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Mission Statement

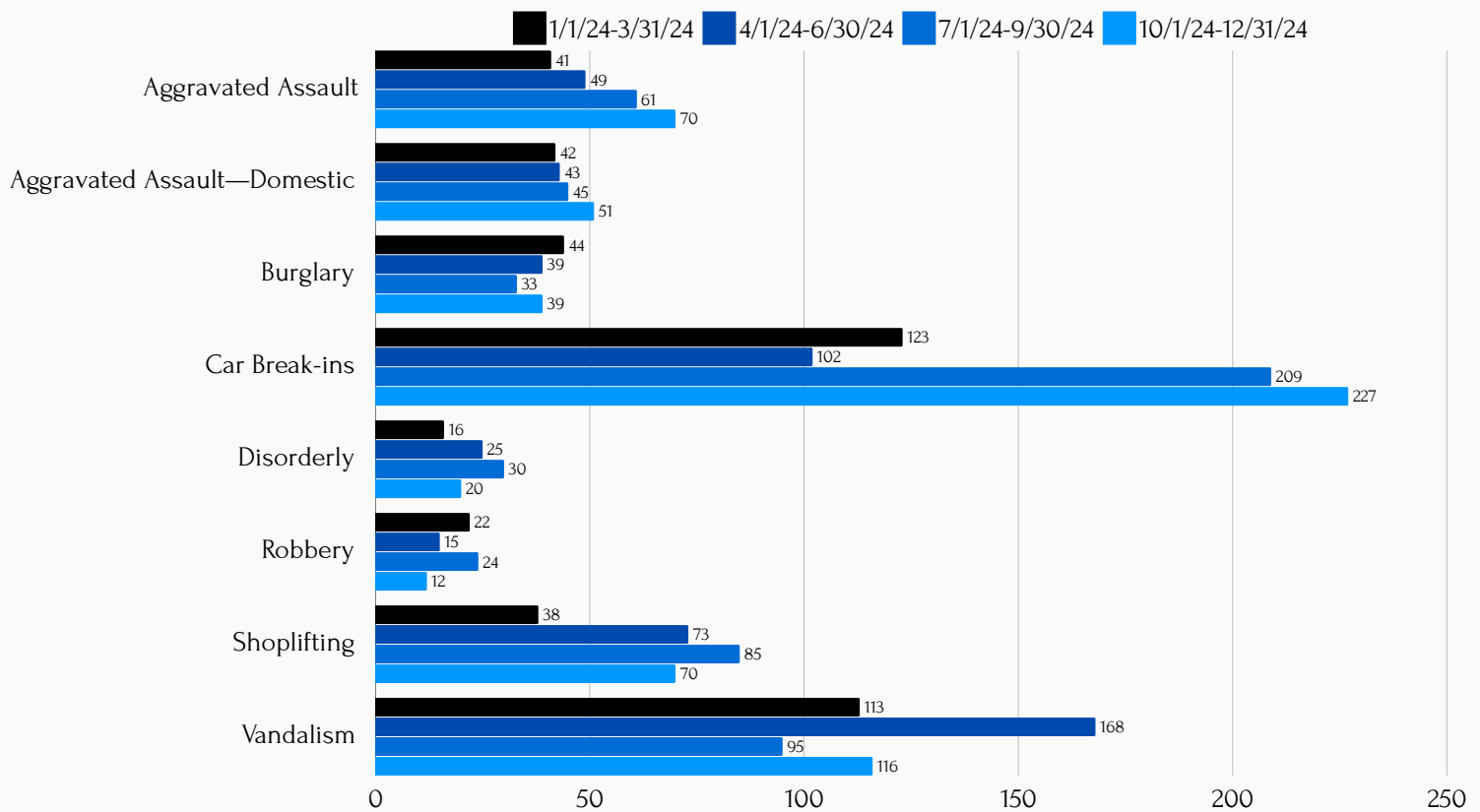
The mission of the Lowell Police Department is to continue building and maintaining strong partnerships with the diverse communities of the city of Lowell. We strive to work with our community to reduce the incidence and fear of crime, and to ensure public safety. We will do this while working to improve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



Announcements and Updates

Promotions:

Congratulations to Sergeant C. Elmore on his recent promotion!

Scams:

The LPD would like to remind residents to be vigilant of scams. A few common scams include phishing attempts, missed delivery scams, grandparent scams, and phone scams. The LPD encourages residents not to give away personally identifiable information to unknown callers or on unofficial websites and to delete unsolicited text messages. For more information on how to avoid identity theft and scams, please visit <https://lowellpolice.org/crime-prevention/>.

