

Lawrence Police Department

Quarterly Report

July – September 2020



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Dear Residents, Mayor Rivera and City Councilors,

Attached you will find the 2020 Lawrence Police Department Third Quarter Report. In it you will find the Part 1 crime statistics and other information covering the department's work from July through September. 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 continues to see a decrease in overall crime consistent with previous months. 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,

Roy Vasque
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Coronavirus: Lawrence Police Response

The Covid-19 epidemic continues with Lawrence having some of the highest positive case counts in the State of Massachusetts. As the state and the city begin to open in phases, the department continues to remain fully operational, 24/7

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 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 ended the department and the city continued to deal with the COVID-19 issues. The number of cases in Lawrence exceeded 1,000. During this time the department continued to plan for the future, using the knowledge gained with this first experience. A large number of supplies were stockpiled in anticipation of a return of the virus in the future.

Through the next three months, April-June, the department continued to deal with and adapt to the on-going Covid-19 epidemic. All security and safety measure for the officers and the public remained in effect at the station. The officers continued to be updated on the positive case locations and continue to use all PPEs when dealing with the public. The department had a total number of eight (8) officers test positive for the virus as of June 30th; all have since returned to work without restriction.

The department had and continues to have a presence at all city events including mask patrols, school lunches, and food pantry distribution. A large number of supplies for cleaning, decontamination and for the officer’s protection continue to be ordered with an anticipated of a second wave of the virus this fall.

During the months of July-September the department continues to provide service to the residents of the city while keeping our officers safe from COVID exposure. The department did not have any new positive test results for officers but did have approximately a half dozen officers quarantined at various times due to exposure from family members who tested positive. All policies and procedures related to COVID remain in place while opening up services at the station to the public on a case by case basis and by appointment to keep the number of people gathered inside the station at a minimum. The City of Lawrence remains in the “red zone” as a high percentage of positive cases related to the rest of the Commonwealth. The department continued to conduct mask patrols and responded to loud music and party calls where residents, in violation of mask or gathering protocols, are counseled and in some case reported to the local Board of Health for follow up to include possible fines. The department also continues to work with both the local and state agencies to check bars, businesses and restaurants in the city to ensure the regulations are being followed. A number of establishments have been fined and in some cases closed due to violations and non-compliance. The focal point of our enforcement remains education.

The department continues to purchase PPEs and related cleaning supplies. The officers are issued new PPEs weekly and as needed.

George Floyd / Protests

THE DEATH OF GEORGE FLOYD

The acts of these officers were egregious, unlawful and should not have taken place. The department condemns these actions and put out a strong statement to social media expressing our outrage and disappointment. This statement can be found on the Lawrence PD website at: <http://www.lawpd.com/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=385>

The fact that racism still exists in this country is appalling and it has no place in law enforcement. We stand with those who deserve to be treated fairly, regardless of race, creed or color.

We stand committed to do our part daily.

As a result of the events surrounding the death of George Floyd on May 25th in Minneapolis, Minnesota the country experienced a great deal of unrest. A large number of protests began being organized by a number of groups to include Black Lives Matter.

The department began receiving social media information that several planned protests were being scheduled for the City of Lawrence. Specifically, two (2) protests were scheduled for Friday, June 5th and Sunday, June 7th.

The department attempted to contact various groups to facilitate a dialogue with the organizations. The goal was to allow for the protesters to have an opportunity to gather and be heard in a peaceful and supportive setting. The department was inundated by both residents and business owners who were fearful of violence and damage in the city during these events. The images of protests turning violent across the country certainly drove this fear.

The department expected a peaceful event after having numerous conversations with the group organizers, who made it clear they wanted peaceful demonstrations. There was a comprehensive safety and security plan put in place in the event the protests turned violent or that damage was occurring in the city.

