

Lawrence Police Department

Quarterly Report

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Dear Residents, Mayor Rivera and City Councilors,

Attached you will find the 2020 Lawrence Police Department Second Quarter Report. In it you will find the Part 1 crime statistics and other information covering the department's work from April through June. 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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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 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.

Through the next 3 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 remain in effect at the station. The officers continue to be updated on the positive case locations and continue to use all PPE's when dealing with the public. As of this date the department had a total number of eight (8) officers test positive for the virus, 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.



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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.

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Department at a Glance

Budgeted Sworn Positions: 160

Total Sworn Compliment: 149

Female Officers: 16

Sergeants: 2

Detective: 1

Patrol Officers: 13

Veterans: 26

Ethnic Breakdown:

African American: 3

Asian: 1

Caucasian: 74

Hispanic or Latino: 71

Rank Breakdown:

Chief: 1

Captains: 2

Lieutenants: 9

Sergeants: 19

Patrol Officers: 118

NECC Academy Class: 10

Male: 8

Caucasian: 1

Hispanic or Latino: 7

Females: 2

Caucasian: 0

Hispanic or Latina: 2

Veterans: 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.

2020 Second Quarter Highlights, Trends, & Initiatives

- Comparing quarter two 2019 and quarter two 2020
 - Overall crime reduction of 32%
 - 27% reduction in Aggravated Assaults
 - 77% reduction in Commercial Burglary
 - 24% reduction in Motor Vehicle Theft
- 27 Firearms recovered/ seized year to date
- Increased information sharing through the department's social media
- Continued headquarter upgrades
- Currently have ten officers in the NECC Academy
- Participated in multiple graduation and birthday parades
- Handed out ice cream to nurses at Lawrence General and Mary Immaculate
- Conducted citywide mask patrols; handed out masks to members of the community
- Ice cream truck patrols
- Participated in the Lawrence High School citywide graduation parade
- Provided safety and security for two peaceful protests
- Firework flyer drop
- Initiated extra firework patrols



Part 1 Crime

The first chart below provides the monthly totals for each Part 1 Crime for the first and second quarters, January– June, 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. Adjacent, a second chart shows the average number of Part 1 Crimes reported during the first and second 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 second quarter of 2020 the number of Part 1 Crime decreased by 32%; a total of sixty seven (67) less Part 1 Crimes than the second quarter of 2019. The number of Part 1 Crime decreased 59% when compared to the five year average. Year to date, January through June, Part 1 Crime has decreased by 27%. During the second quarter significant decreases were seen in aggravated assault, commercial burglary, 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 second quarter, the department exceeded the national clearance percentage for most 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
2019	68	60	73	201	74	67	66	207
2020	60	57	34	151	33	57	50	140
% Change	-12%	-7%	-53%	-25%	-55%	-15%	-23%	-32%

2019 vs 2020 Year to Date		Part 1 Total Quarterly Average 2015-2019	
2019 (YTD)	408	Q1	369
2020 (YTD)	291	Q2	346
Raw Change	-117		
% Change	-29%		

	Homicide	Rape	Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Res. Burg	Comm. Burg	Felony Larceny	MV Theft
Q1 Clearance	50%	71%	55%	80%	33%	60%	83%	15%
Q2 Clearance	0%	75%	42%	88%	67%	33%	0%	32%
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.*

The department had one (1) homicide incident in the second quarter of 2020. This is a 50% decrease compared to second quarter of 2019. Homicide incidents also decreased between the first and second quarter of 2020. Year to date five (5) homicide incidents have occurred compared to two (2) during the first half of 2019. The second quarter homicide incident is mapped below.

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

2019 vs 2020 Year to Date	
2019 (YTD)	2
2020 (YTD)	5
Raw Change	3
% Change	150%

Homicide Quarterly Average 2015-2019	
Q1	1
Q2	1.8



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 four (4) rape incidents were reported during the second quarter of 2020. This is a 50% decrease compared to the second quarter of 2019. Year to date rape incidents have decreased by 27%. Furthermore, the number of rape incidents decreased between the first quarter of 2020 and the second quarter of 2020 and compared to the five year average. 75% of the rape incidents reported during the second quarter of 2020 were cleared exceeding the national clearance rate of 33.4%².

