

Lowell Police Department 2025 Annual Report



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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.

Lowell Police Department Overview

The Lowell Police Department has a budgeted strength of 252 officers. The LPD also has civilian staff members who support operations in various capacities including but not limited to dispatch, records management, community outreach, fiscal management, research and development, crime analysis, and management information systems. Please see the table and figures below for a breakdown of the number of officers and civilians by gender, race, and ethnicity.

Table 1: Sworn Officers and Civilians by Gender (as of 12/31/2025)			
Position	Male	Female	Total
Sworn Officers	197	31	228
Civilians	46	53	99
Total	243	84	327

Figure 1: Race and Ethnicity of Officers

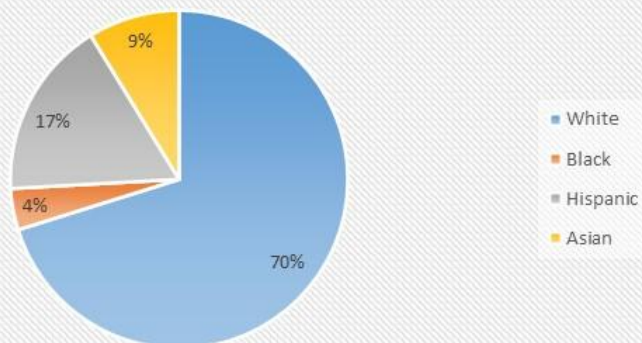
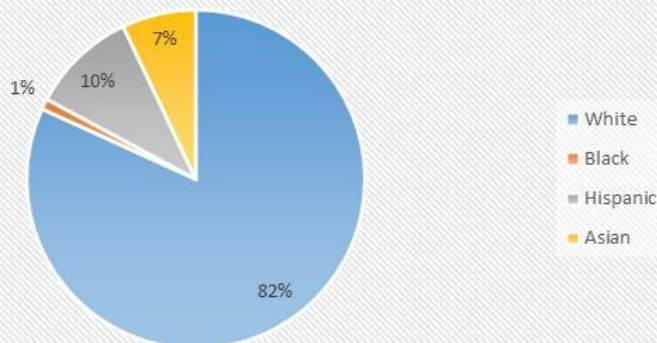


Figure 2: Race and Ethnicity of Civilians



Office of the Superintendent

The Office of the Superintendent includes the Superintendent of Police, Administrative Staff, and the Research and Development Unit.

The Superintendent of Police is responsible for ensuring that all members of the Lowell Police Department follow the department's mission of providing the highest quality law enforcement services for those who visit, work, and live in the City of Lowell. The Superintendent strives each day to ensure that all LPD personnel act in a professional and proficient manner.

Administrative Staff

The Administrative Staff consists of one Executive Secretary and one Administrative Assistant. These two civilians maintain the daily operations of the Office of the Superintendent. In 2025, the Administrative Staff:

- Maintained the Superintendent and Deputy Superintendents' schedules.
- Maintained both civilian and sworn personnel files.
- Compiled records of all meetings attended by the Superintendent.
- Worked closely with the City Manager's Office, Law Department, and the Retirement Office to track officer incident and injury reports.
- Handled all incoming calls to the Office of the Superintendent.
- Screened potential civilian and sworn candidates for employment and conducted interviews.
- Worked with Human Relations Department on all civilian new hires.

Research and Development Unit

The LPD's Research and Development Unit is responsible for obtaining and managing all state, federal, and private grant funding. In 2025, the LPD was awarded approximately \$3.9M in grant funding. Table 2 below and Table 3 on page 7 provide a detailed breakdown of each grant received in 2025.

Grants Awarded in 2025:

Table 2: State Grants		
Grant	Award	Description
Address Verification Program	\$15,300.00	Provides funding to law enforcement agencies to verify addresses of sex offenders in their communities and ensure

		that offenders are in compliance with their registration obligations.
FY 2026 Municipal Road Safety Grant Program	\$65,000.00	Provides funding for traffic equipment and supports local law enforcement participation in traffic mobilization campaigns.
FY 2026 State 911 Department Support and Incentive Grant	\$540,496.00	Provides funding for local E-911 Communication Centers and personnel.
FY 2026 State 911 Department Training Grant	\$56,115.33	Provides funding for dispatcher training.
FY 2026 State 911 Department EMD Grant	\$10,830.55	Provides funding to support emergency medical dispatch services.
Safe and Successful Youth Initiative	\$2,320,200.00	Provides funding over a three-year period for services to support proven risk youth.
DMH Jail/Arrest Diversion Program	\$100,000.00	Provides funding to support the LPD's co-response clinicians.
Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Program - Local Law Enforcement Opportunity	\$19,600.00	Provides funding for bulletproof vests for officers in need of a replacement vest.
FY 2026 Shannon CSI	\$612,919.09	Allows the LPD to work with community partners to continue to implement a comprehensive gang prevention program.
FY 2026 Municipal Public Safety Staffing Grant	\$216,990.00	Provides funding to support public safety agencies experiencing staffing shortfalls.
Total	\$3,957,450.97	

Table 3: Private Grants		
Grant	Award	Description
Target Heroes and Helpers	\$2,500.00	Provides funding to host a holiday shopping event for underserved youth.
Total	\$2,500.00	

In addition to obtaining funding in 2025, the Research and Development Unit managed grant projects that were awarded in previous years. Below are grant program highlights from 2025.

- Senator Charles E. Shannon Community Safety Initiative: In 2025, the LPD continued to partner with other city departments and local non-profits to provide employment, recreation, and education programs for at-risk youth throughout the city. Programs offered through the Lowell Recreation Department, Lowell Public Schools, MassHire Lowell Career Center, Boys and Girls Club of Greater Lowell, YWCA of Lowell, Cambodian Mutual Assistance Association, Community Teamwork, and Strongwater Farm served over 1,000 youth in 2025. Shannon CSI grant funds also enabled LPD officers to conduct vital gang suppression activities in hot spots throughout the city.
- Massachusetts Municipal Public Safety Staffing: LPD officers scheduled over 2,000 hours of overtime to conduct patrols and participate in community policing initiatives (e.g. National Night Out).
- Connect and Protect: The Lowell Police Department continued to partner with Advocates, Inc. to send co-response clinicians to mental health-related calls. In 2025, 275 individuals were referred to the LPD's clinicians by officers. Additionally, 22 individuals were diverted from arrest, and 79 individuals were diverted from unnecessary hospital admissions. To learn more about the LPD's Co-Response Jail Diversion Program, please visit <https://lowellpolice.org/co-response-jail-diversion/>.
- Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Use Site-based Program (COSSUP): The Lowell Police Department continued to collaborate with the Lowell Health Department, Riverbend, Pridestar Trinity, EMS and other community organizations to address the opioid epidemic in the city. The Lowell Community Opioid Outreach Program (CO-OP), which is partially funded by the COSSUP grant, provides support to individuals suffering from substance use disorder. For additional information, please visit <https://www.lowellma.gov/2055/Lowell-Community-Opioid-Outreach-Program>.



