

Lawrence Police Department
Quarterly Report
January—March 2020



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Dear Residents, Mayor Rivera and City Councilors,

Attached you will find the 2020 Lawrence Police Department 1st Quarter Report. In it you will find the Part 1 crime statistics and other information covering the department's work from January through March. The report compares the 2020 crimes statistics to those of the same period in 2019 and other pertinent information. The report is transparent and meant to be informative to both the elected leaders and residents of Lawrence. The department is undertaking a strategic and comprehensive reorganization with the goal being to move the department to a more community policing based strategy while allocating resources to address high call volume and violent crime. The department is committed to working with the community to make Lawrence a safer place to live. Our mission is to partner with the community to solve problems, improve public safety and quality of life in a fair, impartial, and transparent manner.

Sincerely,

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Coronavirus: Lawrence Police Response

On February 1, 2020 the first case of COVID-19 was diagnosed in Massachusetts. As the month went on the number of cases grew and began to have significant effects in Lawrence by the end of the month and into early March.

On March 10, 2020 the Governor of Massachusetts, Charlie Baker declared a State of Emergency.

It was clear early on that this Pandemic was going to change policing in the City of Lawrence now and for the immediate future. The department quickly began to formulate plans and to gather supplies to safeguard the officers, who would still be tasked with providing emergency services to the community.

The department command staff began meeting immediately to address the virus issue and discuss contingency and operational plans. A number of issues were addressed to include staffing, change of shifts, positive test results for officers, officer safety, supplies, cleaning, police responses, new policy and procedures. The department needed to be ready to adjust to the daily changing environment and plan for any changes to COVID-19 trends. The CDC, Federal and State government and world trends was constantly monitored to stay updated on best practices.

The department acquired masks, gloves, Tyvek suits, and googles for each officer.

The normal cleaning of the station was increased significantly to ensure safety. This included not only an increase of the amount of times cleaning was done but also additional steps that were taken. The department acquired an electrostatic cleaning gun that was used decontaminate the entire station as well as the patrol cruisers. This same process was done at all Lawrence Fire houses by our staff. A decontamination station was set up at the station which called for every officer to enter the building from one door only and go through a decontamination process.

All non-essential personnel at the department were moved to at home work status. The staff was supplied with laptops and computer access to continue to perform their duties. In order to maintain services while limiting exposure the department limited the services citizens were normally accustomed to receiving at the station, and many were moved to many online reporting measures. All officers were required to wear masks and maintain distance from each other while at the station. Officers were encouraged to do their work from the cruisers and not back at the station. Supervisors monitored the amount of officers at the station at one time and roll call for officers was conducted in an open area garage to maintain space. Any citizens needing emergency services at the station were required to wear masks. Officers scaled back normal enforcement activities to emergency services only in an effort to minimize exposure.

Through the month of March, three (3) Lawrence Police Officers tested positive for the COVID-19 virus. Each officer was quarantined for a period of up to fourteen (14) days or until cleared by their doctor. All three (3) officers have since returned to full duty with no issues.

Along with providing emergency services to the community, the department was tasked with providing coverage for school lunches at five (5) locations Monday through Friday. The officers also participated in a two day educational distribution of leaflets with the Massachusetts National Guard and Massachusetts State Police on March 28-29. During this operation more than 20,000 leaflets, encouraging residents to "Stay Home" among other need to know suggestions, were given out.

As the month of March ends the department and the city continue to deal with the COVID-19 issues. The number of cases in Lawrence has exceeded 1,000. The department continues to plan for the future, using the knowledge gained with this first experience. A large number of supplies continue to be stockpiled in anticipation of a return of the virus in the future.

