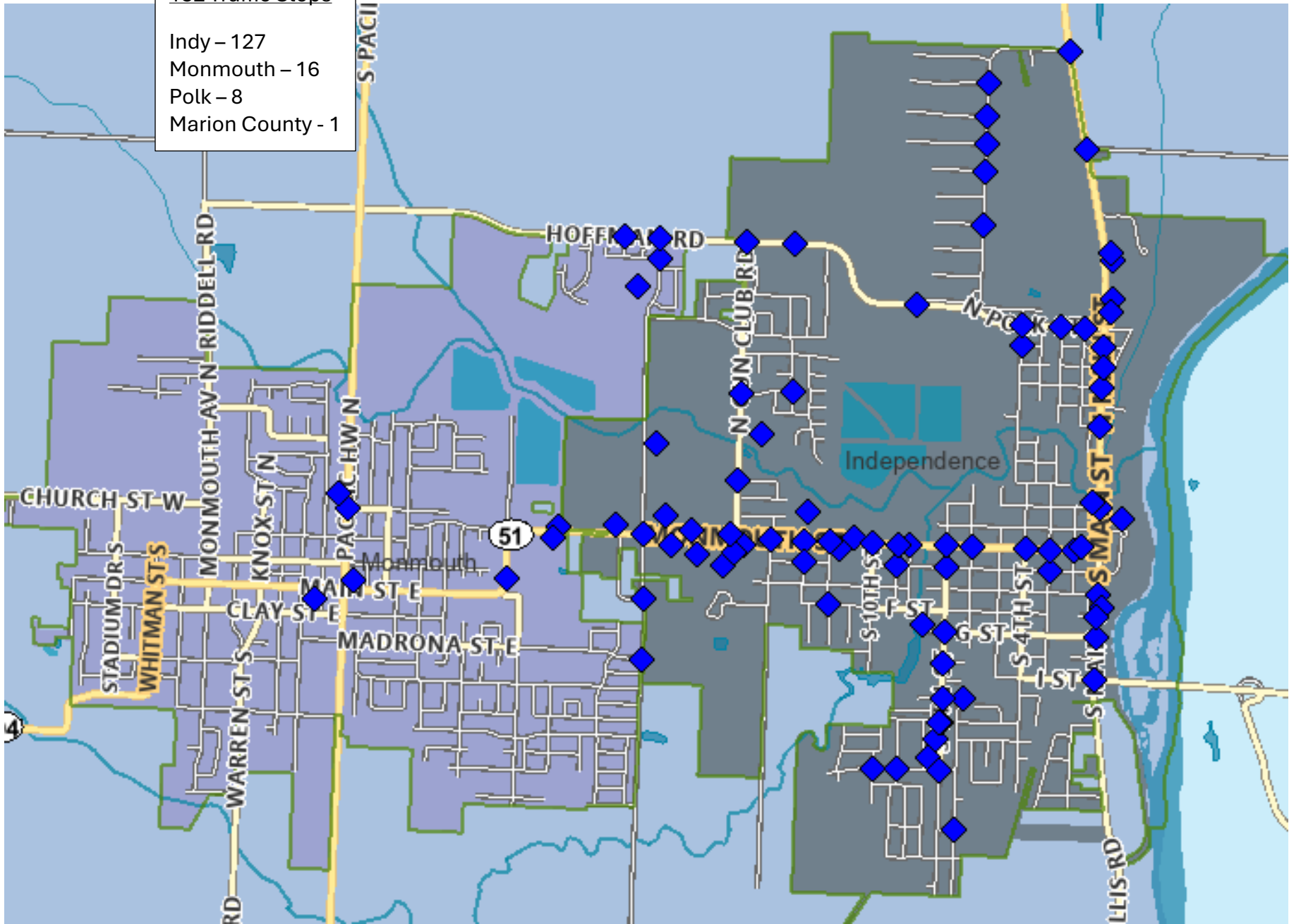


November Vehicular Incidents

Traffic Stops

152 Traffic Stops