Additional highlights from 2025:

- Worked with the Law Department to execute contracts for grant partners.
- Facilitated meetings between LPD and grant partners for various projects to ensure progress and proper expenditures.
- Collected data on grant-funded programs and completed monthly, quarterly, and biannual reports for funding agencies.
- Worked closely with the Finance Department to ensure all grant funding was spent in a timely and appropriate manner.
- Worked closely with academic partners to evaluate grant funded programs.
- Coordinated monthly Lowell Youth Development Collaborative (LYDC) meetings.
- Assisted with program implementation.
- Assisted with budget preparation.

- Researched best practices for law enforcement agencies.
- Coordinated the LPD's 5th annual Youth Outreach Event.
- Coordinated the LPD's 11th annual Holiday Toy Drive to benefit Lowell youth in need.
- Participated in community events (e.g. National Night Out).
- Published department newsletters.
- Managed LPD social media accounts (Facebook, Instagram, and X).
- Maintained and updated LPD website.

Operational Services Bureau

The Operational Services Bureau is overseen by a Deputy Superintendent and encompasses the entire uniformed branch of the Lowell Police Department. The Operational Services Bureau consists of three sectors: A, B, and C. The three sectors are patrolled twenty-four hours per day, seven days per week, by uniformed officers on foot and in patrol cars. The Deputy Superintendent of the Operational Services Bureau also oversees the Operational Support section of the department, which includes the Traffic Unit, Animal Control, Fleet Maintenance, Sign Shop, Special Vehicles, K-9 Unit, Motor Units, NEMLEC, Detention Attendant Section, and Detail Office.

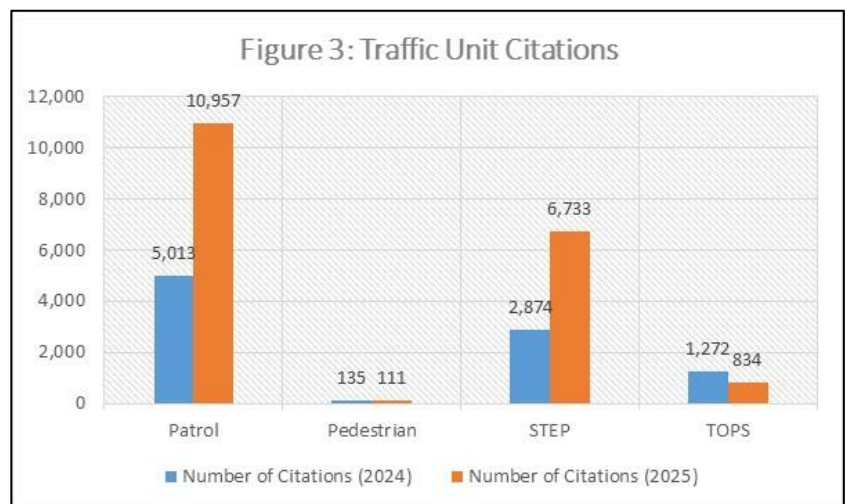
Shift Captains

The LPD has three platoons, which are broken down into late-night (Platoon 1), day (Platoon 2), and early-night shifts (Platoon 3), and are overseen by three Shift Captains on a daily basis. Each platoon also has staggered start times.

Traffic Unit

The Traffic Unit is tasked with pedestrian and motor vehicle safety throughout the City of Lowell as well as the investigation of crashes involving serious bodily injury or death.

In 2025, the LPD continued its traffic enforcement efforts and issued 18,635 citations to drivers, a 100% increase from 2024. Figure 3 provides a breakdown of the number of citations written by officers assigned to patrol, STEP (Sustained Traffic Enforcement Program), and TOPS (Traffic Occupant Protection Strategies) as well as the number of pedestrian citations issued.



Sign Shop

The LPD Sign Shop Staff are assigned to the Traffic Unit. Sign Shop Staff are responsible for maintaining and making all traffic control signs in the city. They also paint and maintain crosswalks, fire lanes, and city parking spots.

Fleet Maintenance

The LPD's fleet consists of 141 marked and unmarked vehicles. This includes a variety of specialty vehicles including, but not limited to, prisoner transport vehicles, motorcycles, and animal control vehicles. In 2025, the LPD added three marked patrol cruisers to the fleet. The department also removes vehicles from the fleet, depending on the age or condition of the vehicle. In 2025, the department removed one vehicle from its fleet.

Animal Control

The Animal Control Unit consists of three Animal Control Officers. The Animal Control Officers are responsible for responding to and investigating all calls involving animals. This includes, but is not limited to, complaints of loose dogs, barking dogs, injured animals, orphaned or sick animals, concerns of animal neglect or cruelty, and animal wellness checks. Animal Control Officers also assist the public with education on animal matters and assist with providing information on rescue shelters that can help with the placement of animals.

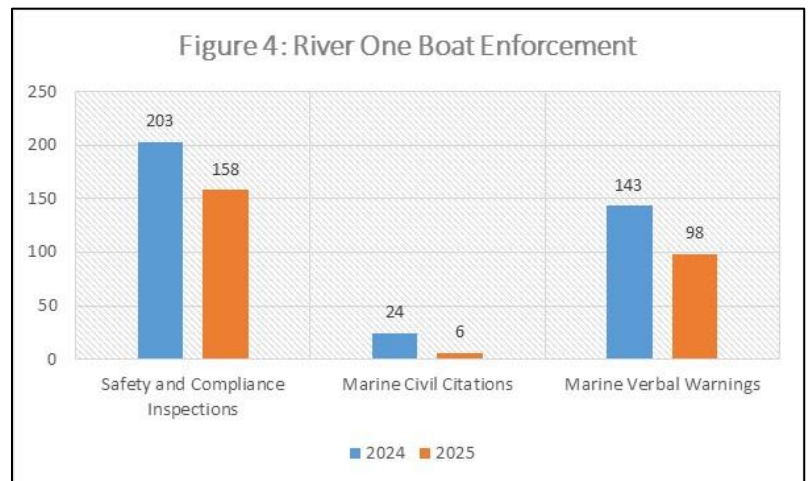
For more information on the Animal Control Unit, please visit <https://lowellpolice.org/animal-control/>. For any animal related problems, please call Lowell Police Communications (978-937-3200).

Special Vehicles

LPD Officers utilize special vehicles including the River Boat (aka "River One") and Utility Terrain Vehicles (UTVs) to support various police operations. LPD Officers utilize River One during the summer months to patrol the Merrimack River and other bodies of water that surround the City of Lowell. It is also used for water rescues and other water related initiatives.

In 2025, River Boat patrol officers:

- Conducted safety and compliance inspections, issued marine civil citations, and issued marine verbal warnings. Figure 4 provides a breakdown of the number of inspections completed and citations issued in 2024 and 2025.
- Removed 29 watercrafts from the water and/or terminated their voyage for reckless/negligent operations and/or safety violations.
- Established safety perimeter zones for various events including the S.E. Asian Water Festival, Kinetic Sculpture Race, and rowing regattas.
- Provided assistance to 4 disabled boats and 1 sinking boat.
- Responded to 3 medical calls.
- Assisted with searching for two missing individuals.
- Conducted patrols at homeless encampments along the river shoreline to address medical and public safety issues.