Department at a Glance

Budgeted Sworn Positions: 160

Total Sworn Compliment: 151

Female Officers: 16

Sergeants: 2

Detective: 1

Patrol Officers: 13

Veterans: 26

Ethnic Breakdown:

African American: 3

Asian: 1

Caucasian: 76

Hispanic or Latino: 71

Rank Breakdown:

Chief: 1

Captains: 3

Lieutenants: 10

Sergeants: 19

Patrol Officers: 118

NECC Academy Class: 10

Male: 8

Females: 2

Budgeted Civilian Positions:

Full-Time Civilians: 23

Call Takers: 10

Animal Control: 2

Plant Manager: 1

Director of Support Services: 1

Director of Crime Analysis: 1

Crime Analyst: 1

Community Liaison Director: 1

Clerks: 4

Confidential Secretaries: 2

Part-Time Civilians (Crossing
Guards): 21

2020 Lawrence Police Department Goals and Objectives

- Continue to maintain or reduce Part 1 Crime
- Continue to maintain Part 1 Crime Clearance Rates above the national average
- Reduce motor vehicle accidents and increase education
- Increase Community Policing Initiatives
- Camera Project Phase IV & Business Camera Project
- Explore technology initiatives (such as Body Cameras and smart dispatch technology)
- Continue and Expand Department's Professional Development
- Continued Officer Training Program related to community and world issues
- Continued Station Upgrades
- Equipment upgrades (Tasers, and cruisers)
- Additional Community Policing Officers
- Continued movement toward accreditation and policy upgrades
- K9 Unit expansion
- Continue to advocate for new police station
- Website Upgrades to include additional crime and safety tips and PSAs
- Continue strong local, state and federal partnerships to reduce crime
- Develop increased opioid funding to expand and address addiction issues
- Continue to strengthen community partnerships and collaborations with the addition of LPD detectives assigned to federal task forces
- Implement safety and security plan for boat ramp to ensure the safety of the community in that area
- Creation of a Stress Management Team and resources
- Expansion of the Street Narcotics Enforcement Unit
- Creation of a Traffic Unit
- Increase the number of Open Gyms
- Assess the 2019 top auto accident locations
- Enforcement of and education on the new Distracted Driving bill
- Creation of a Veteran Police Officer position to work with Veterans in the Department as well as working in collaboration with Veterans in the community
- Upgrade dog pound
- FTO program for call takers
- Development of bilingual law enforcement training

Lawrence Comparison

| City | Total Officers | Total Civilians | Total Law Enforcement Employees |
|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| New Bedford | 254 | 45 | 299 |
| Fall River | 226 | 60 | 289 |
| Quincy | 212 | 32 | 244 |
| Brockton | 183 | 24 | 207 |
| Newton | 145 | 43 | 188 |
| Lynn | 161 | 18 | 179 |
| Lawrence | 142 | 22 | 164 |
| Somerville | 124 | 34 | 158 |
| Framingham | 131 | 20 | 151 |

| City | Population | Total Officers | Officers per 1000 Population |
|-----------------|---------------|----------------|------------------------------|
| New Bedford | 95,106 | 254 | 2.67 |
| Fall River | 89,475 | 226 | 2.56 |
| Quincy | 94,399 | 212 | 2.25 |
| Brockton | 95,922 | 183 | 1.91 |
| Framingham | 72,510 | 131 | 1.81 |
| Lawrence | 80,669 | 142 | 1.76 |
| Lynn | 94,558 | 161 | 1.70 |
| Newton | 89,505 | 145 | 1.62 |
| Somerville | 82,151 | 124 | 1.51 |

The charts above are the Lawrence Police Analysis of the FBI: UCR Table 78 "Full-time Law Enforcement Employees by City, 2018". As stated the information reflects data submitted to FBI: UCR for the calendar year 2018; which is their most current available data regarding Law Enforcement Employees.

Source: <https://ucr.fbi.gov/crime-in-the-u.s/2018/crime-in-the-u.s.-2018/tables/table-78/table-78-state-cuts/massachusetts.xls>

2020 First Quarter Highlights, Trends, & Initiatives

- Comparing quarter one 2019 and quarter one 2020
 - Overall crime reduction of 25%
 - 48% reduction in Robbery
 - 30% reduction in Aggravated Assaults
 - 67% reduction in Residential Burglary
- 20 Firearms recovered/ seized during quarter one
- Increased information sharing through the department's social media and community meetings
- Continued headquarter upgrades
- Attended numerous community meetings
- Currently have ten officers in the NECC Academy
- Members of the department attended numerous trainings including: Active Shooters and Hostile Events ASHER, Emergency Dispatch, Identifying the Imposter, Implicit Bias, Sergeant Leadership, Cell Phone Investigation, Crime Scene, Evidence Room Management, and Psychology of School Threat Assessment
- COVID-19 informational pamphlet handout to 20,00 citywide
- Purchased six (6) new cruisers and one (1) pick-up truck
- Plant manager coordinated electrical update for the building and 911 room