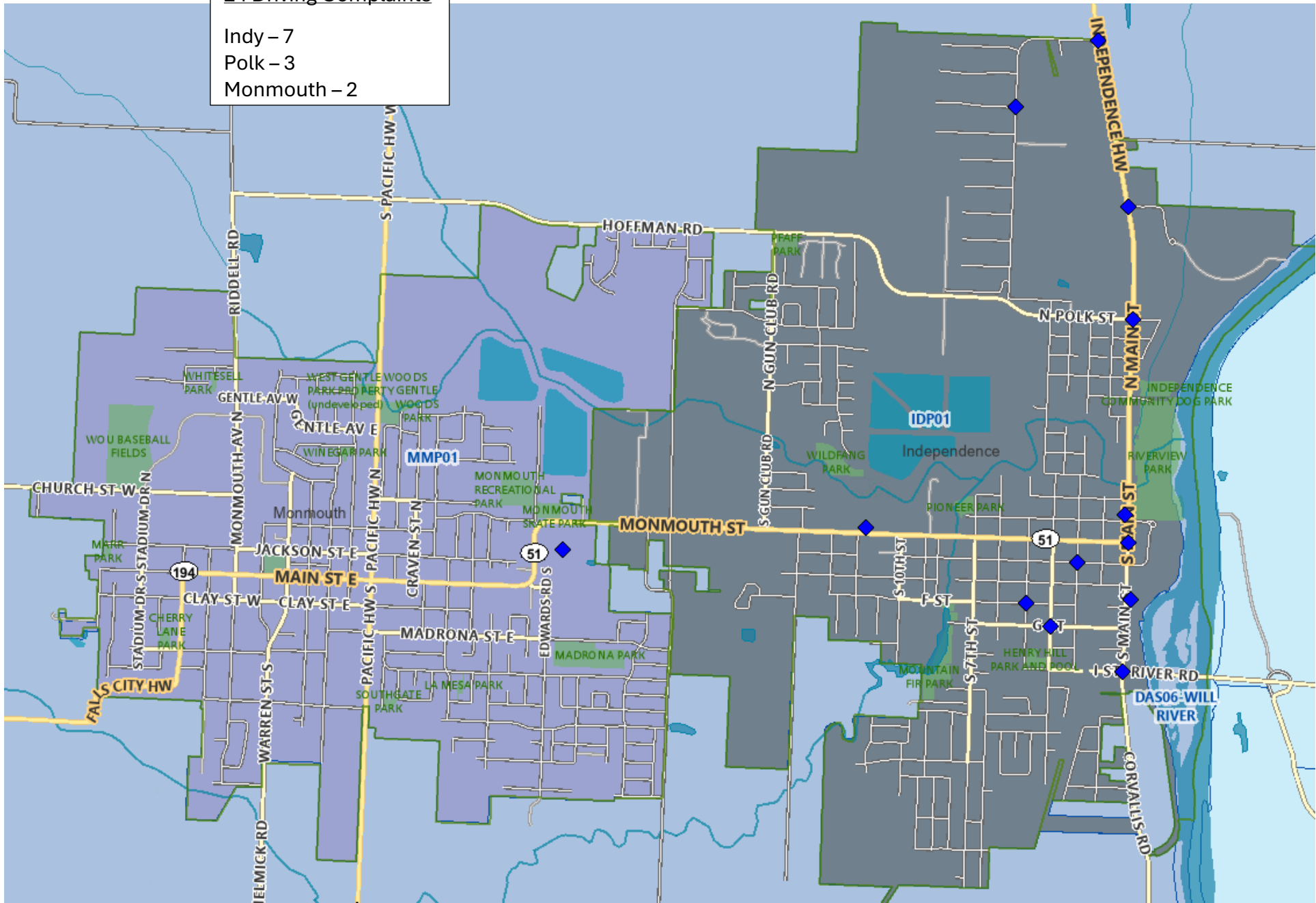
- Indy - 127
- Monmouth - 16
- Polk - 8
- Marion County - 1