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Q1 Total	Apr	May	Jun	Q2 Total
2019	1	2	4	7	3	2	3	8
2020	4	3	0	7	0	1	3	4
% Change	300%	50%	-100%	0%	-100%	-50%	0%	-50%

2019 vs 2020 Year to Date		Rape Quarterly Average 2015-2019	
2019 (YTD)	15	Q1	5
2020 (YTD)	11	Q2	9
Raw Change	-4		
% Change	-27%		

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 second quarter of 2020, twelve (12) robberies were reported. This is a 8% decrease compared to the second quarter of 2019. This is also a 66% decrease compared to the second quarter average. Year to date robbery incidents have decreased by 32%. 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 42% of robberies reported during the second quarter. This exceeds the national average of 30.4%². Second quarter robberies are mapped below.

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

2019 vs 2020 Year to Date	
2019 (YTD)	34
2020 (YTD)	23
Raw Change	-11
% Change	-32%

Robbery Quarterly Average 2015-2019	
Q1	34
Q2	35



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 five (75) aggravated assault incidents were reported during the second quarter of 2020; this is a slight increase compared to the first quarter of 2020. Aggravated assault incidents decreased approximately 27% when comparing the second quarter of 2020 to the second quarter of 2019 and the five year average. Year to date, aggravated assaults have decreased by 29%. The department continues to clear aggravated assault incidents at a highly effective rate. During the second quarter, 88% 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 second quarter of 2020 are mapped below.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Q1 Total	Apr	May	Jun	Q2 Total
2019	37	29	36	102	46	29	28	103
2020	28	29	14	71	11	34	30	75
% Change	-24%	0%	-61%	-30%	-76%	17%	7%	-27%

2019 vs 2020 Year to Date	
2019 (YTD)	205
2020 (YTD)	146
Raw Change	-59
% Change	-29%

Aggravated Assault Quarterly Average 2015-2019	
Q1	88
Q2	102



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 five (35) domestic aggravated assaults were reported during the second quarter of 2020. This is a 26% decrease compared to the second quarter of 2019, and a 24% decrease compared to the five year average. Year to date, domestic aggravated assaults have decreased by 32%. The department has cleared via arrest, summons, or warrant 99% of domestic aggravated assaults reported during the second 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
2019	15	17	13	45	18	15	14	47
2020	15	12	1	28	8	19	8	35
% Change	0%	-29%	-92%	-38%	-56%	27%	-43%	-26%

2019 vs 2020 Year to Date		Domestic Aggravated Assaults Quarterly Average 2015-2019	
2019 (YTD)	92	Q1	38
2020 (YTD)	63	Q2	46
Raw Change	-29		
% Change	-32%		

Community and Police Relations Unit

Services	Number of Individuals
209A/258E	227 Served/323 calls for service
Serviced	52 Families
Shelter Placements	8 Families
Court Assist	32 Families
Counseling	22 Families
Investigations	8
Arrest	1

Presentations

- Virtual educational panel for Essex County Commission on the Status of Women.