Part 1 Crime

The first chart below provides the monthly totals for each Part 1 Crime for the first quarter, January– March, of 2019¹ and 2020, as well as the quarter total, and percent change. Part 1 Crimes include: Homicide, Rape, Robbery, Aggravated Assault, Burglary, Felony Larceny, and Motor Vehicle theft. Adjacent, a second chart shows the average number of Part 1 Crimes reported during the first quarter. This number was calculated by averaging the total number of Part 1 Crimes that occurred during the first quarter of the prior five years, 2015-2019. Finally, the third chart shows the clearance percentage for each Part 1 Crime. The department counts all incidents that are closed via arrest, warrant, or summons as cleared. The FBI/ UCR provides a national clearance percentage of Part 1 Crimes that are cleared by arrest or other means; these percentages are also provided².

During the first quarter of 2020 the number of Part 1 Crime decreased by 25%; a total of fifty one (51) less Part 1 Crimes than the first quarter of 2019. The number of Part 1 Crime decreased 59% when compared to the five year average. A map on the following page shows the location of all Part 1 Crime.

The department continues to clear cases at an extremely efficient rate. During the first quarter, the department exceeded the national clearance percentage for all Part 1 Crimes. Progress was made to maintain as well as improve the clearance rates in all Part 1 Crimes but especially in burglary, larceny, and motor vehicle theft.

A section for each of the Part 1 Crimes are on the pages that follow. This includes the crime definition, monthly totals for 2019 and 2020, percent change, a five year average (calculated in the same manner described above), and an individual map.

| | Jan | Feb | Mar | Q1 Total | Part 1 Total Quarterly Average 2015-2019 | |
|-------------|------|-----|------|-------------|---|-----|
| 2019 | 68 | 60 | 73 | 201 | Q1 | 369 |
| 2020 | 60 | 56 | 34 | 150 | | |
| % Change | -12% | -7% | -53% | -25% | | |

| | Homicide | Rape | Robbery | Aggravated Assault | Res. Burg | Comm. Burg | Felony Larceny | MV Theft |
|-------------------------------|----------|-------|---------|-----------------------|--------------|---------------|-------------------|----------|
| Q1 Clearance | 50% | 67% | 55% | 80% | 33% | 40% | 83% | 15% |
| National Clearance | 62.3% | 33.4% | 30.4% | 52.5% | 13.9% | 13.9% | 18.9% | 13.8% |

1. Part 1 Crime totals for any and all quarters are subject to change based on ongoing investigations. Numbers are not official crime statistics, and are current as of packet printing.
2. Source: <https://ucr.fbi.gov/crime-in-the-u.s/2018/crime-in-the-u.s.-2018/topic-pages/clearances>



Violent Crime

Homicide:

Definition: *Murder and nonnegligent manslaughter: the willful (nonnegligent) killing of one human being by another¹.*

During the first quarter of 2020 there were four (4) homicide incidents. There were no homicide incidents reported during the first quarter of 2019. The department has successfully cleared two (2) of these incidents and is actively investigating the other two (2) incidents. These incidents are mapped below.

| | Jan | Feb | Mar | Q1 Total | Homicide Quarterly Average 2015-2019 | |
|-------------|-----|-----|-----|----------|--|---|
| 2019 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Q1 | 1 |
| 2020 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 4 | | |
| % Change | — | — | — | — | | |



1. Source: <https://ucr.fbi.gov/crime-in-the-u.s/2013/crime-in-the-u.s.-2013/violent-crime/rape>

Rape:

Definition: *Penetration, no matter how slight, of the vagina or anus with any body part or object, or oral penetration by a sex organ of another person, without the consent of the victim*¹.