Officers also utilized the LPD's UTVs for motor vehicle and pedestrian control during Lowell High School opening and dismissal times and to patrol the North and South Common areas.

The UTVs were also utilized during the following events:

- Rowing Regatta Events
- S.E. Asian Water Festival
- UMass Lowell Graduation
- July 4th Fireworks
- Folk Fest
- Baystate Marathon
- Kinetic Sculpture Race
- City of Lights Parade

K-9 Unit

The K-9 Unit is a group of dedicated professionals comprised of two officers and their K-9 companions. Currently, the K-9 Unit consists of Officer Hanson and his German Shepherd named Bossi and Sergeant Bergeron and his German Shepherd named Randy. Table 4 on page 12 provides a detailed description of the K-9 Unit's activities in 2025.

Table 4: K-9 Unit Activities and Trainings in 2025			
K-9	Activities	Trainings	Other
Bossi (German Shepherd)	Article Searches: 8 Building Searches: 2 Narcotics Searches: 4 Tracks/Area Searches: 25 Apprehensions/Arrests: 4 NEMLEC Deployments (Lowell): 15 NEMLEC Deployments (other): 11	Officer Hanson and K-9 Bossi attained two certifications from the North American Police Working Dog Association.	Completed 3 School K-9 Sweeps; Conducted 5 K-9 Demonstrations
Randy (German Shepherd)	Deployments: 27 Building/Area Searches: 9 Evidence Searches: 6 Narcotics Searches: 12 Tracks: 7 Apprehensions: 2 Additional Info: Located 17g of cocaine and 1 firearm.	Sergeant Bergeron and K-9 Randy attended 24 trainings in 2025 and attained national certifications from the North American Police Working Dog Association and the International Police Working Dog Association.	Conducted 9 K-9 Demonstrations

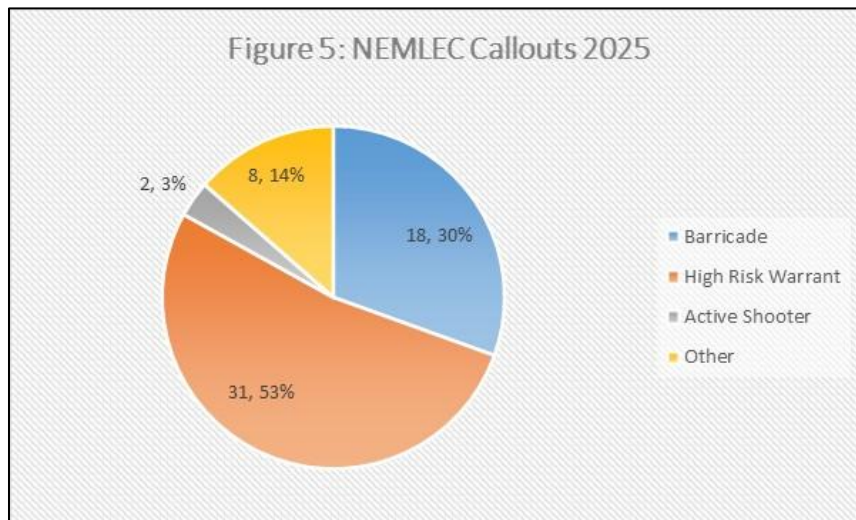
Motor Unit

The Motor Unit consists of the department's Motorcycle Unit and Northeastern Massachusetts Law Enforcement Council (NEMLEC) Motorcycle Response Unit. The department currently has seven officers and one mechanic assigned to the NEMLEC Motorcycle Response Unit. Officers assigned to the NEMLEC Motorcycle Response Unit responded to 79 callouts in 2025. Additionally, officers assigned to the LPD Motorcycle Unit:

- Conducted a two-week Basic Police Motorcycle Training. About 30 law enforcement officers from Massachusetts and New Hampshire participated in the training.
- Assisted with approximately 50 escorts and events in the city.
- Participated in the memorial ceremonies for LPD Officer George F.A. Pearsall, Officer John Joseph Winn, Officer Christos G. Rouses and Officer Patrick Leavitt.
- Provided assistance to Concord, Lexington, and Arlington with crowd control, traffic control, and escorts during their 250th Anniversary celebrations.
- Provided an overview of unit operations and conducted motorcycle demonstrations at the LPD Student Police Academy.

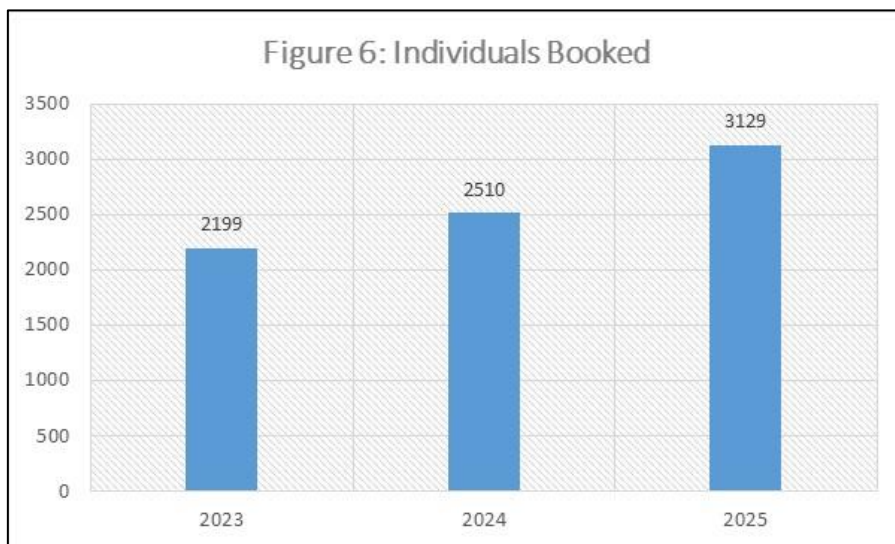
Northeastern Massachusetts Law Enforcement Council (NEMLEC)

NEMLEC is a mutual assistance organization that consists of 68 police departments in Middlesex and Essex Counties as well as the Middlesex and Essex County Sheriff's Departments. Each member commits resources to assist other agencies in order to improve law enforcement capabilities and capacities. The LPD currently has 4 sworn officers assigned to Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT), 1 sworn officer assigned to the NEMLEC Regional Response Team (RRT), and 1 sworn officer assigned to the Drone Unit. Figure 5 provides a breakdown on the types of calls NEMLEC responded to in 2025. For more information about NEMLEC, please visit <https://www.nemlec.org/>.