December Vehicular Incidents

Traffic Complaints

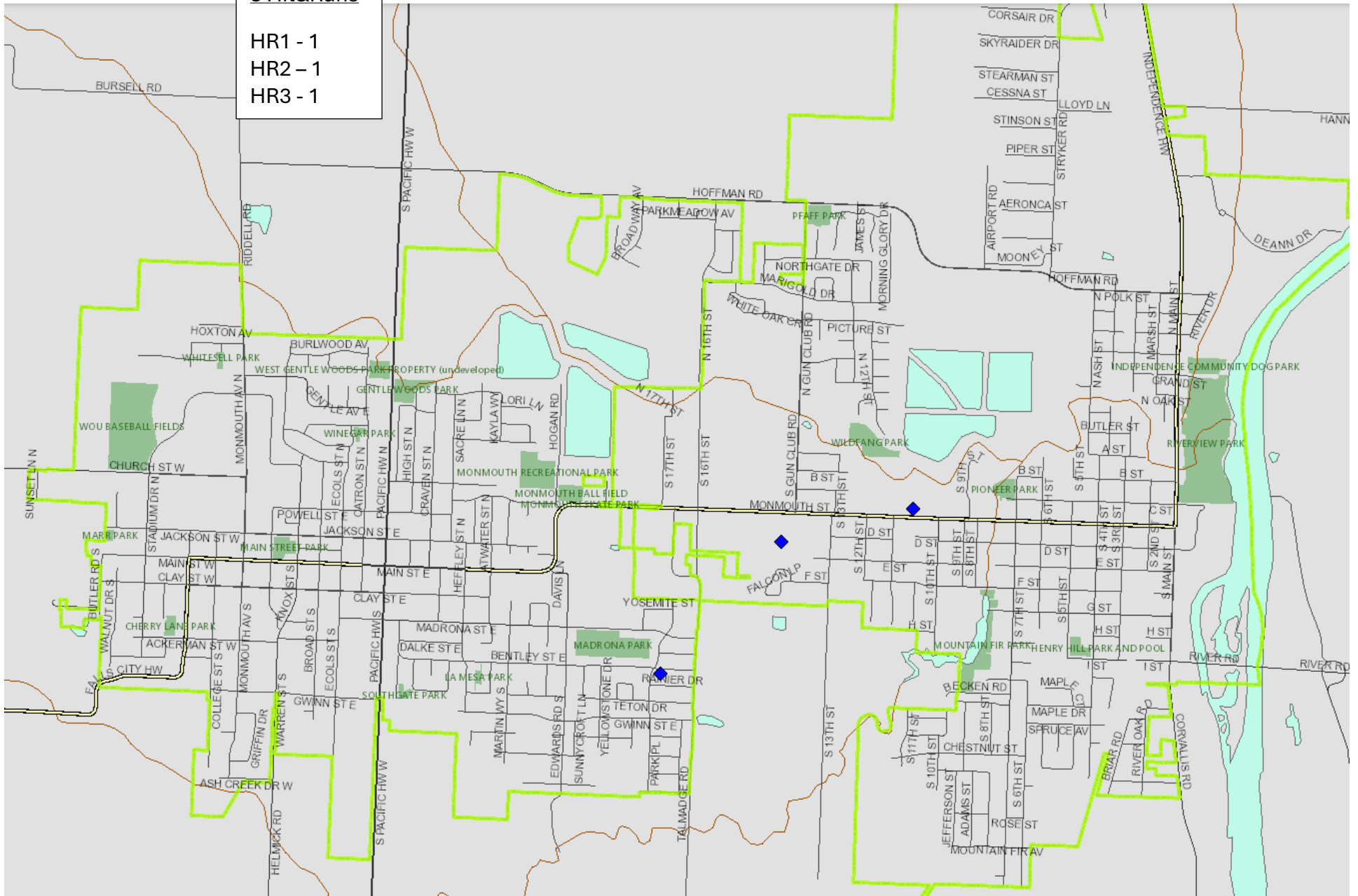
24 Driving Complaints
Indy – 7
Polk – 3
Monmouth – 2