A total of six (6) rape incidents were reported during the first quarter of 2020. This is a 14% decrease compared to the first quarter of 2019. 67% of the rape incidents reported during the first quarter of 2020 were cleared exceeding the national clearance rate of 33.4%².

| | Jan | Feb | Mar | Q1 Total |
|----------|------|-----|-------|----------|
| 2019 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 7 |
| 2020 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 6 |
| % Change | 300% | 0% | -100% | -14% |

| Rape Quarterly Average 2015-2019 | |
|--|---|
| Q1 | 5 |

1. Source: <https://ucr.fbi.gov/crime-in-the-u.s/2013/crime-in-the-u.s.-2013/violent-crime/rape>

2. Source: <https://ucr.fbi.gov/crime-in-the-u.s/2018/crime-in-the-u.s.-2018/topic-pages/clearances>

Robbery:

Definition: *The taking or attempting to take anything of value from the care, custody, or control of a person or persons by force or threat of force or violence and/or by putting the victim in fear¹.*

During the first quarter of 2020, eleven (11) robbery incidents were reported. This is a 48% decrease compared to the first quarter of 2019. Additionally, it is a 68% decrease when compared to the first quarter average. The Patrol Division has continued to improve tactics such as identifying hotspots, walking beats and threshold inquiries. All of these have been successful and are continuously used. The department has cleared 55% of robberies reported during the first quarter. This exceeds the national average of 30.4%². First quarter robberies are mapped below.

| | Jan | Feb | Mar | Q1 Total | Robbery Quarterly Average 2015-2019 | |
|-------------|------|------|------|-------------|--|----|
| 2019 | 5 | 6 | 10 | 21 | Q1 | 34 |
| 2020 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 11 | | |
| % Change | -40% | -17% | -70% | -48% | | |



1. Source: <https://ucr.fbi.gov/crime-in-the-u.s/2011/crime-in-the-u.s.-2011/offense-definitions>
 2. Source: <https://ucr.fbi.gov/crime-in-the-u.s/2017/crime-in-the-u.s.-2017/topic-pages/clearances>

Aggravated Assault:

Definition: An unlawful attack by one person upon another for the purpose of inflicting severe or aggravated bodily injury. This type of assault usually is accompanied by the use of a weapon or by means likely to produce death or great bodily harm¹.

Seventy one (71) aggravated assault incidents were reported during the first quarter of 2020. This is a 30% decrease compared to the first quarter of 2019 and a 19% decrease compared to the five year quarter average. The department continues to clear aggravated assault incidents at a highly effective rate. During the first quarter, 80% of these incidents were cleared. The Patrol Division, supplemented by Impact Patrols, continues to monitor hot spots throughout the city. Additionally, they continue to execute the night club closing traffic plan in an effort to deter violence in and around the clubs. The department classifies each assault as domestic or non-domestic; those breakdowns are on the following pages. All Aggravated Assaults reported during the first quarter of 2020 are mapped below.

| | Jan | Feb | Mar | Q1 Total | Aggravated Assault Quarterly Average 2015-2019 | |
|-------------|------|-----|------|----------|--|----|
| 2019 | 37 | 29 | 36 | 102 | Q1 | 88 |
| 2020 | 28 | 29 | 14 | 71 | | |
| % Change | -24% | 0% | -61% | -30% | | |



1. Source: <https://ucr.fbi.gov/crime-in-the-u.s/2011/crime-in-the-u.s.-2011/offense-definitions>

***Domestic:** Defined by LPD as those Aggravated Assaults where the relationship between the victim and offender is that of an intimate partner, ex-intimate partner, family or household member.*

Twenty eight (28) domestic aggravated assaults were reported during the first quarter of 2020. This is a 38% decrease compared to the first quarter of 2019, and a 26% decrease compared to the five year average. The department has cleared via arrest, summons, or warrant 96% of domestic aggravated assaults. The Police and Community Relations Unit, created to work with victims of domestic violence and assist with missing and exploited children, connects victims of domestic assault with services. Their work is outlined below.

| | Jan | Feb | Mar | Q1 Total | Domestic Aggravated Assaults Quarterly Average 2015-2019 | |
|----------|-----|------|------|-------------|---|----|
| 2019 | 15 | 17 | 13 | 45 | | |
| 2020 | 15 | 12 | 1 | 28 | Q1 | 38 |
| % Change | 0% | -29% | -92% | -38% | | |