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

- 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

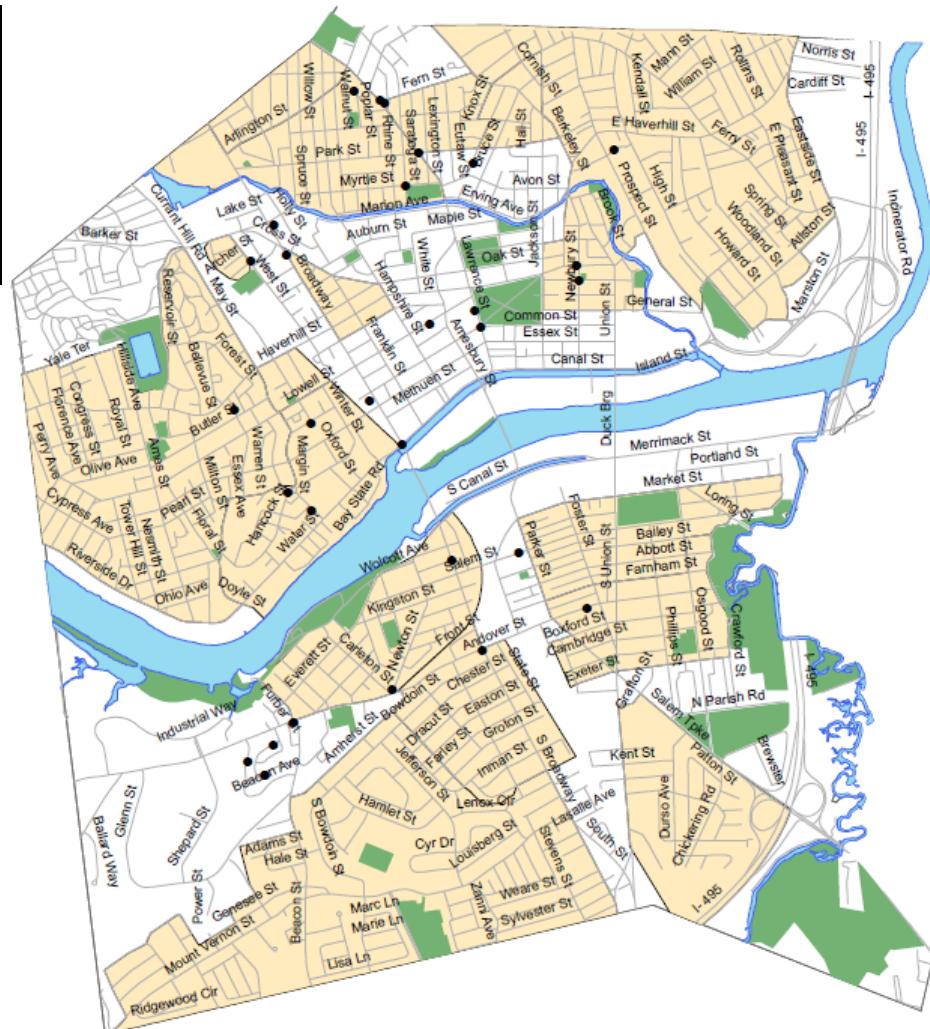
Non-Domestic: Defined by LPD as those Aggravated Assaults where the relationship between victim and offender is that of an acquaintance, schoolmate, friend, or incidents where the relationship is unknown.

Forty (40) non-domestic aggravated assaults were reported during the second quarter of 2020. This is a 29% decrease compared to the second quarter of 2019 and a 30% 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. The number of non-domestic aggravated assaults remains approximately level between quarters. Year to date, non-domestic aggravated assaults are down 27%. 80% of non-domestic aggravated assaults reported during the second quarter have been cleared. Non-domestic aggravated assaults are mapped below.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Q1 Total	Apr	May	Jun	Q2 Total
2019	22	12	23	57	28	14	14	56
2020	13	17	13	43	3	15	22	40
% Change	-41%	42%	-43%	-25%	-89%	7%	57%	-29%

2019 vs 2020 Year to Date	
2019 (YTD)	113
2020 (YTD)	83
Raw Change	-30
% Change	-27%

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



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.

Twelve (12) residential burglaries were reported during the second quarter of 2020. The same number of residential burglaries were reported during the second quarter of 2019 and 2020. However, there is a 65% decrease when comparing the second quarter of 2020 to the five year quarter two average. Furthermore, year to date residential burglaries have decreased 40%. Second quarter burglaries are mapped below.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Q1 Total	Apr	May	Jun	Q2 Total
2019	7	5	6	18	4	5	3	12
2020	1	2	3	6	4	4	4	12
% Change	-86%	-60%	-50%	-67%	0%	-20%	33%	0%

2019 vs 2020 Year to Date	
2019 (YTD)	30
2020 (YTD)	18
Raw Change	-12
% Change	-40%

Residential Burglary Quarterly Average 2015-2020	
Q1	48
Q2	34



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 second quarter of 2020. Commercial burglaries decreased 77% compared to the second quarter of 2019, and 80% compared to the five year average. Year to date commercial burglaries have decreased 71%. The department continues to conducted building checks throughout the city. During the second quarter 2,510 building checks were conducted; year to date 4,272 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 quarter two are mapped below.

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

2019 vs 2020 Year to Date	
2019 (YTD)	24
2020 (YTD)	8
Raw Change	-20
% Change	-71%

Commercial Burglary Quarterly Average 2015-2019	
Q1	17
Q2	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 second quarter of 2020, only two (2) incidents of felony larceny were reported. This is a decrease of 87% when compared to the second quarter of 2019. Year to date, incidents of felony larceny have decreased by 71%. 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 second quarter of 2020 are mapped below.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Q1 Total	Apr	May	Jun	Q2 Total
2019	8	3	2	13	3	5	7	15
2020	2	2	2	6	0	1	1	2
% Change	-75%	-33%	0%	-54%	-100%	-80%	-86%	-87%

2019 vs 2020 Year to Date	
2019 (YTD)	28
2020 (YTD)	8
Raw Change	-20
% Change	-71%