December Vehicular Incidents

Hit and Run Crashes

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



December Vehicular Incidents

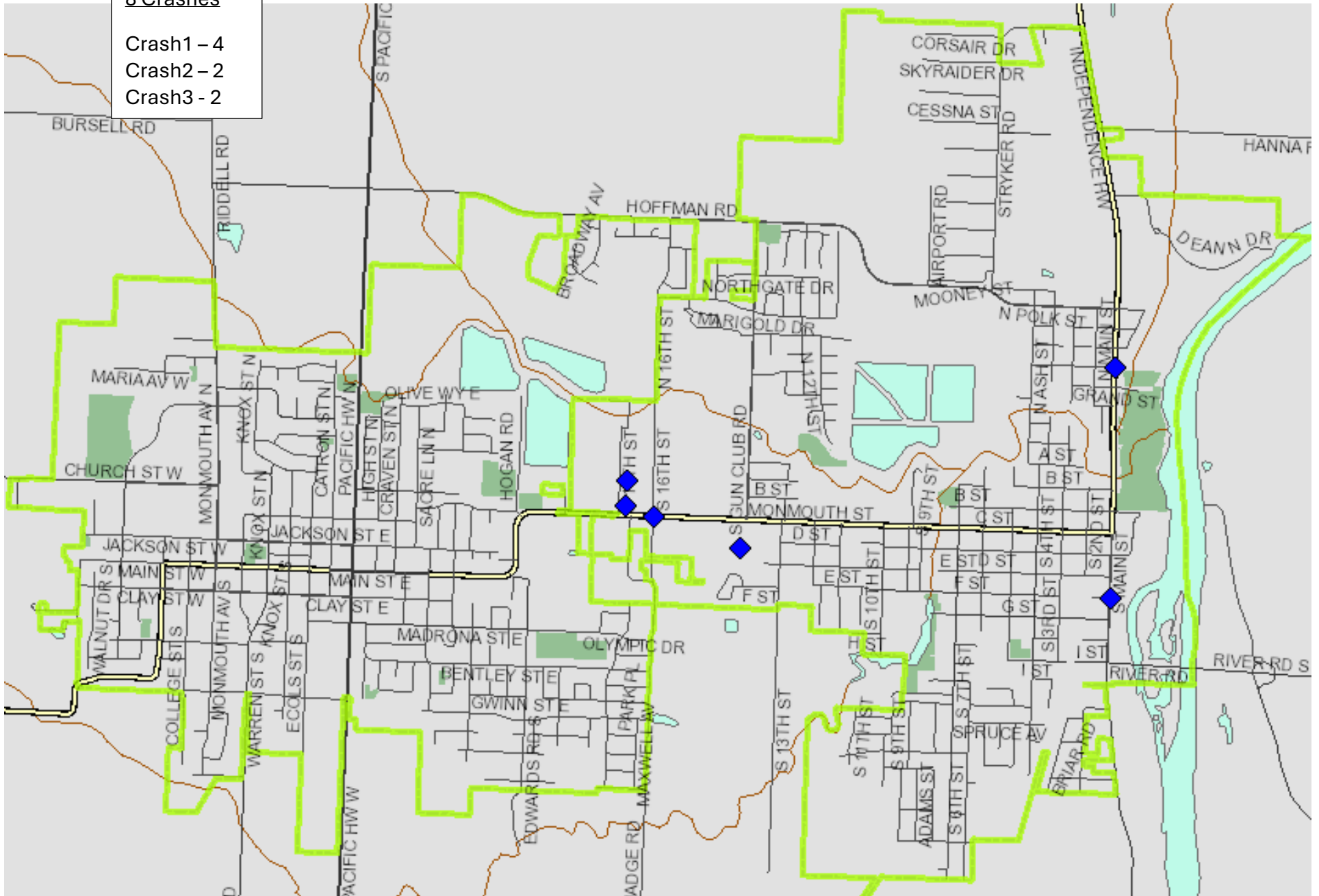