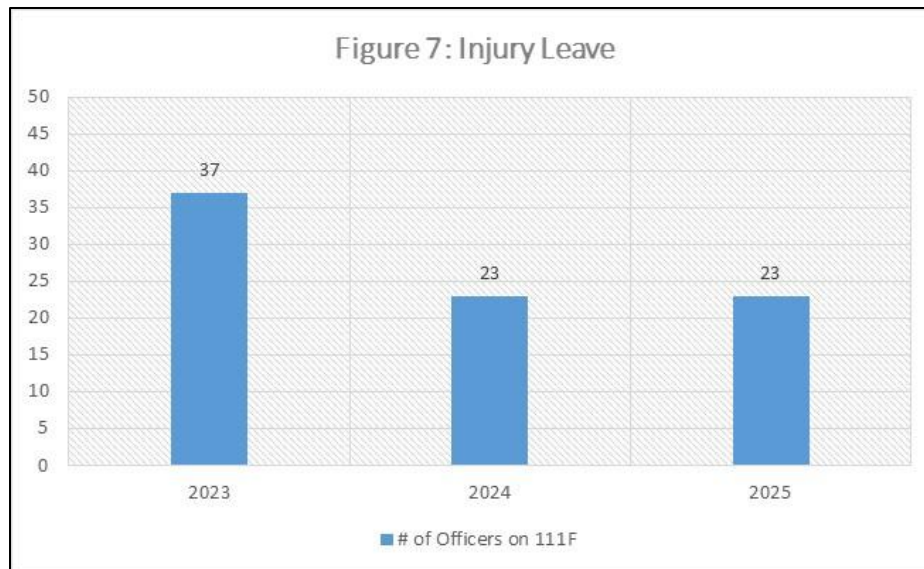
Detention Attendant Section

The Detention Attendant Section processes all offenders who are arrested in Lowell. Detention Attendants are responsible for fingerprinting, photographing, and recording a property inventory of all individuals in LPD custody. In 2025, 3,129 individuals were booked in Lowell. This represents a 24.7% increase when compared to the number of individuals booked in 2024 (2,510).



Detail Office

The Detail Office manages personal, vacation, and sick time leave and accrual for all sworn and civilian personnel. Additionally, the Detail staff maintains the schedule, daily patrol, and private detail assignments for all employees. In 2025, LPD officers worked 11,195 private details. The Detail Office also tracks the number of officers on injury leave. As shown in Figure 7 on page 14, 23 officers spent a portion of time on 111F (injury leave) in 2025.



Administrative Services Bureau

Overseen by a Deputy Superintendent, the LPD Administrative Services Bureau is responsible for all administrative services that support the day-to-day operations of the Lowell Police Department. This Bureau also includes the Accreditation Manager, Finance Department, Training and Recruitment Division, Professional Standards Division, and Administrative Services.

Accreditation

The Accreditation Manager is responsible for ensuring that all department policies are up-to-date and align with state standards. Additionally, the Accreditation Manager collaborates with internal units to ensure that department practices align with Massachusetts Police Accreditation Commission (MPAC) standards and best practices. In October 2024, the LPD successfully completed an on-site reaccreditation assessment. As a result of the reassessment, the department has been reaccredited for a three-year period and will seek reaccreditation in 2027.



Additionally, the department assisted several law enforcement agencies pursuing certification and/or accreditation from the MPAC.

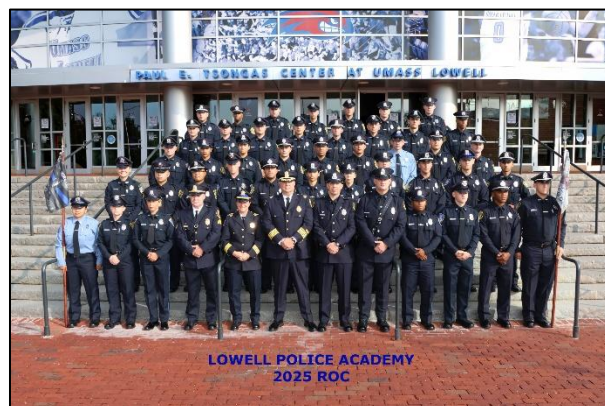
Finance Division

The Finance Division is responsible for handling all day-to-day fiscal responsibilities of the

LPD, such as the operating budget, Law Enforcement Trust Fund (LETF), special detail payments, training accounts, and grants. This department also procures equipment and supplies and processes payroll.

Training and Recruitment Division

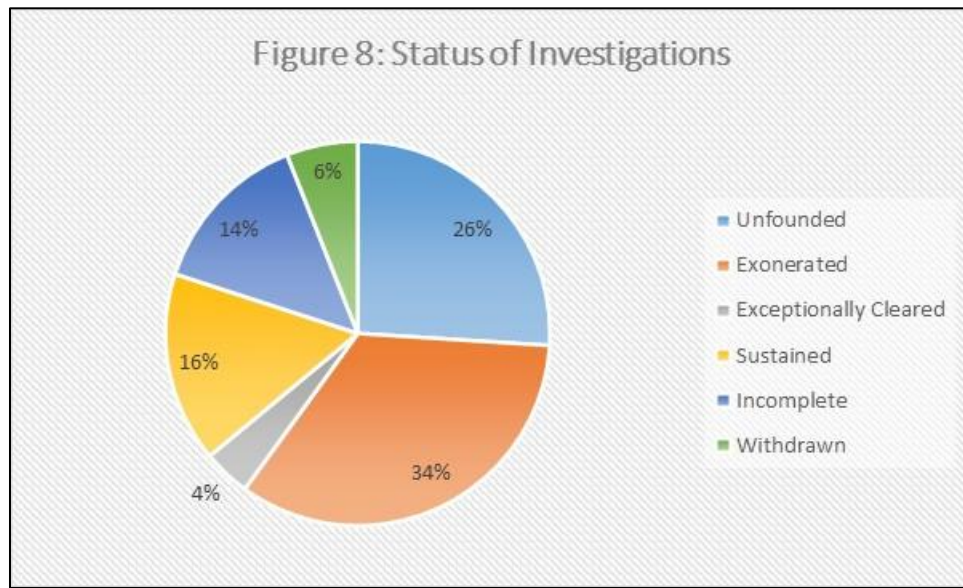
The Training and Recruitment Division is responsible for hiring and training new officers. In 2025, the LPD hosted the 29th annual Lowell Police Academy. During the academy, recruits were provided instruction on various subjects including constitutional law, criminal law, criminal investigations, firearms, and defensive tactics. They also participated in physical training and problem-oriented policing projects. Forty-two cadets graduated in this year's Academy and went on to join a wide range of police departments in the Commonwealth including: Abington, Acton, Belmont, Billerica, Dracut, Groton, Lawrence, Lowell, Massachusetts Port Authority, Malden, Natick, Revere, Sudbury, Townsend, and UMass Lowell.



In addition to training new officers, the Training Division is responsible for providing career development courses for sworn staff members. In 2025, LPD officers completed their annual in-service training and continued utilizing the department's VirTra training simulator to conduct de-escalation training. To learn more about VirTra, please visit <https://lowellpolice.org/virtra-training/>.

Professional Standards Division

The Lowell Police Department's Professional Standards Division is responsible for investigating all allegations of misconduct against employees of the LPD. All allegations of employee misconduct are thoroughly investigated through an impartial examination of information in order to protect the employee, the department, and the public. In 2025, the Professional Standards Division conducted 50 investigations against 58 officers and/or civilians. As shown in Figure 8 on page 16, 60% of the complaints were either unfounded (13) or exonerated (17). The remaining 40% of complaints were sustained (8), incomplete (7), withdrawn (3), or exceptionally cleared (2).