Felony Larceny Quarterly Average 2015-2019	
Q1	75
Q2	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 one (31) motor vehicles were reported stolen during the second quarter of 2020. 48% of these motor vehicles were stolen with the keys. Motor vehicle theft decreased 24% compared to both the first quarter of 2020 and the second quarter of 2019. Motor vehicle theft decreased 65% compared to the second quarter five year average. Year to date, motor vehicle theft remains relatively level 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 two motor vehicle theft locations are mapped below.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Q1 Total	Apr	May	Jun	Q2 Total
2019	5	14	10	29	9	17	15	41
2020	20	13	8	41	9	13	9	31
% Change	300%	-7%	-20%	41%	0%	-24%	-40%	-24%

2019 vs 2020 Year to Date	
2019 (YTD)	70
2020 (YTD)	72
Raw Change	2
% Change	3%

MV Theft Quarterly Average 2015-2019	
Q1	107
Q2	89



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 second quarter of 2020, the department responded to 15,186 calls for service. On average, the department responds to over 168 calls per day. This is a 13% decrease compared to the second quarter of 2019. Year to date the department has responded to 30,456 calls for service; a decrease of 9% compared to the first six months of 2019. It is important to note that a contributing factor in the decreased amount of calls for the second quarter, specifically April and May, was due to the department's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Q1 Total	Apr	May	Jun	Q2 Total
2019	5399	4793	5626	15818	5335	6080	6098	17513
2020	5357	5111	4802	15270	4506	4984	5696	15186
% Change	—	7%	-15%	-3%	-16%	-18%	-7%	-13%

2019 vs 2020 Year to Date		Calls for Service Quarterly Average 2015-2019	
2019 (YTD)	33,331	Q1	14,777
2020 (YTD)	30,456	Q2	16,641
Raw Change	-2875		
% Change	-9%		

Recovered Firearms:

During the second quarter of 2020 the department seized/ recovered seven (7) firearms. This is a 67% decrease compared to the second quarter of 2019 and the five year average. Year to date the department has recovered twenty seven (27) firearms. This number does not include firearms seized / recovered by other agencies working in the city.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Q1 Total	Apr	May	Jun	Q2 Total
2019	2	3	6	11	7	5	9	21
2020	6	9	5	20	0	2	5	7
% Change	200%	200%	-17%	82%	-100%	-60%	-44%	-67%

2019 vs 2020 Year to Date		Recovered Firearms Quarterly Average 2015-2019	
2019 (YTD)	32	Q1	14
2020 (YTD)	27	Q2	21
Raw Change	-5		
% Change	-16%		

Motor Vehicle Stops:

During the second quarter of 2020 the department conducted 252 motor vehicle stops. Overall, this is a decrease compared to the second quarter of 2019 and the five year average. Year to date the department has conducted 4,286 motor vehicle stops. This overall decrease is a direct result of the department's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Q1 Total	Apr	May	Jun	Q2 Total
2019	1612	1414	1521	4527	1335	1477	1314	4126
2020	1645	1554	835	4034	22	78	152	252
% Change	2%	10%	-45%	-11%	-98%	-95%	-88%	-94%

2019 vs 2020 Year to Date		MV Stops Quarterly Average 2015-2019	
2019 (YTD)	8,650	Q1	4175
2020 (YTD)	4,286	Q2	4152
Raw Change	-2875		
% Change	-50%		

Motor Vehicle Citations:

During the second quarter of 2020, 84 motor vehicle citations were issued. This is a significant decrease compared to second quarter of 2019. Additionally, as stated above, the overall decrease in citations is a direct results of the department's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. 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
2019	398	350	502	1250	359	424	308	1091
2020	455	378	136	969	12	26	46	84
% Change	14%	8%	-72%	-22%	-97%	-94%	-85%	-92%

Citation Type	Jan-Mar 2020	Apr-Jun
Speeding	23	18
Unregistered	119	2
Stop/ Yield	351	24

Bureau of Special Investigation:

Community Policing

Members of the Community Policing Division posted the following numbers from April-June of 2020:

- 6 arrests were made by the Community Policing Division of people on various charges and offenses
- 60 motor vehicles were towed for improper registration
- 100 Chapter 90 citations were issued throughout city to address traffic complaints
- 6 radar stings were conducted and resulted in 40 citations issued
- 6 meetings and 8 joint operations with the Merrimack River Task Force
- Covid-19 response
- Setup operational plan for LGH Covid-19 testing site (1000 cars a day)
- Setup operational plan for 155 Franklin St Covid-19 isolation site
- BLM Protest operational plan for rallies and marches
- Firework flyer drop in hotspots (Springfield St, Beacon St, and Weare St)

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. As a result of these efforts and hard work, 31 motor vehicles were stolen between April and June. 72 motor vehicles were stolen in the first six months of 2020 compared to 70 in the first six months of 2019.