The protest on Friday, June 5th took place in the Campagnone Common, starting around 5pm. The department took a laid back approach to the event with only a limited amount of officers, dressed in regular uniforms, in the immediate area of the Common, blocking off traffic, so that pedestrians could attend the event safely. After the event on the Common a group marched to the area of the station and continued their demonstration. A number of officers, including the upper command staff, had open dialogue with the group for the remainder of the night. It ended without incident.

The protest held on Sunday, June 7th took place again on the Campagnone Common beginning around 2pm. The protestors gathered on the Common closest to City Hall and were joined by various officials including the mayor and the police. At one point they asked the Chief of Police to address the crowd, which he did. The event on the Common ended peacefully without incident and a group did reform at an area near the police station. For the most part the gathering at the station was peaceful with a number of conversations taking place between officers and the demonstrators. One arrest was made when an intoxicated person jumped the barrier and began throwing

water bottles at the officers. There were no further incidents and the event ended.

During the months of July-September the department did not respond to any protests or civil disturbances in the city. The department continues to monitor the atmosphere both locally and around the country, with plans in place to respond appropriately. The department has made a continued effort to engage the community and remains committed to doing so.

Department at a Glance

Budgeted Sworn Positions: 163

Total Sworn Compliment: 158

Female Officers: 18

Sergeants: 2

Detective: 4

Patrol Officers: 12

Veterans: 41

Ethnic Breakdown:

African American: 3

Asian: 1

Caucasian: 74

Hispanic or Latino: 80

Rank Breakdown:

Chief: 1

Captains: 2

Lieutenants: 9

Sergeants: 19

Patrol Officers: 127

Budgeted Civilian Positions:

Full-Time Civilians: 24

Call Takers: 11

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	243	58	301
Fall River	227	59	286
Quincy	209	31	240
Brockton	195	23	218
Newton	149	45	194
Lynn	168	19	187
Lawrence	141	21	162
Somerville	127	32	159
Framingham	125	18	143

City	Population	Total Officers	Officers per 1000 Population
New Bedford	94,613	243	2.57
Fall River	89,066	227	2.55
Quincy	94,113	209	2.22
Brockton	95,287	195	2.05
Lynn	94,449	168	1.78
Lawrence	80,243	141	1.76
Framingham	73,127	125	1.71
Newton	88,658	149	1.68
Somerville	81,668	127	1.56

The charts above are the Lawrence Police Analysis of the FBI: UCR Table 78 "Full-time Law Enforcement Employees by City, 2019". This information reflects data submitted to FBI: UCR for the calendar year 2019; which is their most current available data regarding Law Enforcement Employees.

Source: <https://ucr.fbi.gov/crime-in-the-u.s/2019/crime-in-the-u.s.-2019/tables/table-78/table-78-state-cuts/massachusetts.xls>

2020 Third Quarter Highlights, Trends, & Initiatives

- Comparing third quarter of 2019 to the third quarter of 2020:
 - Overall crime reduction of 30%
 - 26% reduction in Robbery
 - 73% reduction in Commercial Burglary
 - 30% reduction in Motor Vehicle Theft
- During the third quarter the department exceeded the national clearance rate for all Part 1 Crime categories
- 43 Firearms recovered/ seized year to date
- Increased information sharing through the department's social media
- Graduation of 10 recruits from the academy and subsequent completion of the FTO program
- The department doubled the Street Crimes Unit and added detectives to the Gang Unit and the Street Narcotic Unit
- An additional K9 Grant was awarded to the department and an officer has entered the K9 Academy
- Awarding of the new police station
- Conducted walking beats and bike patrols citywide
- Conducted citywide mask patrols; handed out masks to members of the community
- Ice Cream Truck Program covered multiple events