In addition to investigating allegations of misconduct against LPD employees, the Professional Standards Division also tracks use of force reports. Use of force reports are filed by LPD Officers that employ lethal force or less lethal force involving a less than lethal force tool during their course of duty. In 2025, 312 incidents of use of force were reported, which is a 4% decrease from 2024 (325).

Public Safety Management Information Systems (MIS)/Facilities

The Public Safety MIS Unit is responsible for maintaining 400 computers, tablets (cruiser and officer assigned), 45 servers, printers, the Access Control System, as well as cell phones for the Police and Fire Departments. In addition, this unit is responsible for the Public Safety Radio Network for Police and Fire, which includes the radio network infrastructure, dispatcher center, mobiles, and portables.

Firearms and Licensing

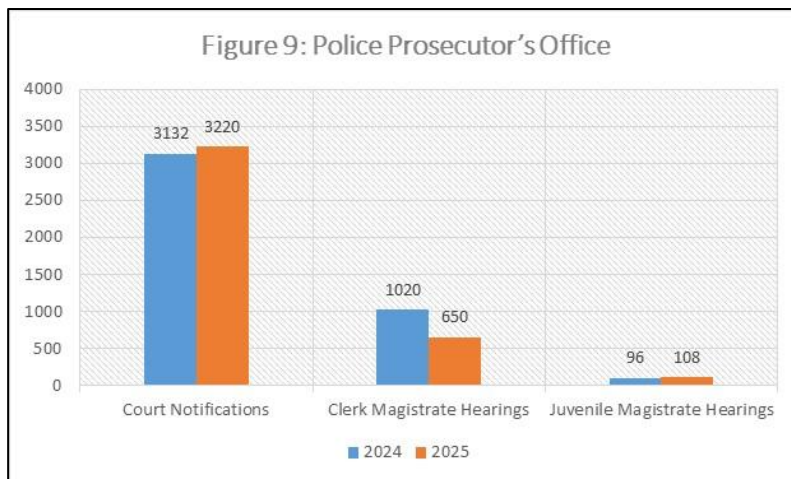
The Firearms and Licensing detective is responsible for issuing temporary and permanent licenses for firearms permits, firearm identification cards (FID), as well as taxi and livery licenses. In 2025, the detective processed 576 new or renewal firearm licenses¹ and 17 firearms identification cards (FIDs).² For information on how to obtain a firearms license or firearms identification card in Lowell, please visit <https://lowellpolice.org/firearms-license/>.

¹ License to Carry (LTC) allows for the purchase, possession, transportation, and carrying of all large- and non-large-capacity handguns, rifles, shotguns, and feeding devices, as well as ammunition.

² Firearms Identification Card (FID) allows for the purchase, possession, and transportation of non-large-capacity rifles, shotguns, and ammunition.

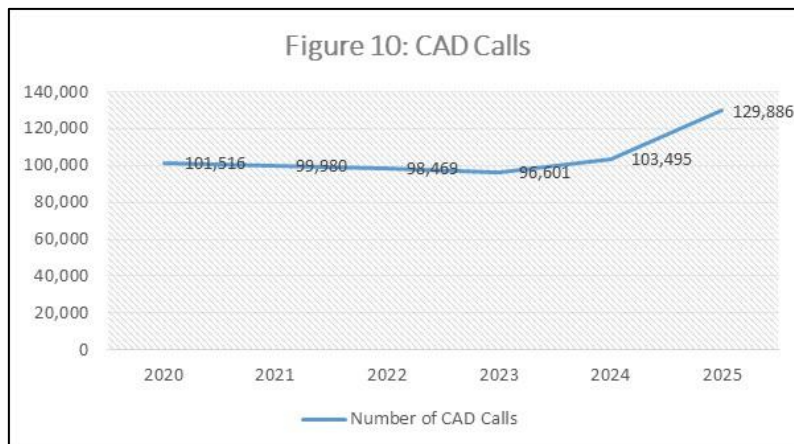
Police Prosecutor's Office

The Police Prosecutor is responsible for preparing all court documents. The Sergeant attends pre-trial conferences and hearings, issues court notifications and cancellations, and screens all requests for warrants, summonses, and hearings. The Police Prosecutor and officer assigned to the Courts also provide security on an as-needed basis. Figure 9 provides a breakdown of the number of juvenile magistrate hearings, clerk magistrate hearings, and court notifications in 2024 and 2025.



Communications/E-911

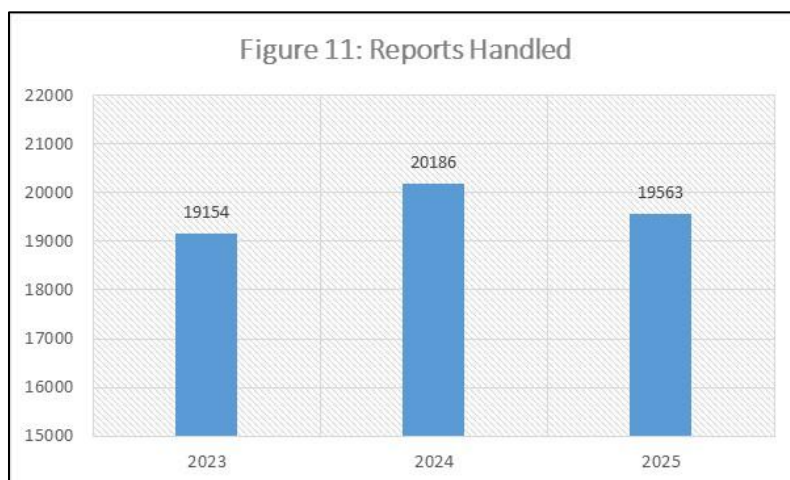
The E-911 Communications Center is responsible for answering and dispatching all 911 calls for service for police, fire, emergency medical services, as well as all non-emergency calls for both police and fire departments. In 2025, LPD dispatchers logged 129,886 Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) calls, a 25% increase from 2024.³ Additionally, dispatchers processed all requests from officers on the streets, including warrant checks, tow requests, and all Registry of Motor Vehicle inquiries.



³ Large increase due to an increase in proactive policing calls (e.g. community meetings, directed patrols, field interviews, foot patrols, home visits, property checks, and traffic enforcement).

Records

The Records Division is responsible for handling all incident reports, subpoenas, and accident reports. They collect, organize, input, and maintain all written reports, including arrests, incidents, missing persons, and stolen motor vehicles. The Records Division is also responsible for restraining orders and any other court ordered legal paperwork. In 2025, the Records Division handled approximately 19,563 reports, which is a 3% decrease from the number of reports handled in 2024.



Body-Worn Camera Unit

The Body-Worn Camera (BWC) Unit is responsible for overseeing the department's BWC program, maintaining equipment and software, and assisting with public records requests related to BWCs. Officers utilizing BWCs recorded 109,208 videos in 2025, a 34% increase from 2024. This included accidental (1,573), test/training (187), and case related videos/photographs (107,448). The BWC also received 86 public records requests. Of the 86 requests, approximately 49% were completed. The remaining 51% of requests were not completed due to pending fees (15%), lack of related footage (16%), or the records requests were denied (20%).