Community and Police Relations Unit

| Services | Number of Individuals |
|--------------------|----------------------------------|
| 209A/258E | 233 Served/310 calls for service |
| Serviced | 102 Families |
| Shelter Placements | 6 families |
| Court Assist | 12 families |
| Counseling | 32 families |
| Investigations | 4 |
| Arrest | 9 |

Presentations

- 9-DV Presentation to community agencies/members

DVHRT

The DVHRT holds monthly meetings where members of the Lawrence Police Department, the Essex County District Attorney's Office, Probation Officers, Parole officers, The Essex County Sheriff's Office, Domestic Violence Service Providers, Intimate Partner Abuse Educational Program, Department of Transitional Assistance, and the Department of Children and Families work together to identify and prevent high lethality cases, to protect victims and hold abusers accountable.

We are currently monitoring **34 High Risk Offenders**.

Member of the following Community Meetings

- Domestic Violence Round Table
- HUB on Substance Abuse
- Quality Improvement Center on Domestic Violence & Child Welfare Research and Capacity Building Project (QIC-DVCW)-The State of MA is one of three state participating in this national project
- MHTF
- Homeless Initiative Working Group

Non-Domestic: Defined by LPD as those Aggravated Assaults where the relationship between victim and offender is that of an acquaintance, schoolmate, friend, or incidents where the relationship is unknown.

Forty three (43) non-domestic aggravated assaults were reported during the first quarter of 2020. This is a 25% decrease compared to the first quarter of 2019 and a 14% decrease compared to the five year average. As previously mentioned, the department will continue to monitor and saturate hotspots and active areas throughout the city, such as the downtown area. 70% of non-domestic aggravated assaults reported during the first quarter of 2020 were cleared. Non-domestic aggravated assaults are mapped below.

| | Jan | Feb | Mar | Q1 Total | Non-Domestic Aggravated Assaults Quarterly Average 2015-2019 | |
|----------|------|-----|------|----------|---|----|
| 2019 | 22 | 12 | 23 | 57 | Q1 | 50 |
| 2020 | 13 | 17 | 13 | 43 | | |
| % Change | -41% | 42% | -43% | -25% | | |



Property Crime

Burglary:

Definition: *The unlawful entry of a structure to commit a felony or a theft. Attempted forcible entry is included¹. The LPD breaks down this crime into two categories: residential and commercial.*

Residential: *Defined by LPD as those burglaries where a single or multi family house, or apartment is forcibly or unlawfully entered.*

Six (6) residential burglaries were reported during the first quarter of 2020. The number of residential burglaries continues to decline. This is especially evident when comparing the first quarter of 2020 to the five year average; an 88% decrease is seen. Additionally there is a 67% decrease when comparing the first quarter of 2020 to the first quarter of 2019. First quarter burglaries are mapped below.

| | Jan | Feb | Mar | Q1 Total | Residential Burglary Quarterly Average 2015-2020 | |
|----------|------|------|------|----------|--|----|
| 2019 | 7 | 5 | 6 | 18 | | |
| 2020 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 6 | Q1 | 48 |
| % Change | -86% | -60% | -50% | -67% | | |



1. Source: <https://ucr.fbi.gov/crime-in-the-u.s/2011/crime-in-the-u.s.-2011/offense-definitions>

Commercial: Defined by LPD as those burglaries where a business, retail store, restaurant or commercial building is forcibly or unlawfully entered.

Five (5) commercial burglaries were reported during the first quarter of 2020. This is a 55% decrease compared to the first quarter of 2019. Throughout the first quarter, the department has continued to identify likely targets and conduct building checks; 1,762 building checks were conducted thus far in 2020. Additionally, the department continues to provide information related to crime prevention and security assessments. The department's Business Liaison Officer continues to work with the business community as well. Commercial burglaries from quarter one are mapped below.

| | Jan | Feb | Mar | Q1 Total | Commercial Burglary Quarterly Average 2015-2019 | |
|----------|-------|------|------|-------------|--|----|
| 2019 | 5 | 1 | 5 | 11 | Q1 | 17 |
| 2020 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 5 | | |
| % Change | -100% | 200% | -60% | -55% | | |



Felony Larceny

Definition: The unlawful taking, carrying, leading, or riding away of property from the possession or constructive possession of another¹. The Crime Analysis Unit follows Massachusetts legislature and classifies Felony Larceny as those where the value of the property is over twelve hundred dollars.