Part 1 Crime

The first chart below provides the monthly totals for each Part 1 Crime for the first three quarters, January– September, of 2019 and 2020¹, as well as the quarter totals, and percent change. Part 1 Crimes include: Homicide, Rape, Robbery, Aggravated Assault, Burglary, Felony Larceny, and Motor Vehicle Theft. Below, the next chart shows the total number of Part 1 Crime year to date for 2019 and 2020, as well as the raw change and the percent change. The adjacent chart shows the average number of Part 1 Crimes reported during the first, second, and third quarters. This number was calculated by averaging the total number of Part 1 Crimes that occurred during each 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 third quarter of 2020 the number of Part 1 Crime decreased by 30%; a total of seventy seven (77) less Part 1 Crimes than the third quarter of 2019. The number of Part 1 Crime decreased 54% when compared to the five year average. Year to date, January through September, Part 1 Crime has decreased by 30%. During the third quarter of 2020 decreases were in all Part 1 Crime categories; notable decreases were seen in robbery, commercial burglaries, and motor vehicle theft. 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 third 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	Apr	May	Jun	Q2 Total	Jul	Aug	Sep	Q3 Total
2019	68	60	73	201	74	67	66	207	95	93	66	254
2020	60	57	32	149	33	57	51	141	56	67	53	176
% Change	-12%	-5%	-56%	-26%	-55%	-15%	-23%	-32%	-41%	-28%	-20%	-31%

2019 vs 2020 Year to Date		Part 1 Total Quarterly Average 2015-2019	
2019 (YTD)	662	Q1	369
2020 (YTD)	466	Q2	346
Raw Change	-196	Q3	384
% Change	-30%		

	Homicide	Rape	Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Res. Burg	Comm. Burg	Felony Larceny	MV Theft
Q1 Clearance	50%	71%	55%	86%	40%	60%	83%	15%
Q2 Clearance	100%	75%	42%	91%	67%	33%	0%	32%
Q3 Clearance	—	80%	88%	84%	56%	67%	15%	38%
National Clearance	61.4%	32.9%	30.5%	52.3%	14.1%	14.1%	18.4%	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/2019/crime-in-the-u.s.-2019/topic-pages/clearances>



Violent Crime

Homicide:

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

The department had no homicide incidents during the third quarter of 2020. During the third quarter of 2019 there was one (1) homicide incident. Homicide incidents have decreased between the second and third quarters of 2020 and have decreased compared to the five year average. Year to date five (5) homicide incidents have occurred compared to three (3) during the first three quarters of 2019.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Q1 Total	Apr	May	Jun	Q2 Total	Jul	Aug	Sep	Q3 Total
2019	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	1	0	0	1
2020	2	0	2	4	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
% Change	—	—	—	—	—	0%	-100%	-50%	-100%	—	—	-100%

2019 vs 2020 Year to Date	
2019 (YTD)	3
2020 (YTD)	5
Raw Change	2
% Change	67%

Homicide Quarterly Average 2015-2019	
Q1	1
Q2	1.8
Q3	1.2

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 victim¹.*

A total of five (5) rape incidents were reported during the third quarter of 2020. This is a 62% decrease compared to the third quarter of 2019, and a 36% decrease compared to the third quarter five year average. Year to date rape incidents have decreased by 43%. 80% of the rape incidents reported during the third quarter of 2020 were cleared exceeding the national clearance rate of 32.9%².

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Q1 Total	Apr	May	Jun	Q2 Total	Jul	Aug	Sep	Q3 Total
2019	1	2	4	7	3	2	3	8	3	7	3	13
2020	4	3	0	7	0	1	3	4	0	2	3	5
% Change	300%	50%	-100%	0%	-100%	-50%	0%	-50%	-100%	-71%	0%	-62%

2019 vs 2020 Year to Date		Rape Quarterly Average 2015-2019	
2019 (YTD)	28	Q1	5
2020 (YTD)	16	Q2	9
Raw Change	-12	Q3	8
% Change	-43%		