Support Services Bureau

Overseen by a Deputy Superintendent, the LPD Support Services Bureau is responsible for overseeing the investigative services branch of the department. This includes the Criminal Investigations Section, Evidence Section, Gang Unit, Special Investigations Section, Taskforces, Family Services Unit, Neighborhood Response Unit, and Crime Analysis and Intelligence Unit. The Youth Services Program, School Resource Officers, and Crossing Guards are also part of the Support Services Bureau.

Criminal Investigations Section

The Criminal Investigations Section is responsible for investigating all serious crimes, such as homicides, kidnappings, armed robberies, and violent assaults. In 2025, members of the Criminal Investigations Section conducted 495 investigations, which is about a 1% decrease compared to 2024. Table 5 shows the number of investigations by crime.

Table 5: Criminal Investigations Section 2023 - 2025 Investigations	2023	2024	2025	Frequency Change 2024-2025	% Change 2024-2025
Homicide	2	5	3	-2	-40%
Assault	122	141	125	-16	-11%
Robbery	37	32	21	-11	-34%
Indecent Assault & Battery	18	13	17	4	31%
Rape	36	21	13	-8	-38%
Larceny	55	63	103	40	63%
Breaking & Entering (Residential and Commercial)	47	42	36	-6	-14%
Threats/Intimidation	6	4	8	4	100%
Forgery/Counterfeit	3	2	3	1	50%
Arson	18	8	6	-2	-25%
Home Invasion	8	3	1	-2	-67%
Carjacks	2	2	1	-1	-50%
Firearms Violations	77	49	41	-8	-16%
Death Investigations	87	113	117	4	4%
Total	518	498	495	-3	-1%

Evidence Section

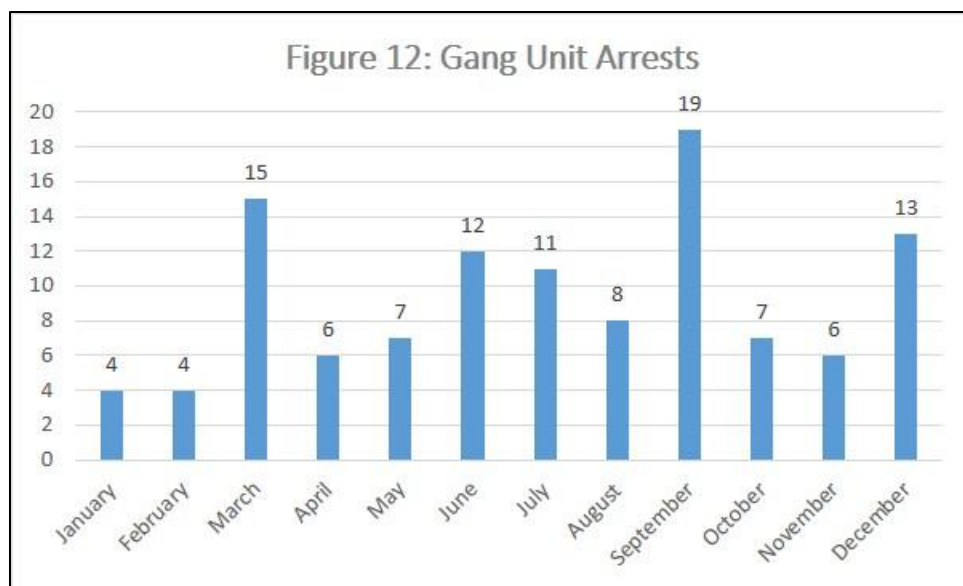
Members of the Evidence Section are responsible for maintaining the chain of custody of all evidence recovered by the LPD. Throughout the year, the Evidence Section responded to crime scenes to recover evidence and examine latent fingerprints, take photographs, and process any other evidence for it to be submitted to the State Police Lab. 2,438 pieces of evidence were submitted to the Evidence Section in 2025. Additionally:

- 1,157 pieces of drug evidence were logged, and 447 pieces were sent to the Massachusetts State Police Lab.
- 129 pieces of ballistic evidence were logged, and 78 pieces were sent to the Massachusetts State Police Lab.
- 69 pieces of evidence (non-drug or firearm) were sent to the Massachusetts State Police Lab.

Gang Unit

The Gang Unit is responsible for monitoring gang activity in the city. Officers in this unit also assist patrol by filling routes when sectors have limited officers available, serving search warrants, and assisting in large-scale investigations.

In 2025, LPD Gang Unit Officers continued to saturate known gang hot spot locations with additional patrols in an effort to minimize gang and youth violence in the city. While conducting patrols, members of the Gang Unit made 112 arrests. Figure 12 below provides a breakdown of the number of arrests by month.



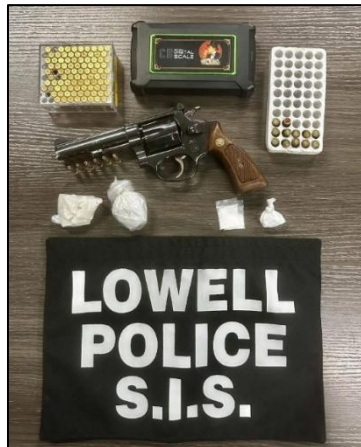
Special Investigations Section

The Special Investigations Section is responsible for enforcement of all narcotics, gaming, and vice-related crimes within the City of Lowell. In 2025, the Special Investigations Section made 184 arrests.

Additional Highlights from 2025:

- Members of the LPD Special Investigations Section (SIS) and Neighborhood Response Unit (NRU) as well as the Massachusetts State Police Special Investigations Unit executed a search warrant in the Lower Highlands neighborhood that resulted in the seizure of cocaine, crack cocaine, prescription pills, and cash.
- Members of the LPD Special Investigations Section (SIS) and Warrant Unit as well as the Massachusetts State Police Gang Unit conducted an operation in the South Common area, which resulted in 11 arrests.

- LPD Special Investigations Section (SIS) Detectives, with the assistance of NEMLEC SWAT, executed a search warrant in the Lower Belvidere neighborhood. The search warrant resulted in the seizure of three firearms, five large capacity magazines, a gun cleaning kit, 96 counterfeit Oxycodone pills, two end tied bags of crack cocaine, \$3,759 in cash, and additional items associated with manufacturing/distributing narcotics.
- Detectives from the LPD Special Investigations Section, with assistance from NEMLEC SWAT, executed a search warrant in the Pawtucketville neighborhood. As a result of the search warrant, 14.5 grams of crack cocaine, 1.3 grams of cocaine, a digital scale, baggies, a cutting agent, a loaded firearm, and additional ammunition were seized.
- Members of SIS conducted an investigation in the area of Appleton Street. As a result of the investigation, detectives seized 19 grams of fentanyl, 2.1 grams of crack cocaine, a fixed-blade knife, and a strip of Suboxone from an adult male.