During the first quarter of 2020, six (6) incidents of felony larceny were reported. This is a decrease of 54% when compared to the first quarter of 2019. It is important to note that in April 2018 a change in the Massachusetts legislature increased the threshold for felony larceny classification from \$250 to \$1200. This makes a true comparison to the five year average difficult. However, the department has seen a decrease in previously problematic areas, such as a tire theft. Felony larceny incidents from the first quarter of 2019 are mapped below.

| | Jan | Feb | Mar | Q1 Total | Felony Larceny Quarterly Average 2015-2019 | |
|-------------|------|------|-----|-------------|---|----|
| 2019 | 8 | 3 | 2 | 13 | Q1 | 75 |
| 2020 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 6 | | |
| % Change | -75% | -33% | 0% | -54% | | |



1. Source: <https://ucr.fbi.gov/crime-in-the-u.s/2011/crime-in-the-u.s.-2011/offense-definitions>

Motor Vehicle Theft:

Definition: The theft or attempted theft of a motor vehicle. A motor vehicle is self-propelled and runs on land surface and not on rails. Motorboats, construction equipment, airplanes, and farming equipment are specifically excluded from this category¹.

Forty one (41) motor vehicles were reported stolen during the first quarter of 2020. 24% of these motor vehicles were stolen with the keys. Motor vehicle theft increased 41% compared to the first quarter of 2019. However, it decreased 62% compared to the five year average. The Auto Theft Unit continues to use a variety of strategies, distribution of Hot Sheets and targeted patrols, that have proved successful in the past. Additionally, the department continues to provide motor vehicle theft prevention tips via social media and community events. Quarter one motor vehicle theft locations are mapped below.

| | Jan | Feb | Mar | Q1 Total | MV Theft Quarterly Average 2015-2019 | |
|-------------|------|-----|------|----------|--|-----|
| 2019 | 5 | 14 | 10 | 29 | | |
| 2020 | 20 | 13 | 8 | 41 | Q1 | 107 |
| % Change | 300% | -7% | -20% | 41% | | |



1. Source: <https://ucr.fbi.gov/crime-in-the-u.s/2011/crime-in-the-u.s.-2011/offense-definitions>

Calls for Service:

During the first quarter of 2020, the department responded to 15,270 calls for service. This is a slight decrease, 3%, when compared to the first quarter of 2019. On average, the department responds to over 170 calls per day. It is also important to the note that a contributing factor in the decreased amount of calls for March 2020 was due to the department's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

| | Jan | Feb | Mar | Q1 Total | Calls for Service Quarterly Average 2015-2019 | |
|-------------|------|------|------|--------------|--|--------|
| 2019 | 5399 | 4793 | 5626 | 15818 | Q1 | 14,777 |
| 2020 | 5357 | 5111 | 4802 | 15270 | | |
| % Change | — | 7% | -15% | -3% | | |

Recovered Firearms:

During the first quarter of 2020 the department seized/ recovered twenty (20) firearms. This is an 82% increase compared to the first quarter of 2019 and a 42% increase compared to the five year average. This number does not include firearms seized / recovered by other agencies working in the city.

| | Jan | Feb | Mar | Q1 Total | Recovered Firearms Quarterly Average 2015-2019 | |
|-------------|------|------|------|------------|---|----|
| 2019 | 2 | 3 | 6 | 11 | Q1 | 14 |
| 2020 | 6 | 9 | 5 | 20 | | |
| % Change | 200% | 200% | -17% | 82% | | |

Motor Vehicle Stops:

During the first quarter of 2020 the department conducted 4,034 motor vehicle stops. Overall, this is a decrease compared to the first quarter of 2019 and the five year average. This overall decrease is a direct result of the department's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

| | Jan | Feb | Mar | Q1 Total | MV Stops Quarterly Average 2015-2019 | |
|----------|------|------|------|----------|--|------|
| 2019 | 1612 | 1414 | 1521 | 4527 | Q1 | 4175 |
| 2020 | 1645 | 1554 | 835 | 4034 | | |
| % Change | 2% | 10% | -45% | -11% | | |

Motor Vehicle Citations:

During the first quarter of 2020, 969 motor vehicle citations were issued. This is a 22% decrease compared to the first quarter of 2019. Based on complaints from businesses, residents, and community groups, the department has increased the amount of selective enforcement being done. The department has issued an increased number of citations for speeding, unregistered M/Vs, and stop/ yield fails. Of note, this number does not reflect those issued by Massachusetts State Police during joint operations. Additionally, as stated above, the overall decrease in citations is a direct results of the department's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

| | Jan | Feb | Mar | Q1 Total | Citation Type | Jan-Mar 2020 |
|----------|-----|-----|------|----------|---------------|--------------|
| 2019 | 398 | 350 | 502 | 1250 | Speeding | 23 |
| 2020 | 455 | 378 | 136 | 969 | Unregistered | 119 |
| % Change | 14% | 8% | -72% | -22% | Stop/ Yield | 351 |

Bureau of Special Investigation:

Community Policing

Members of the Community Poling Division posted the following numbers from January-March of 2020:

- 10 arrests were made by the Community Policing Division of people on various charges and offenses
- 100 motor vehicles were towed for improper registration
- 364 Chapter 90 citations were issued throughout city to address traffic complaints
- 6 crosswalk/radar stings were conducted and resulted in 65 citations issued
- 3 meetings of the Merrimack River Task Force

Street Crimes Auto Theft Unit conducted 30 auto theft operations throughout the city in an effort to reduce the number of vehicles being stolen. During these operations surveillance was done, GPS Tracking, targeted patrols, fingerprinting stolen motor vehicles, and the production and distribution of Hot Sheets was all conducted. Despite these efforts and hard work the department unfortunately saw a slight increase in amount of stolen motor vehicles in the first three months of 2020. 41 motor vehicles were stolen during the first three months of 2020. In 2019, 29 motor vehicles were stolen in the first three months.

Additional Highlights from Community Policing:

- Speed board circulation
- 2020 primary elections
- Claddagh Road Race
- Attended community neighborhood meetings and events
- Setup 2020 community engagement schedule
- Lawrence Public Library ribbon cutting
- EOPPS Communication Meetings
- Durant Square dedication
- Motorcycle project eight bike painted
- Traffic Unit car project
- Assisted in 2020 Point Time Count
- Walking beats
- Opened 6 emergency winter protocol emergency shelters due to extreme weather
- Homeless checks and cleanups of railroad trails, bridges and all encampments
- Extra checks of Manchester Street, Amherst Street, and 355 Park Street .
- Rooming house liaison program
- Assisted Inspectional Services with various issues (such as building, cars, and trash)
- DPW Employee Setup Wake/Funeral/Vigil
- Coffee with Cop
- Veterans Coffee Talk
- Ni Source Meeting
- Dominican Flag raising
- Chinese New Year Celebration at the Senior Center
- Addressed 100s of issues and complaints generated by neighborhood groups and citizens
- Covid 19 Meetings
- Covid 19 Protocols
- Covid 19 Informational Pamphlet handout to 20,000 City Wide
- Attended Three City of Lawrence Licensing Board Meetings resulting in the below listed checks and violations
 - ◊ 10 compliance club checks
 - ◊ 10 Compliance Club Checks
 - ◊ 5 Nightclubs have discipline matters pending
 - ◊ Administrative inspections of bars, restaurants and nightclubs
 - ◊ Shutdown of 2 after hour nightclubs



Detective Division:

In 2020 the LPD Detective Division investigated approximately 194 cases from January through March including cases four (4) homicide cases. Overall, the division cleared cases at a highly efficient rate. This was done through the hard work and dedication of the men and women assigned to the LPD detective division.

January Highlights: Two (2) homicide cases that after diligent work by the detective division were exceptionally cleared via arrest. The division also investigated a series of three (3) shootings where the suspects were targeting marijuana dealers. Again, after diligent police work the three (3) suspects involved were identified and arrested.

February Highlights: Gang unit investigated a brazen shooting incident during which no one was shot. Despite this, the detectives in this unit were able to identify a vehicle involved and a suspect that was responsible for this "shots fired". An arrest warrant and search warrant for the suspect's home was issued and executed; as a result the suspect was arrested and the search also uncovered the weapon used in the shooting as well as an additional high powered automatic weapon.