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/2019/crime-in-the-u.s.-2019/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 third quarter of 2020, seventeen (17) robberies were reported. This is a 26% decrease compared to the third quarter of 2019. This is also a 54% decrease compared to the third quarter five year average. Year to date robbery incidents have decreased by 30%. The Patrol Division has continued to implore tactics such as identifying hotspots, walking beats and threshold inquiries. All of these have been successful and are continuously used. The department has cleared 88% of robberies reported during the third quarter. This exceeds the national average of 30.5%². Third quarter robberies are mapped below.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Q1 Total	Apr	May	Jun	Q2 Total	Jul	Aug	Sep	Q3 Total
2019	5	6	10	21	6	5	2	13	6	11	6	23
2020	3	5	3	11	9	1	2	12	5	5	7	17
% Change	-40%	-17%	-70%	-48%	50%	-80%	0%	-8%	-17%	-55%	17%	-26%

2019 vs 2020 Year to Date	
2019 (YTD)	57
2020 (YTD)	40
Raw Change	-17
% Change	30%

Robbery Quarterly Average 2015-2019	
Q1	34
Q2	35
Q3	37



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/2019/crime-in-the-u.s.-2019/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.

Ninety one (91) aggravated assault incidents were reported during the third quarter of 2020. Aggravated assault incidents decreased 21% when comparing the third quarter of 2020 to the third quarter of 2019, and 20% compared to the five year average. Year to date, aggravated assaults have decreased by 26%. The department continues to clear aggravated assault incidents at a highly effective rate. During the third quarter, 84% of these incidents were cleared. The Patrol Division, supplemented by Impact Patrols, continues to monitor hot spots throughout the city. The department classifies each assault as domestic or non-domestic; those breakdowns are on the following pages. All Aggravated Assaults reported during the third quarter of 2020 are mapped below.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Q1 Total	Apr	May	Jun	Q2 Total	Jul	Aug	Sep	Q3 Total
2019	37	29	36	102	46	29	28	103	44	37	34	115
2020	28	29	13	70	11	34	31	76	29	34	28	91
% Change	-24%	0%	-64%	-31%	-76%	17%	7%	-26%	-34%	-8%	-18%	-21%

2019 vs 2020 Year to Date	
2019 (YTD)	320
2020 (YTD)	237
Raw Change	-83
% Change	-26%

Aggravated Assault Quarterly Average 2015-2019	
Q1	88
Q2	102
Q3	114



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.*

Thirty seven (37) domestic aggravated assaults were reported during the third quarter of 2020. This is a 36% decrease compared to the third quarter of 2019, and a 20% decrease compared to the five year average. Year to date, domestic aggravated assaults have decreased by 33%. The department has cleared via arrest, summons, or warrant 98% of domestic aggravated assaults reported during the third quarter. 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 on the following page.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Q1 Total	Apr	May	Jun	Q2 Total	Jul	Aug	Sep	Q3 Total
2019	15	17	13	45	18	15	14	47	21	22	15	58
2020	15	12	1	28	8	19	9	36	12	13	12	37
% Change	0%	-29%	-92%	-38%	-56%	27%	-36%	-23%	-43%	-41%	-20%	-36%

2019 vs 2020 Year to Date		Domestic Aggravated Assaults Quarterly Average 2015-2019	
2019 (YTD)	150	Q1	38
2020 (YTD)	101	Q2	46
Raw Change	-49	Q3	46
% Change	-33%		

Community and Police Relations Unit

Services	Number of Individuals
209A/258E	292 Served/359 calls for service
Serviced	130 Families
Shelter Placements	8 Families
Court Assist	31 Families
Counseling	60 Families
Investigations	19
Arrest	9

Presentations

- 4 virtual educational panels for the Essex County Commission on the Status of Women.
- Facilitated 2 Lawrence Youth Summits (via Zoom)
- Participated in 5 radio shows to promote and encourage victims to obtain DV services
- Brides' March (virtual vigil)

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 **43 High Risk Offenders**.

Member of the following Community Meetings

- Lawrence NPO's Covid19 Response
- 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.