Taskforces

The Lowell Police Department works with its local, state, and federal law enforcement partners in an ongoing effort to address those individuals and organizations responsible for serious crimes in the City of Lowell. The LPD assigns officers to various task forces with these partners on both a short- and long-term basis.

In 2025, FBI Taskforce members continued to address terrorism threats through the FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force. As a result of their investigations, the FBI Task Force seized 22,000 counterfeit Adderall pills containing a mixture of methamphetamine, 270 grams of cocaine, 230 grams of crack cocaine, 8 grams of MDMA, 44 grams of counterfeit pills containing fentanyl, 26 grams of fentanyl, and 330 grams of mushrooms (psilocybin). In addition to narcotics, the FBI Task Force seized about \$30,000 cash and 31 firearms. The FBI Task Force also continued to investigate the Asian Boyz gang in 2025 and seized more

than 57,000 Adderall pills containing over 18 kilograms of methamphetamine from gang members. The investigations conducted by the task force in 2025 led to 10 federal arrests and 1 indictment.

The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) New England Field Division Cross Border Initiative (CBI)/ Task Force 4 (TF4) conducted several investigations throughout 2025. As a result of these investigations, the CBI Task Force made 45 arrests. Additionally, 2.77 kilograms of cocaine, 24.60 kilograms of fentanyl, 58,985 fentanyl pills, 13.79 kilograms of methamphetamine, and \$252,356 (cash and assets) were seized.

The DEA New England Field Division Financial Investigations Group (FIG) seized \$859,627 during their investigations in 2025. Additionally, members of this task force seized 57 kilograms of cocaine, 3 kilograms of fentanyl, one firearm, and one vehicle. The task force also made 34 arrests in 2025.

Family Services Unit

The Family Services Unit is responsible for investigating child abuse cases, crimes against the elderly, missing and runaway youth, domestic violence cases and sexual assaults. Members of this unit also work closely with Alternative House and other organizations to provide support and assistance to victims of domestic violence and their families. For information about resources available to victims of domestic violence, please visit <https://lowellpolice.org/family-services/>.

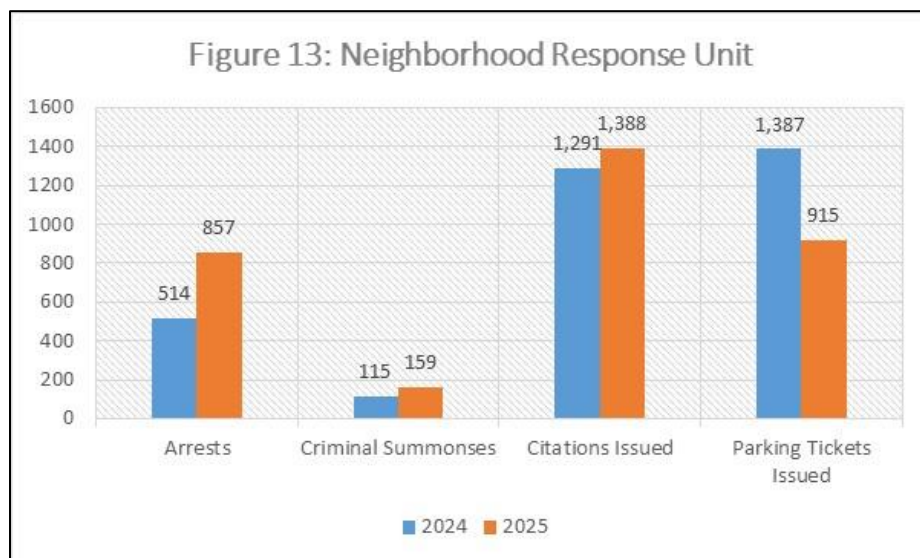
Neighborhood Response Unit

The Neighborhood Response Unit serves as the primary liaison to neighborhood and community groups as well as businesses and nonprofits. In 2025, members of the Neighborhood Response Unit:

- Addressed 620 neighborhood issues.
- Assisted Patrol 1,272 times.
- Conducted follow-up investigations on numerous retail larceny/shoplifting incidents resulting in charges on 37 individuals.
- Conducted follow-up investigations on numerous B&E Motor Vehicle incidents resulting in criminal charges on 19 individuals.
- Conducted high visibility patrols at the Bishop Markham Housing Complex, which resulted in 290 arrests.
- Coordinated efforts with property owners/landlords to address quality of life issues, including drug use and trespassing.

- Coordinated with the Parks Department and Department of Public Works for cleanup of Jackson/Appleton/Middlesex Streets as well as the Back Central and South Common areas.
- Coordinated with the Lowell Health Department, Community Opioid Outreach Program (CO-OP Team), Lowell Transitional Living Center (LTLC) and several other outreach agencies to address ongoing homelessness issues.
- Conducted Bicycle Safety Operations targeting unsafe bike operation by youths in the Downtown and Centralville neighborhoods.
- Assisted Traffic Division with Traffic Enforcement at several locations in the city.

Figure 13 below provides a breakdown of the number of arrests made by the NRU in 2024 and 2025 as well as criminal summonses, citations, and parking tickets issued.



Crime Analysis and Intelligence Unit

The Crime Analysis and Intelligence Unit (CAIU) is responsible for collecting, tracking, and analyzing all crime data from the City of Lowell. They use data to identify crime trends, locate hot spots, and uncover the underlying drivers of crime in the city. They also create intelligence bulletins on topics such as gangs, domestic violence, and officer safety information, which are disseminated throughout the department. In 2025, the Crime Analysis and Intelligence Unit also:

- Provided intelligence for on-going investigations/criminal apprehension.
- Continued to work with the New England Organized Retail Crime Association.
- Participated in a retail crime task force hosted by the Middlesex District Attorney's Office.

- Completed National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) training for all Crime Analysts and managed NIBRS data for the department.
- Created an online crime dashboard for interested individuals to view crime statistics in the city. To view the dashboard, please visit <https://lowellpolice.org/crime-data/>.
- Provided information and crime data to LPD's Neighborhood Response Unit.
- Provided data for grants and quarterly reports.
- Provided data and information for City Council motions.
- Attended the Massachusetts Association of Crime Analysts conference.

Youth Services Program

The Lowell Police Youth Services Program seeks to create opportunities for all city youth to participate in free after school activities, athletics, and other ventures that emphasize health and wellness, while also experiencing positive interactions with police officers. Below are highlights from the LPD Youth Services Program in 2025.