Crashes

8 Crashes

Crash1 - 4

Crash2 - 2

Crash3 - 2

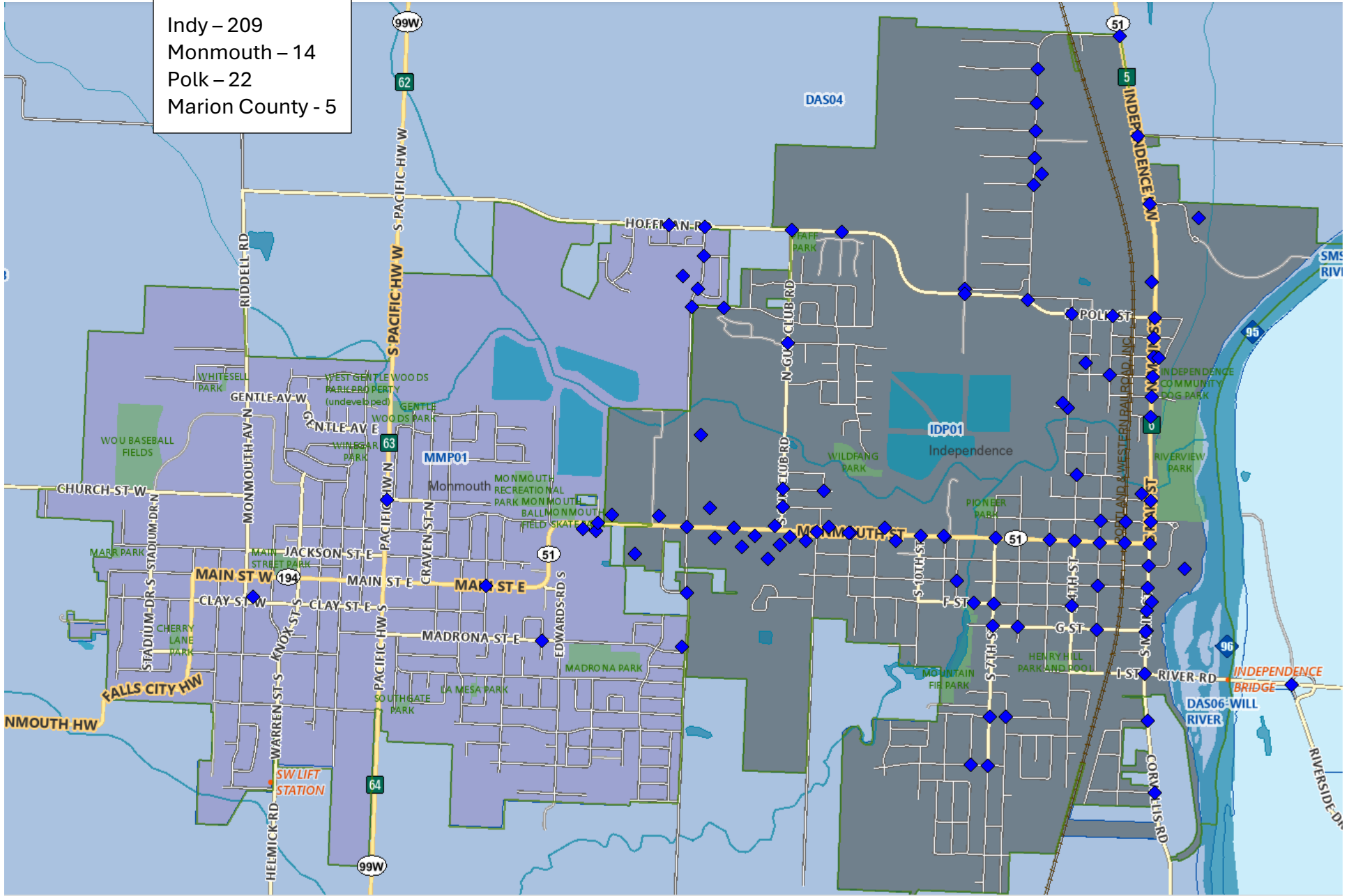


December Vehicular Incidents

Traffic Stops