Fifty four (54) non-domestic aggravated assaults were reported during the third quarter of 2020. This is a 5% decrease compared to the third quarter of 2019 and a 21% 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. Year to date, non-domestic aggravated assaults are down 20%. 72% of non-domestic aggravated assaults reported during the third quarter have been cleared. Non-domestic aggravated assaults are mapped below.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Q1 Total	Apr	May	Jun	Q2 Total	Jul	Aug	Sep	Q3 Total
2019	22	12	23	57	28	14	14	56	23	15	19	57
2020	13	17	12	42	3	15	22	40	17	21	16	54
% Change	-41%	42%	-48%	-26%	-89%	7%	57%	-29%	-26%	40%	-16%	-5%

2019 vs 2020 Year to Date	
2019 (YTD)	170
2020 (YTD)	136
Raw Change	-34
% Change	-20%

Non- Domestic Aggravated Assaults Quarterly Average 2015-2019	
Q1	50
Q2	57
Q3	68



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.*

Sixteen (16) residential burglaries were reported during the third quarter of 2020. Residential burglary decreased 11% when comparing the third quarter of 2020 to the third quarter of 2019. Furthermore, there is a 62% decrease when comparing the third quarter of 2020 to the five year third quarter average, and year to date residential burglaries have decreased 31%. Third quarter burglaries are mapped below.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Q1 Total	Apr	May	Jun	Q2 Total	Jul	Aug	Sep	Q3 Total
2019	7	5	6	18	4	5	3	12	10	5	3	18
2020	1	2	2	5	4	4	4	12	5	6	5	16
% Change	-86%	-60%	-67%	-72%	0%	-20%	33%	0%	-50%	20%	67%	-11%

2019 vs 2020 Year to Date	
2019 (YTD)	48
2020 (YTD)	33
Raw Change	-15
% Change	-31%

Residential Burglary Quarterly Average 2015-2020	
Q1	48
Q2	34
Q3	42



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.

Three (3) commercial burglaries were reported during the third quarter of 2020. Commercial burglaries decreased 73% compared to the third quarter of 2020, and 80% compared to the five year average. Year to date commercial burglaries have decreased 70%. The department continues to conduct building checks throughout the city. During the third quarter 1,086 building checks were conducted; year to date 5,358 have been conducted. 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 the third quarter are mapped below.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Q1 Total	Apr	May	Jun	Q2 Total	Jul	Aug	Sep	Q3 Total
2019	5	1	5	11	3	3	7	13	7	2	2	11
2020	0	3	2	5	0	2	1	3	0	2	1	3
% Change	-100%	200%	-60%	-55%	-100%	-33%	86%	-77%	-100%	0%	-50%	-73%

2019 vs 2020 Year to Date	
2019 (YTD)	33
2020 (YTD)	10
Raw Change	-23
% Change	-70%

Commercial Burglary Quarterly Average 2015-2019	
Q1	17
Q2	15
Q3	15



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 third quarter of 2020 there were twelve (12) incidents of felony larceny. This is a decrease of 56% when compared to the third quarter of 2019. Year to date, incidents of felony larceny have decreased by 64%. 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 third quarter of 2020 are mapped below.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Q1 Total	Apr	May	Jun	Q2 Total	Jul	Aug	Sep	Q3 Total
2019	8	3	2	13	3	5	7	15	8	15	4	27
2020	2	2	2	6	0	1	1	2	4	5	3	12
% Change	-75%	-33%	0%	-54%	-100%	-80%	-86%	-87%	-50%	-67%	-25%	-52%

2019 vs 2020 Year to Date	
2019 (YTD)	55
2020 (YTD)	20
Raw Change	-35
% Change	-64%

Felony Larceny Quarterly Average 2015-2019	
Q1	75
Q2	61
Q3	61



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.