- Continued to offer a boxing program for Lowell youth between the ages of 10 and 18.
- Partnered with Lowell Housing Authority to bring 77 youth bowling at Bowlero in Lowell during February vacation.
- Partnered with Lowell Housing Authority to host gaming nights for youth. Youth played Mario Kart, Minecraft, UFC, Super Mario Deluxe, Fortnite, and other games on the Nintendo Switch and PlayStation 5.
- Collaborated with Police Activities League (PAL) of Massachusetts to bring youth from the LPD Youth Services Boxing Program to a Celtics game in April.
- Partnered with Lowell Public Schools, UMass Lowell, and the Afro-American Community Collaborative to host a basketball clinic for students in grades 5-8 during April vacation.
- Collaborated with Lowell Public Schools to host a flag football program in May.
- Collaborated with Lowell Public Schools to host a soccer tournament for middle school students in June.
- Partnered with Strongwater Farm in Tewksbury, MA to offer a horseback riding program to 58 youth in the summer.
- Partnered with the Officer Sean A. Collier Memorial Fund, Department of Conservation and Recreation, and Massachusetts State Police to host a Learn to Swim Program at the North Common pool. Approximately 70 youth ages 6-16 participated in the LPD's 2025 Learn to Swim Program.
- Partnered with Lowell Housing Authority to host 3x3 basketball games on Wednesday nights in the summer. Games were held at the Moody Street Playground, North Common, and Mulligan Park.
- Partnered with Lowell Housing Authority to bring Lowell youth ages 12-18 to Canobie

Lake Park on July 16th.

- Launched a new summer program (Fitness in the Park) for Lowell youth ages 10-18.
- Collaborated with Lowell Public Schools, Lowell Recreation, Merrimack Valley Flag Football League, Afro-American Community Collaborative, and the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration to host a three-day flag football clinic for middle school students and high school girls in August.
- Partnered with Lowell Recreation, Merrimack Valley Flag Football League, and the Afro-American Community Collaborative to host a flag football neighborhood challenge league for 106 youth throughout the month of October.
- Partnered with Lowell Public Schools to host holiday movie nights throughout the month of December.
- Hosted Friday basketball open gym nights at the Holy Trinity Polish Church in the winter.



School Resource Officers (SROs)

LPD School Resource Officers work in Lowell Public Schools to ensure the safety of students. The SROs also work with the Youth Services Program to offer a variety of extracurricular activities to youth and run the LPD Student Police Academy. The Student Police Academy is a three-week summer program for students in grades 5-8. Youth attending the program learn about gangs, bullying, the dangers of drugs and alcohol, internet safety, and CPR and first aid. In 2025, approximately 200 youth completed the LPD's 27th Student Police Academy.

Advisory Bodies

Citizen Advisory Committee

The mission of the Citizen Advisory Committee is to enhance the police department's ability to respond to the needs of the community. Members of the Citizen Advisory Committee are responsible for assisting in community outreach efforts, promoting public awareness of the City's police services and soliciting public input regarding these services, providing community feedback, and reviewing and making recommendations concerning other matters that may be referred to the Committee. To learn more about the Citizen Advisory Committee, please visit www.lowellpolice.org/citizens-advisory-committee/.

Events and Programs

Light It Up Blue & Autism Awareness Event

The Lowell Police Department recognized World Autism Awareness Day by participating in the Light It Up Blue campaign on Wednesday, April 2nd. Officers participating in the campaign pulled over to the side of the road and activated the lights in their cruisers for 60 seconds. The Lowell Police Department also hosted an Autism Awareness and Acceptance event at the Lowell Senior Center. The LPD would like to thank all of the community organizations that attended the event, including but not limited to ABA Centers of America, Cambodian Mutual Assistance Association, Wayside Youth & Family Support Network, Thom Anne Sullivan Center, Cardinal O'Connell Early Learning Center, and the Lowell Recreation Department.



Citizens Police Academy

The Lowell Police Department hosted a Citizens Police Academy in the spring of 2025 for Lowell residents ages 18+. Participants attending the academy learned about a variety of topics including the history of the Lowell Police Department, traffic enforcement, criminal investigations, internal affairs, and the Youth Services Program. The Citizens Police Academy is an excellent opportunity for residents to learn more about their local law enforcement department. It also allows the LPD to increase transparency and build trust



with members of the community. To learn more about the LPD Citizens Police Academy, please visit <https://lowellpolice.org/citizens-police-academy/>.

National Night Out

National Night Out was held on Tuesday, August 5th at the North Common Amphitheater and Morey Elementary School. The Lowell Police Department set up informational tables at both locations, which were staffed by sworn and civilian staff members. Officers also participated in games with community members and distributed food. The department would like to thank all of its community partners for another successful National Night Out!

Youth Outreach Event

On September 17th, the LPD hosted its fifth annual Youth Outreach Event. Youth and their families were invited to JFK Plaza to play carnival games, video games, and explore law enforcement vehicles. This event was an excellent opportunity for youth to meet local law enforcement officers and ask questions. The department would like to thank the Massachusetts State Police, NEMLEC, Middlesex Sheriff's Office, UMass Lowell Police, Lowell National Parks Law Enforcement Rangers, and Lowell Fire Department for participating in the event. The Lowell Police Department would also like to thank the Lowell Police Association and Lowell Police Superior Officers Association for donating raffles to the event.



Toy Drive

The Lowell Police Department hosted its 11th annual Holiday Toy Drive in 2025. Thanks to generous donations from residents and businesses in the community, the department was able to collect hundreds of toys. The department coordinated with Lowell Public School social workers to distribute the toys to Lowell youth and families in need.



Target Heroes & Helpers Program

The LPD, through the Greater Lowell Community Foundation, received \$2,500 in grant funding from the 2025 Target Heroes and Helpers Program as well as a \$7,500 donation from the Police Activities League (PAL) of Massachusetts. Funding from the Heroes and Helpers grant program and PAL of Massachusetts was utilized to take 100 Lowell youth holiday shopping at the Target located in Lowell. Lowell Police Department Officers as well as members from the Massachusetts State Police, Lowell Fire Department, Pridestar Trinity EMS, and Middlesex District Attorney's Office volunteered to assist youth with their holiday shopping.



Lowell Police Department Personnel Changes

Twenty individuals were appointed to the Lowell Police Department in 2025. Congratulations to the following officers:

*Katterina Arevalo
Joao Bettencourt-Freitas
Drew Blodgett
Ralph Celidor
Kevin Destin
James DiGiovanni
Charles Emerson
Derek Golner
Areej Jameel
Bryan Janeczko*

*Peter Leighton
Saro Mann
Arisleidy Moreno-Batista
Tony Ngeth
Elizabeth O'Brien
Liam Phillips
Brandy Rowbotham
Matthew Smith
Justin Villanueva
Benjamin Zaim*

Nine officers received a promotion in 2025. Congratulations to the following officers:

*Kerri Bomil
Nathan Bowler
Michael Camara
Ryan Coyle
David Lavoie*

*Brian McManus
Jose Ramirez
Guillermo Rojas
Timothy Whalen*

Ten officers retired from the Lowell Police Department in 2025. Congratulations to the following officers:

*Steven Coyle
John Cullen
Felix Figueroa
Francisco Maldonado Jr.
Jerome Moore*

*Danny Perrin, Sr.
Donald Philippe
David Quirbach
Ronald Reid
Thomas Richardson*

Dedication

The 2025 Annual Report is dedicated to those officers who paid the ultimate sacrifice while serving and protecting the citizens of Lowell.

Patrick F. Leavitt
12/18/1941



George F. Pearsall
4/24/1957



John J. Winn
5/3/1971



Christos G. Rouses
11/17/1978





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