March Highlights: Include a gang related homicide that has uncovered a person of interest and with additional investigation should lead to the identity of the gang member responsible. Another gang related shooting was investigated that occurred in front of a city nightclub where eleven (11) rounds were recklessly discharged. The vehicle and its four (4) occupants, including the shooter, were identified. Arrest warrants were issued and as of this writing the shooter and his two accomplices have been arrested.

It should be noted that a new gang detective and four (4) new drug detectives have been added to the division in recent months. These additions have proved fruitful as the gang and drug arrests to included gun seizures have all increased. This division will continue to explore options in the latest technologies/trainings and continue to explore partnerships with outside law enforcement agencies.

Forensic Video Unit:

During the first quarter of 2020 the forensic video unit conducted forty one (41) video investigations in January, thirty six (36) in February, and forty three (43) in March. These cases include criminal and civil cases and both private and city cameras. These cases ranged from hit and run motor vehicle accidents, to robberies, commercial burglaries and three (3) homicide cases. Investigations may include simple recovery and processing for publishing to wanted posters or extensive processing. The unit continues to work on open investigations as well. Further details are available on individual cases.

Street Crimes:

The Lawrence Police Department Gang Unit is comprised of three (3) LPD Detectives. This unit was formed in June of 2018 and has worked very closely with multiple agencies, including but not limited to: The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, US Marshals Office, Massachusetts State Police Gang Unit, Federal Bureau of Investigations, Law Enforcement Officers assigned to HIDTA, and other local Gang Unit's. The LPD Gang Unit has been extremely successful in identifying, validating and investigating active Gang members in the City of Lawrence, and the surrounding areas.

Gang Unit First Quarter (Jan-March) 2020:

| | Jan– Mar |
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| Calls for Service | 364 |
| Arrests | 52 |
| Firearms Seized | 5 |
| FIOs | 30 |
| Search Warrants | 6 |

The Lawrence Police Department Street Narcotic Enforcement Unit (SNEU) is comprised of five (5) LPD Detectives. Additionally, three (3) LPD detectives assigned to this unit work as task force officers. This unit also works very closely with multiple agencies, including but not limited to: The Drug Enforcement Administration, Cross Border Initiative, Massachusetts State Police Drug Task Force, New Hampshire State Police Drug Task Force, Law Enforcement Officers assigned to HIDTA, and other local Narcotics Unit's. SNEU has been extremely successful with identifying, investigating and enforcing "street level" drug dealing, along with "quality of life" issues such as Prostitution.

SNEU First Quarter (Jan-March) 2020:

| | Jan– Mar |
|-------------------|----------------------|
| Calls for Service | 161 |
| Arrests | 105 |
| Firearms Seized | 7 |
| Search Warrants | 13 |
| Money Seized | Approx.: \$17,410.00 |
| Class A Seized | Approx.: 4,590 grams |
| Class B Seized | Approx.: 150 grams |

School Resource Officers:

A School Resource Officer (SRO) is a certified Lawrence Police Officer who is permanently assigned to provide coverage to a school or a set of schools. The SRO is specifically trained to perform within the educational environment and is not a security guard, or officer who has been placed temporarily in a school in response to a crisis situation but rather acts as a comprehensive resource for their school and the district. The Lawrence Police Department's SRO Unit relies on positive relationships between officers and students. These relationships build trust between SROs and the student body, reduces school safety issues, and promotes perceptions of safety. Currently, three (3) Lawrence Police Officers are assigned to the SRO Unit as well as Lt. Sean Burke who was assigned to this unit in 2018 and serves as the Department's SRO commander.

Incidents Reports: 57

Arrests: 4

Summons: 25

Weapons Confiscated: 6

Bureau of Professional Standards:

Firearm Permits:

Ninety (90) firearms permits were processed during the first quarter of 2020; thirty (30) in January, thirty five (35) in February, and twenty five (25) in March.

Sex Offenders:

During the first quarter of 2020 forty seven (47) sex offender registrations forms were processed. Ninety seven (97) contacts and meetings were conducted. The department is disseminating seventy one (71) sex offenders in its web based platforms and on the live monitor located in the front lobby of the police station.