250 Traffic Stops

- Indy – 209
- Monmouth – 14
- Polk – 22
- Marion County - 5

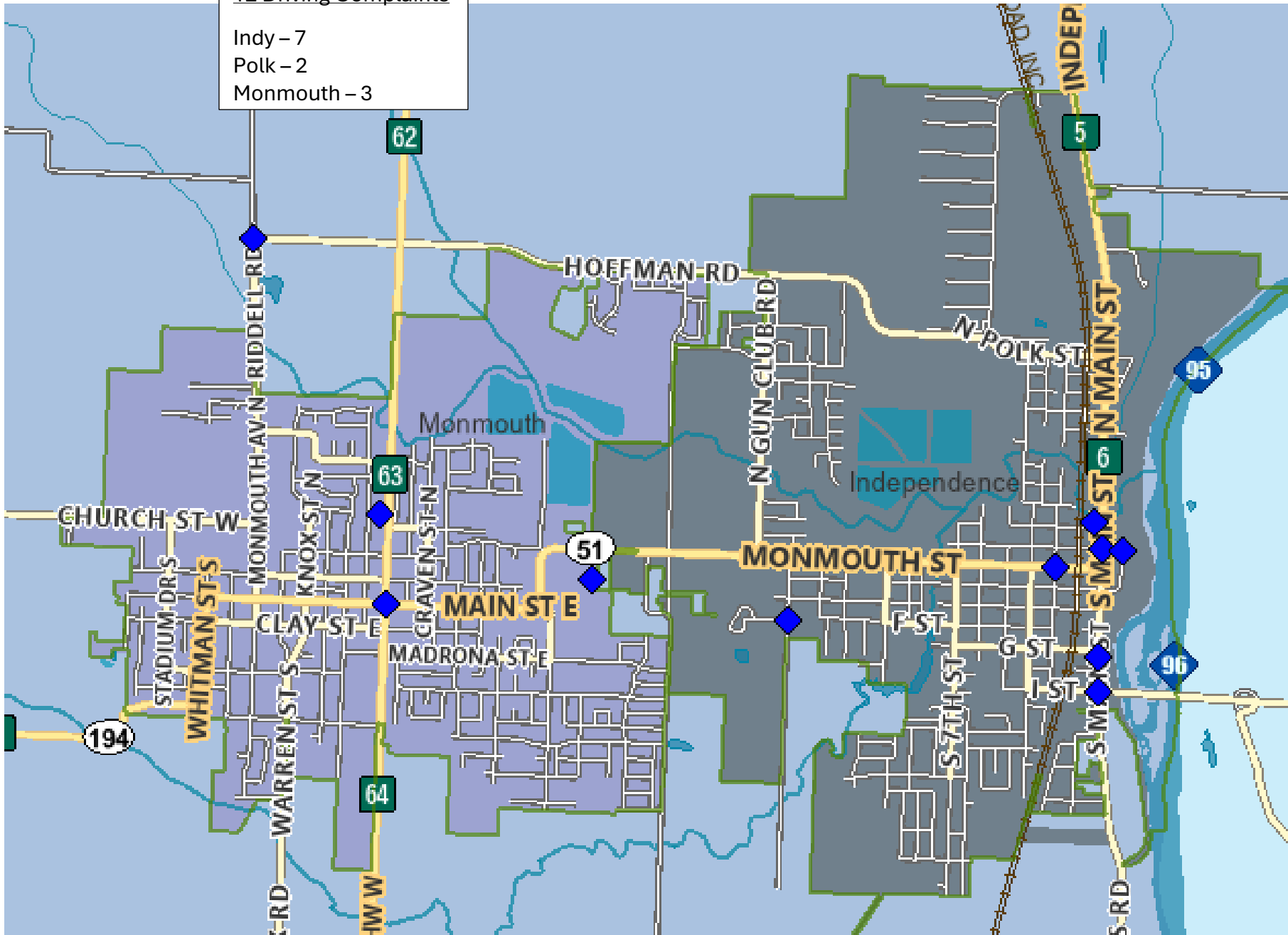


January Vehicular Incidents