Car Break-ins:

The LPD continues to see an increase in car break-ins. The department encourages individuals to remove all valuables (e.g. wallet, credit card, purse, phone) from their motor vehicles and to lock their car doors at night. To report suspicious activity, please call the non-emergency line (978-937-3200). In the event your vehicle is broken into or a suspect attempts to break into your vehicle, please report the incident to the police department. To submit video surveillance of an individual checking or breaking into a motor vehicle, please email the footage to LowellPDIntel@LowellMA.gov.



Lowell Police Academy Graduation

36 recruits graduated from the Lowell Police Academy (LPA) on October 10th, 2024. The LPA provides instruction to recruits in subjects including but not limited to constitutional law, criminal law, criminal investigations, firearms, defense tactics, and emergency vehicle operation. Recruits that successfully graduate from the academy go on to serve several cities and towns throughout the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. In 2024, graduates from the Lowell Police Academy joined the Bedford, Boxborough, Brookline, Chelmsford, Fitchburg, Littleton, Marblehead, Natick, Newton, Revere, Wakefield, and Westford police departments. The LPD welcomed 12 officers from the academy: J. Hor, P. Morrow, C. DeRosa, L. Morris, C. Musangu, E. Hernandez, K. Torres, D. DeJesus, J. Arroyo, D. Durham, C. Robertson, and D. Dougal.



LGBTQ+ Liaison

In the fall of 2024, Lt. Dawn Beauchesne was appointed to be the Lowell Police Department's LGBTQ+ Liaison. The LGBTQ+ Liaison acts as the point of contact between the department and LGBTQ+ community, assists with police services, and provides resources to the community. Additionally, the LGBTQ+ Liaison is responsible for overseeing the department's Safe Place Initiative. The Safe Place Initiative is a free program open to businesses throughout the city. Businesses enrolled in the program commit to assisting victims of hate crimes by providing a safe place for victims to call the police and allowing them to remain on the premise until police arrive. To request a Safe Place decal, please complete the online application (<https://lowellpolice.org/safe-place-application/>). To contact the department's LGBTQ+ Liaison, please send an email to lpdlgbtq@lowellma.gov.





LPD Research Evaluation Program

The LPD is in the process of conducting an evaluation on the department's response to victims of certain crimes. As a result, some victims may receive a business card from an officer advising them that they will receive a brief survey, via text. The card reads as follows: "The Lowell Police Department is working with a researcher to help evaluate our response to victims of crime. Over the next couple of weeks, you will receive a text message asking you to complete a short 3-minute survey. Please let the officer know if you are not interested in receiving this text message. Any questions about this survey can be directed to the Lowell Police Department at: lpdresearch@lowellma.gov." Please note that text messages received regarding the survey are legitimate and individuals will not be asked to pay to complete the survey.

LPD Youth Services Program

The Lowell Police Department's Youth Services Program continues to provide a variety of free after school and summer programs including boxing, swimming, horseback riding, basketball, and flag football to Lowell youth between the ages of 10 and 18*. To learn more about the programs offered or to register your child(ren) for a program, please email lpdyouthservices@lowellma.gov or visit <https://lowellpolice.org/youth-services/>.

*Age requirements for programs may vary.



Community Events and Department Highlights

- The LPD hosted its 4th annual Youth Outreach Event on September 18th. The department would like to thank all of the law enforcement agencies that attended the event as well as the Lowell Police Superior Officers Association and the Lowell Police Association for sponsoring the raffles.
- Members of the Lowell Police Department attended MonsterBash as well as several Trunk-or-Treats hosted by schools and local organizations.
- The LPD hosted a food drive from November 1st-22nd to benefit the Merrimack Valley Food Bank. Thank you to everyone who donated. The department was able to fill two cruisers with food!
- The department collaborated with the Lowell Public Schools and Parent Teacher Organizations to host eight holiday movie nights at elementary schools across the city.
- 100 Lowell youth participated in the Heroes and Helpers Event hosted by Target. Thank you to the Greater Lowell Community Foundation, Police Activities League of Massachusetts, Massachusetts State Police, Lowell Fire Department, and Middlesex District Attorney for making this event possible!
- The LPD hosted its 10th annual toy drive from November 15th - December 13th. Hundreds of toys were distributed by Lowell Public School social workers to children and families in need.