After the first six months of 2020 the unit is on pace to either beat or duplicate their lowest ever number of auto thefts recorded in the City of Lawrence. There have been 4 rim and tire thefts during the first six months of 2020.

Additional Highlights from Community Policing:

- Speed board circulation
- Surveillance van circulation
- Provided 50 birthday/graduation parades within City of Lawrence for citizens
- Thank you Heart Picture Drone
- Boat project paint and re-graphic equipment
- Food pantry
- Pizza delivery for 60 LGH Nurses
- Ice cream for LGH Covid-19 nurses staff
- Ice cream for Mary Immaculate Staff nurses
- Thank you parade for Mary Immaculate Staff
- Veteran's Flag planting at cemetery
- Central Catholic graduation parade
- LHS citywide graduation parade
- Covid-19 workout video
- Story time Covid-19 video
- ISD inspections
- Drone parks for gatherings
- Walking beats
- Homeless checks and cleanups of railroad trails, bridges and all encampments
- Extra checks of Manchester Street, Amherst Street, 355 Park Street, Railroad Street, and May Street
- Rooming house Liaison Program
- 10 ice cream truck neighborhood visits
- Covid-19 meetings and protocols
- Plate reader webinar
- Attended six City of Lawrence Licensing Board Meetings resulting in the below listed checks and violations:
 - ◊ 15 compliance club checks
 - ◊ 18 inspections for Phase 2 reopening of restaurants
 - ◊ 8 complaints for loud music and failure to follow reopening guidelines
 - ◊ 2 Board of Health meetings
 - ◊ 5 re-opening business meetings



Detective Division:

In 2020 the LPD Detective Division investigated approximately 169 cases from April through June including one (1) homicide case from May. This case was a gang related target attack. A homicide that occurred in late March, involving a shootout near the Methuen line, was also investigated during the second quarter. Evidence in this case suggests it may be a friendly fire incident. Both cases have promising leads and should result in arrests in the coming months. 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.

April Highlights: 78% were solved and there were no shots fired incidents for the entire month.

May Highlights: Overall crime rate being down, and several aggravated assault and robbery cases were closed via arrest.

June Highlights: The division investigated nine (9) shooting incidents; in all but two (2) cases the assailants have been identified and warrants have been sought for their arrest.

It should be noted that the division has continued to improve its efficiency through the latest cutting edge mobile cellular technology training to include training in computer and electronic evidence recovery. Numerous investigations are being solved via this new technology coupled with the newly installed city camera monitoring system which continues to grow. The department has purchased two more quick deploy cameras and several license plate readers.

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 second quarter of 2020 the forensic video unit conducted nineteen (19) video investigations in April, twenty four (24) in May, and forty five (45) in June. 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 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 Quarterly Breakdown:

	Jan– Mar	Apr–Jun
Calls for Service	364	281
Arrests	52	46
Firearms Seized	5	6
FIOs/ Validations	30	32
Search Warrants	6	8

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 Quarterly Breakdown

	Jan– Mar	Apr– Jun
Calls for Service	161	152
Arrests	105	117
Firearms Seized	7	5
Search Warrants	13	6
Money Seized	Approx.: \$17,410.00	\$30,032
Class A Seized	Approx.: 4,590 grams	Approx.: 787 grams
Class B Seized	Approx.: 150 grams	Approx.: 408 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: 0

Arrests: 0

Summons: 0

Weapons Confiscated: 0

During the second quarter of 2020 schools throughout the City of Lawrence were closed due to COVID-19. The SRO Unit assisted with the school lunch program that took place at Lawrence High School, the Frost School, the Arlington School, the Guilemtte School, and the Parthum School.

Bureau of Professional Standards:

Firearm Permits:

151 firearms permits were processed during the second quarter of 2020; fourteen (14) in April, thirty nine (39) in May, and ninety eight (98) in June.

Sex Offenders:

During the second quarter 2020 sixty two (62) sex offender registrations forms were processed. 126 phone interviews were conducted during the second 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.