Traffic Complaints

12 Driving Complaints

- Indy - 7
- Polk - 2
- Monmouth - 3



January Vehicular Incidents

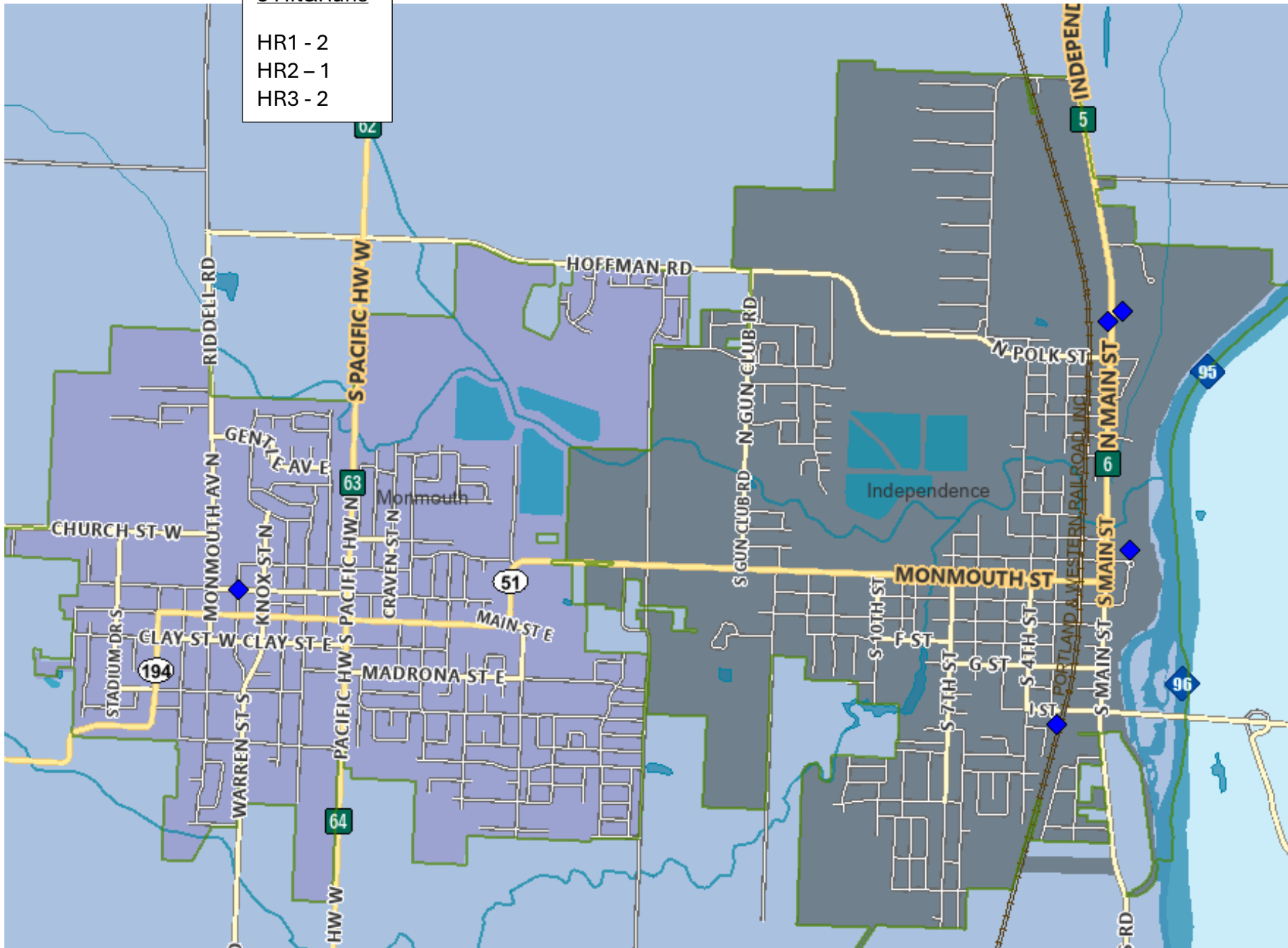
