



# Lowell Police Department



# Quarterly Newsletter



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### Mission Statement

The mission of the Lowell Police Department is to continue building and maintaining strong partnerships with the diverse communities of the city of Lowell. We strive to work with our community to reduce the incidence and fear of crime, and to ensure public safety. We will do this while working to improve the quality of life for the citizens of Lowell.

The Lowell Police Department is committed to the ideals of Community Policing. Those ideals are evident in programs such as the Citizens Police Academy, the Summer Student Police Academy, and the Citizen Advisory Committee. The Department's core values are integrity, respect, accountability, community, sanctity of life, and knowledge. Patrols are assigned by geographic sector, encouraging officers to become intimately associated with neighborhoods and their residents, better enabling them to fight and prevent crime.

### Crime Statistics for January 1st—March 31st, 2022\*

Crime	2021	2022	% Change
Aggravated Assault	34	45	32%
Aggravated Assault - Domestic	34	38	12%
Burglary	26	40	54%
Car Break-ins	71	78	10%
Disorderly	22	17	-23%
Robbery	8	20	150%
Shoplifting	11	31	182%
Vandalism	114	94	-18%
Total	320	363	13%

  

Firearms	2022
Recovered	17
Surrendered	1
Total	18

\* Statistics are subject to change due to ongoing investigations.

## Superintendent of Police Raymond Kelly Richardson Retires

The LPD would like to congratulate Superintendent Raymond Kelly Richardson on his retirement. Superintendent Richardson retired on Thursday, March 17th after serving the City of Lowell for 34.5 years. During his first year, the Lowell Police Department was rebranded to update the mission statement and incorporate core values throughout every aspect of the department. Superintendent Richardson also set a goal of strengthening the department's relationship with the community. In order to achieve this, the department created the Neighborhood Action Unit in early 2020. Officers assigned to this unit work closely with the Sector Captains to address issues within each neighborhood. They also attend various community events throughout the year. Additionally, the LPD formed a Citizen Advisory Committee, which consists of seven members and acts as a channel for public input into public safety decisions. The LPD also launched its Youth Services Program (formally known as PAL) in 2021. This program provides youth the opportunity to participate in a variety of programs, such as boxing and the Summer Student Police Academy.

Additional accomplishments throughout Superintendent Richardson's tenure include:

- 34% decrease in total NIBRS offenses;
- Achieving Certification and Accreditation from the Massachusetts Police Accreditation Commission;
- Increasing the number of officers that have attended Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training;
- Implementing a Co-Responder Program;
- Reorganizing the city into 3 sectors (A, B, and C);
- Securing funding to implement a Cadet Program for Lowell residents;
- Securing funding to implement a Body-Worn Camera (BWC) Program; and
- Welcoming two new K-9s to the department.



## New Interim Superintendent of Police

Barry Golner was selected by City Manager Eileen Donoghue to lead the Lowell Police Department shortly after Superintendent Richardson's retirement. Interim Superintendent Golner began his career at the Hudson, NH Police Department in 1985 and transferred to the Lowell Police Department in 1994. He was promoted to Deputy Superintendent by former Superintendent of Police Raymond Kelly Richardson in 2018. Congratulations on your promotion, Interim Superintendent Golner!



## LPD Achieves Accreditation from the MPAC

Approximately one year after becoming certified by the Massachusetts Police Accreditation Commission (MPAC), the Lowell Police Department received accreditation status in March 2022. In order to achieve accreditation, law enforcement agencies must meet 257 mandatory standards as well as a percentage of 125 optional standards.

Accreditation offers several benefits to police departments, including a norm for an agency to judge its performance, a basis to correct deficiencies before they become public problems, and promotes accountability. Additionally, this status allows the LPD to maintain compliance with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Police Officer Standards and Training (POST) Commission.

To learn more about the MPAC and the accreditation process, please visit <https://masspoliceaccred.net/about-the-program/>.

## White Ribbon Day

Members of the City Council, Alternative House, Lowell Police Department, and State Representative Vanna Howard attended White Ribbon Day at City Hall on Thursday, March 10th. The White Ribbon Day Campaign is a call to action for men and boys to take the pledge and be part of the solution in ending male violence against women and girls. Men attending the event took the pledge to never commit, condone, or remain silent about violence against women, children, intimate partners, and men.



## Promotions

The LPD would like to congratulate Sgt. T. Kelly and Sgt. M. Mastas on their promotions. Sgt. Kelly and Sgt. Mastas were promoted to the rank of permanent Sergeant on March 23rd.



## Grants

The Lowell Police Department was awarded the **FY 2022 Senator Charles E. Shannon, Jr. Community Safety Initiative** grant. Over 50% of funding will be subcontracted to various City departments and community organizations. Additionally, the LPD will use a portion of funding to conduct neighborhood patrols, support civilians in the department, and to host the Summer Student Police Academy.

The department was also awarded funding from the **FY 2022 Massachusetts Municipal Public Safety Staffing** grant program, **State Fiscal Year 2022 Law Enforcement Body-Worn Camera Program**, and **Jail Arrest Diversion** grant program. Massachusetts Municipal Public Safety Staffing grant funds will be used to support community policing initiatives and schedule overtime shifts. The LPD will use Law Enforcement Body-Worn Camera (BWC) Program funds to implement a BWC pilot program. Additionally, funding from the Department of Mental Health 's Jail Arrest Diversion grant program will be used to backfill shifts while other officers attend Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training.

## National Love Your Pet Day

The LPD celebrated National Love Your Pet Day on Sunday, February 20th. Interested individuals were encouraged to submit pictures of their pet(s), which were added to the LPD's National Love Your Pet Day 2022 photo album on Facebook. The LPD would like to thank everyone who participated.



## Upcoming Events

- Healthy Kids Day: May 7th from 10 AM—1 PM @ Greater Lowell YMCA
- Unwanted Medication and Sharps Disposal Day: May 7th from 10 AM—2 PM @ Lowell Senior Center
- Summer Student Police Academy: June 27th—July 15th (incoming 7th and 8th graders) & July 25th—August 12th (incoming 5th and 6th graders) @ Lowell High School
- The LPD Youth Services Program is accepting applications on a rolling basis. Please visit <https://www.lowellma.gov/1581/LPD-Youth-Services> for more information.