Thirty two (32) motor vehicles were reported stolen during the third quarter of 2020. 31% of these motor vehicles were stolen with the keys. Motor vehicle theft decreased 30% compared to the third quarter of 2019. Motor vehicle theft decreased 69% compared to the third quarter five year average. Year to date, motor vehicle theft has decreased 10% compared to 2019. 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 three vehicle theft locations are mapped below.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Q1 Total	Apr	May	Jun	Q2 Total	Jul	Aug	Sep	Q3 Total
2019	5	14	10	29	9	17	15	41	16	16	14	46
2020	20	13	8	41	9	13	9	31	13	13	6	32
-% Change	300%	-7%	-20%	41%	0%	-24%	-40%	-24%	-19%	-19%	-57%	-30%

2019 vs 2020 Year to Date	
2019 (YTD)	116
2020 (YTD)	104
Raw Change	-12
% Change	-10%

MV Theft Quarterly Average 2015-2019	
Q1	107
Q2	89
Q3	104



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 third quarter of 2020, the department responded to 18,255 calls for service. On average, the department responds to over 203 calls per day. Calls for service remained approximately the same when comparing the third quarters of 2019 and 2020. Year to date the department has responded to 48,711 calls for service; a decrease of 5% compared to the same period in 2019.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Q1 Total	Apr	May	Jun	Q2 Total	Jul	Aug	Sep	Q3 Total
2019	5399	4793	5626	15818	5335	6080	6098	17513	6395	6121	5671	18187
2020	5357	5111	4802	15270	4506	4984	5696	15186	6145	6,077	6033	18255
% Change	—	7%	-15%	-3%	-16%	-18%	-7%	-13%	-4%	-7%	6%	<1%

2019 vs 2020 Year to Date		Calls for Service Quarterly Average 2015-2019	
2019 (YTD)	51,518	Q1	14,777
2020 (YTD)	48,711	Q2	16,641
Raw Change	-2807	Q3	17,244
% Change	-5%		

Recovered Firearms:

During the third quarter of 2020 the department seized/ recovered fifteen (15) firearms. This is a 25% increase compared to the third quarter of 2019. The number of firearms recovered is approximately equal to the five year third quarter average. Year to date the department has recovered forty three (43) firearms; this is approximately the same as the same period in 2019. These numbers do not include firearms seized / recovered by other agencies working in the city.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Q1 Total	Apr	May	Jun	Q2 Total	Jul	Aug	Sep	Q3 Total
2019	2	3	6	11	7	5	9	21	6	5	1	12
2020	6	9	5	20	1	2	5	8	2	8	5	15
% Change	200%	200%	-17%	82%	-86%	-60%	-44%	-62%	-67%	60%	400%	25%

2019 vs 2020 Year to Date		Recovered Firearms Quarterly Average 2015-2019	
2019 (YTD)	44	Q1	14
2020 (YTD)	43	Q2	21
Raw Change	-1	Q3	16
% Change	-2%		

Motor Vehicle Stops:

During the third quarter of 2020 the department conducted 4,063 motor vehicle stops. The number of motor vehicle stops conducted during the third quarter is approximately the same as the number conducted during the third quarter of 2019. The number also exceeds the five year average. Year to date motor vehicle stops are down 34%; this overall decrease is a direct result of the department's response to the COVID-19 pandemic specifically during the second quarter of 2020.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Q1 Total	Apr	May	Jun	Q2 Total	Jul	Aug	Sep	Q3 Total
2019	1612	1414	1521	4547	1335	1477	1314	4126	1349	1394	1322	4065
2020	1645	1554	835	4034	22	78	152	252	944	1461	1658	4063
% Change	2%	10%	-45%	-11%	-98%	-95%	-88%	-94%	-30%	5%	25%	—

2019 vs 2020 Year to Date		MV Stops Quarterly Average 2015-2019	
2019 (YTD)	12,738	Q1	4175
2020 (YTD)	8,349	Q2	4152
Raw Change	-4389	Q3	3755
% Change	-34%		

Motor Vehicle Citations:

During the third quarter of 2020 1,362 motor vehicle citations were issued. This is a 40% increase compared to the third 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.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Q1 Total	Apr	May	Jun	Q2 Total	Jul	Aug	Sep	Q3 Total
2019	398	350	502	1250	359	424	308	1091	300	356	319	975
2020	455	379	138	972	12	26	65	103	245	556	561	1362
% Change	14%	8%	-73%	-22%	-97%	-94%	-79%	-92%	-18%	56%	76%	40%