Hit and Run Crashes

5 Hit&Runs

HR1 - 2

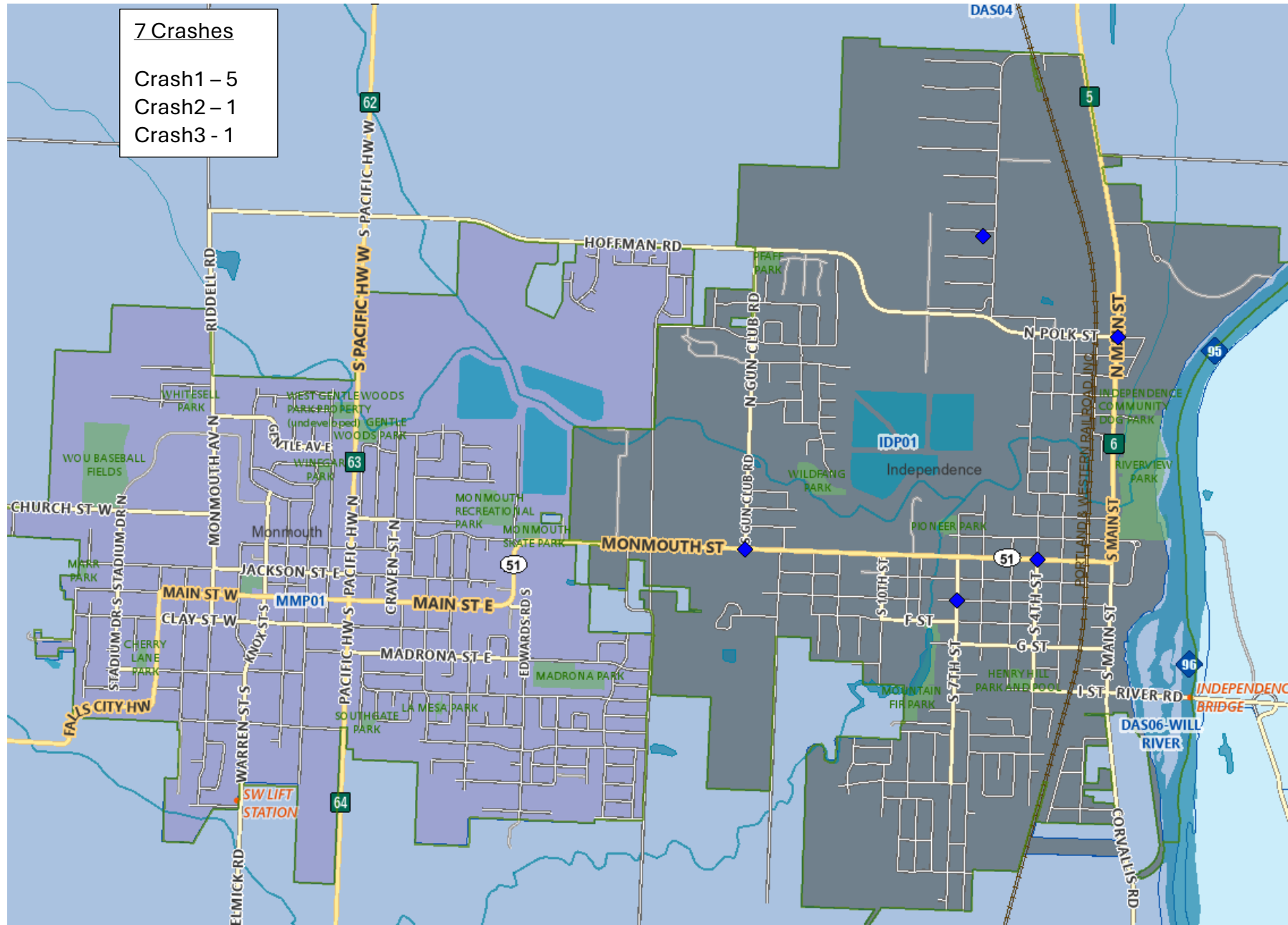
HR2 - 1

HR3 - 2



January Vehicular Incidents

Crashes



January Vehicular Incidents