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THE CHIEF'S CORNER

Official Newsletter of the Lowell Police Department

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.

Announcements and Updates

Promotions:

Congratulations to the following officers on their recent promotions: Lieutenant J. Velez, Sergeant B. Rourke, and Sergeant A. Sepe.

Scams:

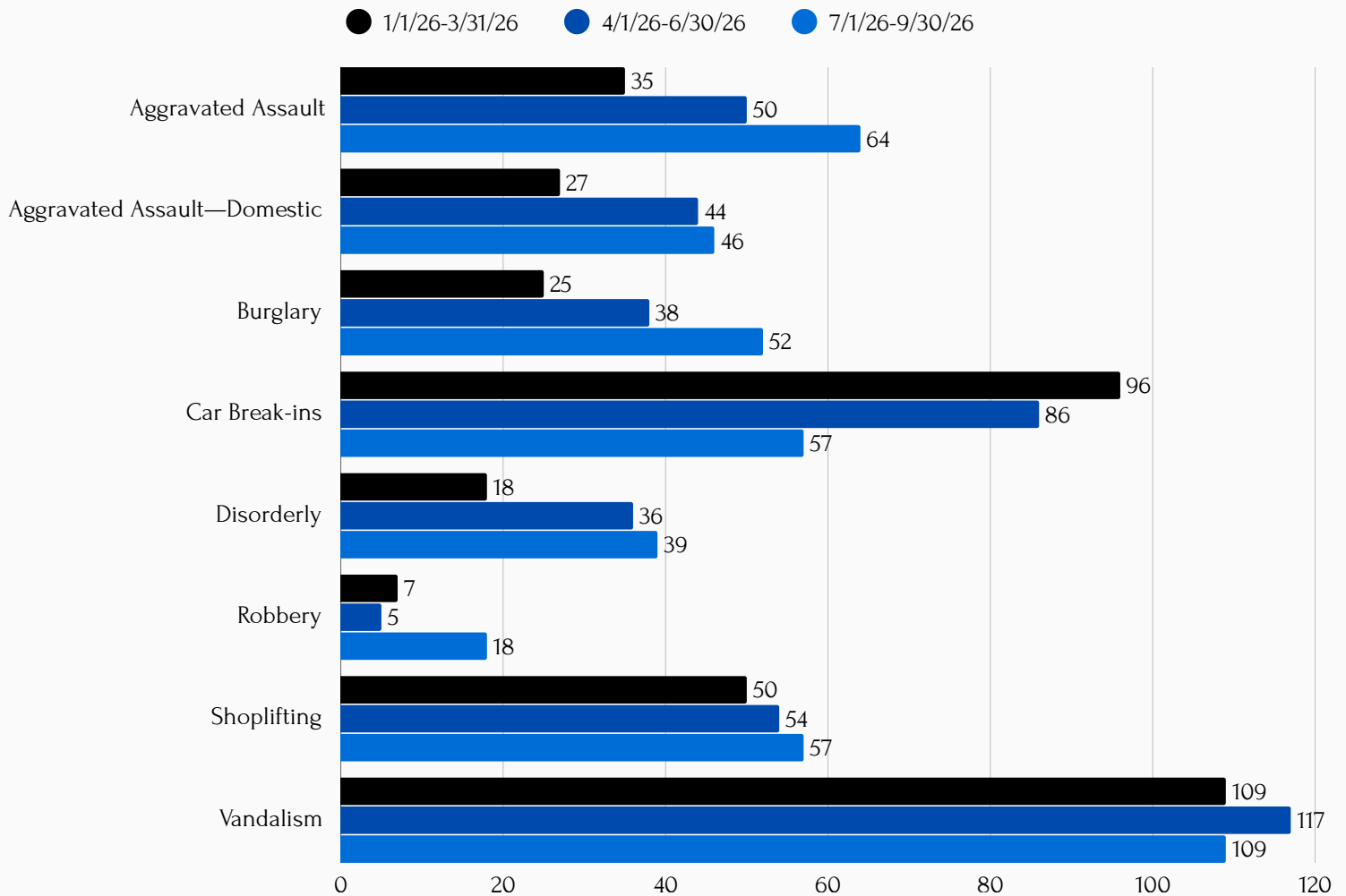
The LPD would like to remind residents to be vigilant of scams. The LPD encourages residents not to give away personally identifiable information to unknown callers and to delete unsolicited text messages. For more information on how to avoid identity theft and scams, please visit <https://lowellpolice.org/crime-prevention/>.

Package Theft Prevention:

As the holiday season approaches, the LPD would like to recommend the following tips to help prevent package thefts: use delivery services with signature confirmation, have packages delivered to a lockbox or consider holding your packages at the local Post Office or UPS/FedEx location until you are able to pick them up, take advantage of "Ship-to-Store" options when available, or choose a delivery day so you can ensure someone is home to receive packages (if possible). If you have packages stolen, please report it to the LPD at 978-937-3200. As always, in an emergency, please call 9-1-1.



Crime Statistics



LPD Youth Services - Summer 2026

The LPD Youth Services Program offered a variety of programs to Lowell youth throughout the summer. Approximately 200 youth in grades 5-8 completed the LPD's annual Student Police Academy. This three-week summer program is led by LPD School Resource Officers and covers a variety of topics including CPR and first aid, internet safety, bullying prevention, and the dangers of drugs and alcohol.

In addition to the Student Police Academy, the LPD Youth Services Program provided swim lessons at the Raymond Lord Memorial Swimming Pool. Youth participating in the program were enrolled in one of three classes, depending on their skill set. About 75 youth successfully completed the two-week session and earned a certificate.



LPD Youth Services - Summer 2026 (cont.)

The LPD continued partnering with Strongwater Farm located in Tewksbury, MA to provide a therapeutic horsemanship program to 46 Lowell youth between the ages of 10 and 16. Youth attending the program had the opportunity to learn about basic equine care, lead horses, and ride horses.



The LPD continued to partner with the Lowell Housing Authority to host pickup basketball games for youth ages 12-20. Additionally, the LPD hosted a three-day flag football clinic in August for Lowell youth in grades 5-8 and high school girls. The clinic concluded with a cookout, made possible by a generous food donation from All People Church - Lowell.



While summer may be over, the Youth Services Program continues to provide free programs for Lowell youth. To learn more about current programs, please email lpdyouthservices@lowellma.gov or visit <https://lowellpolice.org/youth-services/>.

LPD Youth Outreach Event

The LPD hosted its 6th annual Youth Outreach Event on Wednesday, September 16th. Youth attending the event met local police officers, explored law enforcement vehicles, and played carnival games. Prestige Cuts Barbershop also offered free haircuts to interested youth. The LPD would like to thank the Massachusetts State Police, Northeastern Massachusetts Law Enforcement Council (NEMLEC), Lowell National Historic Park Law Enforcement Rangers, and UMass Lowell Police Department for participating in the event. The department would also like to thank the Lowell Police Superior Officers Association and Lowell Police Association, Inc. for generously donating raffles to the event.



Upcoming Events

- MonsterBash is scheduled for Saturday, October 24th. For more information, please visit <https://www.likelowell.com/monsterbash>.
- Residents are invited to join the LPD at neighborhood meetings throughout the year to discuss crime and other neighborhood issues. To view meeting times and locations, please visit <https://lowellpolice.org/events/>.
- The LPD will begin collecting new, unused, and unwrapped toys for its annual Holiday Toy Drive in November. Please stay tuned for additional information.