Citation Type	Jan-Mar 2020	Apr-Jun 2020	Jul-Sep 2020
Speeding	23	18	70
Unregistered	119	2	174
Stop/ Yield	351	24	627

Bureau of Special Investigation:

Community Policing

Members of the Community Poling Division posted the following numbers from July– September of 2020:

- 15 arrests were made by the Community Policing Division of people on various charges and offenses
- 1003 motor vehicle stops were conducted
- 240 motor vehicles were towed for improper registration
- 820 Chapter 90 citations were issued throughout city to address traffic complaints
- 6 crosswalk operations were conducted citywide and resulted in 70 citations
- 6 radar stings were conducted and resulted in 67 citations
- 210 citations were issued at the 2019 Top Accident Locations
- 4 joint operations with the Massachusetts State Police Firework Operations that resulted in 52 summons and 600 lbs of fireworks seized
- ERT training
- Tactical Thursday officer de-escalation training current events / civil disorder training

Street Crimes Auto Theft Unit conducted 30 auto theft operations throughout the city in an effort to reduce the number of vehicles being stolen. These operations included surveillance, target patrols, and the production and distribution of Hot Sheets. As a result of these efforts and arrests the number of vehicles stolen was reduced by 10% compared to the first nine months of 2019. Only 104 motor vehicles were stolen in the first nine months of 2020 compared to 116 in the first nine months of 2019. There have been three rim and tire thefts during the third quarter; compared to nine that occurred in the third quarter of 2019. Tire and rim theft is down 36% year to date. Additionally, fourteen airbag thefts occurred.

Additional Highlights from Community Policing:

- Speed board circulation
- 3 new officers added to Community Policing
- Citywide State and Federal Elections
- Purchased new lighting for Command Post
- 4 officers attended Police Motorcycle School
- Surveillance van and mock car rotation
- 20 Marine Unit operations
- 16 Merrimack River Task Force meetings/ joint operations
- Ice Cream Truck Program covered 20 events
- Drone Program photographed crime scenes for DA's Office
- Organized walking beats/bike patrols department wide and conducted mountain bike patrols of parks and city
- Homeless checks and cleanups of railroad trails, bridges, and Helfinch Brothers encampments
- Extra checks of Everett Street boat ramp/park, Brook Street, Merrimack Paper, Front St. Everett St Harriman, Holly, 386 Arlington, and 800 Essex
- Rooming house Liaison Program
- Coffee with a Cop
- Funeral escorts
- COVID-9 Tent
- Birthday parades
- Background checks for new police candidates
- Everyone Eats Food distribution giveaway and Greater Lawrence Food Pantry
- Milo Machine/room project
- 2 Police Trailer Project
- Drone training
- Security Details for political rallies
- Licensing Board Meetings and Board of Health meetings were attended and resulted in the below listed checks and violations:
 - ◊ 6 state COVID-19 Task Force operations
 - ◊ 15 compliance checks of restaurants, barbershops, and businesses
 - ◊ 20 inspections for re-opening
 - ◊ 3 suspension of licenses to operate due to COVID-19 guidelines
 - ◊ 1 revocation of an auto dealership license



Detective Division:

In 2020 the LPD Detective Division investigated approximately 207 cases from July through September; no homicide cases. Year to date the department has had five (5) homicide cases, three (3) have been solved via arrest and of the remaining one (1) looks accidental and there is a strong person of interest in the other. 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.

July Highlights: Several robberies and aggravated assaults, firearm and knife related incidents, were all solved and cleared via arrest at a rate over the national average.

August Highlights: Additional robberies and aggravated assaults closed via arrest. Most notable was the identification and arrest of the males responsible for a mini crime spree that involved robbing a male at gunpoint and then home invading an apartment in South Lawrence. This crime spree culminated in the running over of Officer Farrington in order to evade police capture. The gang unit also investigated gang activity in the Essex St Projects; on one event they seized six (6) firearms and arrested several documented gang members. August also included the violent stabbing of a male on Green St. This male clung to life for several weeks and was able to survive the attack. A diligent investigation by detectives leads to the identification of the male responsible for the attack. He has since fled the area and his last known whereabouts are in Mexico.

September Highlights: Several drug and gang arrests that have led to large amounts of drug and cash seizures.

It should be noted the LPD Detective Division is continuing to improve its efficiency through the latest cutting edge mobile cellular technology training to include training in computer and electronic evidence recovery. This also includes the addition of new software that will assist in the tracking and map plotting of cellular data. This software is called "Cell Hawk." The addition of newly hired officers has allowed the division to add one (1) detective to each shift and to expand the video unit by one (1) additional detective. The drug and gang units were also expanded by three (3) and two (2) officers respectively.

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 third quarter of 2020 the forensic video unit conducted thirty five (35) video investigations in July, twenty nine (29) in August, and thirty three (33) in September. These cases include criminal and civil cases and both private and city cameras. Video investigations were conducted on a wide variety of different cases. Video investigation was instrumental in solving and identifying suspects in recent shooting incidents. 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 five (5) 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 Quarterly Breakdown:

	Jan– Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep
Calls for Service	364	281	261
Arrests	52	46	61
Firearms Seized	5	6	7
FIOs/ Validations	30	32	33
Search Warrants	6	8	14

The Lawrence Police Department Street Narcotic Enforcement Unit (SNEU) is comprised of eight (8) 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 Quarterly Breakdown

	Jan– Mar	Apr– Jun	Jul-Sep
Calls for Service	161	152	190
Arrests	105	117	153
Firearms Seized	7	5	5
Search Warrants	13	6	17
Money Seized	Approx.: \$17,410.00	\$30,032	\$5,988
Class A Seized	Approx.: 4,590 grams	Approx.: 787 grams	Approx. 995 grams
Class B Seized	Approx.: 150 grams	Approx.: 408 grams	Approx. 246 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.

Although Lt. Burke and the SROs have been assigned to patrol for the majority of school closures due to the pandemic, they have continued to work with Lawrence Public School staff and students. With the recent reassignment of the SRO's back to Lawrence Public Schools their ability and opportunity to perform these task and interact with students has greatly increased. The SRO Unit has continued to serve the schools, staff, and students of Lawrence by;

- Working cooperatively with LPS Security to complete district-wide signage and door numbering project as well as develop a property/door map of LHS to assist in emergency services training and response. Once the LHS mapping is completed Lt. Burke will facilitate emergency response training for the LPD, LFD, and LGH using the new school door numbering system. Once LPS return he will also facilitate training for all district staff in the use of the door numbering system
- Monitored and visited LHS and Frost School Latchkey programs (approx. 150 participants each)
- SRO's are monitoring the 6 different schools throughout the district that distribute school lunches during this pandemic. The schools providing lunches are: LHS, old LHS, Frost, Wetherbee, Guilmette and Parthum from 11a-2p
- Conduct extra checks throughout the day at 147 Haverhill St (Adult Learning Center) as well as other schools in the district that are not serving lunches
- Have investigated school complaints of incidents that have occurred during Zoom sessions and checked on well-being of students
- Conducted home visits due to teachers concerns and allegation of children being unattended at home.
- Monitored The Greater Lawrence Health clinic which is open to the public at LHS on Thursdays and several other schools which give out supplies as well as assist with family concerns
- Conducted classes with students via Zoom relating to various aspects of the Covid-19 Pandemic and other community concerns.

Bureau of Professional Standards:

Firearm Permits:

172 firearms permits were processed during the third quarter of 2020; forty one (41) in July, seventy three (73) in August, and fifty eight (58) in September.

Sex Offenders:

During the third quarter 2020 sixty two (62) sex offender registrations forms were processed. 136 phone interviews were conducted during the third quarter. 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.