

2021

Fall River Police Department  
Annual Report



Interim Chief Paul Gauvin

## Joseph “Joe” Torres

November 25, 1959 – December 5, 2021



The 2021 Fall River Police Department Year End Report is dedicated to Joseph “Joe” Torres. Joe was a member of the department serving as a dispatcher for 28 years and sadly lost his battle with cancer in December. Over the course of his career, Joe received many commendations and citizen awards most recently receiving two letters of commendation in October of 2021.

The Fall River Police Department 2021 Year-End Report is also dedicated to all of the men and women who have given their lives while in service of their communities.

In 2021, there were 523 police officers killed in the line of duty throughout the United States. This is up from 387 officers killed in the line of duty in 2020. Massachusetts had four line of duty deaths in 2021. We recognize these officers for making the ultimate sacrifice.



Detective Sergeant Stephen R Desfosses  
Norton Police Department  
End of Watch: Wednesday, January 13, 2021



Officer Enmanuel Familia  
Worcester Police Department  
End of Watch: Friday, June 4, 2021



K9 Kitt  
Braintree Police Department  
End of Watch: Friday, June 4, 2021



Detective Michael J Dion  
Chicopee Police Department  
End of Watch: Wednesday, November 10, 2021

\*Statistics and facts gathered from the Officer Down Memorial Page (odmp.org)

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## Awards & Recognitions

### Swearing In Ceremony

In October of 2021, an awards and recognition ceremony was held. During this ceremony, the following officers were sworn in:

Officer Richard P. Aguiar Jr.  
Officer Brandon Antone  
Officer Samuel Chace  
Officer Corey J. Dolan  
Officer Lauren Fiola  
Officer Cheyenne J. Fortin  
Officer Domingas Gomes  
Officer Ethan Kurowski  
Officer Nicholas A. Mello  
Officer Jesse Narcizo

Officer Garrett Nelson  
Officer Mark Norman  
Officer Damra Pao  
Officer Kyle Raposo  
Officer Walter Siberon  
Officer Lindsey Santos  
Officer Darian Smith  
Officer Michael Sullivan  
Officer Mitchell Walsh



### Promotions

The following officers were promoted in 2021:

Captain Barden Castro  
Captain Jay Huard  
Lieutenant Kelly Furtado  
Lieutenant David Murphy

Sergeant Jeffrey Autote  
Sergeant David Delvalle  
Sergeant Matthew Mendes  
Sergeant Athanasios Parousis

## Retirements

The following 2021 retirees were honored for their many years of dedication to the FRPD:

Deputy Chief Wayne Furtado – 35 Years	Sergeant William Martel – 26 Years
Captain Joseph Cabral – 33 Years	Officer William Lynch – 30 Years
Lieutenant Paul Bernier – 39 Years	Officer Jared Mooney – 16 Years
Sergeant Joseph Castro – 32 Years	Officer Michael Perreira – 31 Years
Sergeant Darlene Martel – 35 Years	Officer James Riley – 39 Years
Sergeant Gregory Bell – 28 Years	Civilian Jayne Nowell – 33 Years

## Commendation Bars

A Commendation Bar Award is issued to an employee who have received three Letters of Commendation or Unit Awards. The following officers received a commendation bar:

Captain Joseph Cabral, Retired	Sergeant Raymond Morrissette
Sergeant Joseph Castro, Retired (2 Stars)	Detective Dwaine T. Cabeceiras (2 Stars)
Sergeant Luis Duarte (1 Star)	Detective Joshua Robillard
Sergeant Gary Furtado, Retired	Officer David M. St Laurent (1 Star)
Sergeant Nicholas Magan	Detective Michael Tetrault
Sergeant Thomas G. Mauretti	

## Police Achievement Awards

Lieutenant James T. Hoar	Detective Gary E. Barboza
Sergeant Raymond P. Morrissette	

## Non-Sworn Employee of the Year

The non-sworn Employee of the Year is awarded to the individual who has consistently displayed qualities of effectiveness, courtesy, teamwork, efficiency, productivity and flexibility in meeting police department goals and in responsiveness to employee and citizen needs. The non-sworn Employee of the Year for 2021 was:

Animal Control Officer Cynthia Berard-Cadima

## Lifesaving Awards

The Lifesaving Award may be awarded to any employee directly responsible for the saving of a human life. It may also be presented to an employee whose actions prolonged a human life to the extent of the victim being released to the care of medical authorities, even though the victim might pass away at a later time. In these situations, there was no risk to the lifesavers. The following officers received the lifesaving award:

Sergeant Brian Cabral  
Officer Marc Correia  
Officer Nicholas M. Hoar  
Officer Daniel A. Mello  
Officer Francisco M. Reis  
Officer Michael J. Silvia Jr.  
Officer Aaron Souza



## Letters of Commendation

The Letter of Commendation is conferred in recognition of an employee's exceptional police service or actions above and beyond the call of duty with evidence of selfless conduct by the employee. Such conduct may be based on an individual act or a series of actions. An employee may have taken it upon themselves to perform in a manner not required or expected, is unusual in nature and shows initiative or accomplishment, which has served as a credit to the department, or has resulted in improved methods, operations or cost savings for the department. The following officers and civilian employees of the police department received a letter of commendation:

Lieutenant Gil N. Costa  
Detective Lieutenant Gregory Wiley  
Sergeant Gregory Bell, Retired  
Sergeant Luis Duarte (2)  
Sergeant James M. Machado  
Sergeant Nicholas Magan  
Sergeant Darlene Martel, Retired  
Sergeant Thomas G. Mauretti  
Sergeant John McDonald  
Sergeant Raymond Morrissette  
Detective Richard Aguiar  
Officer Derek Amaral  
Officer Wendell A. Burks, Retired  
Detective Dwaine T. Cabeceiras  
Detective Brian Cabral  
Officer Bryan J. Custadio  
Detective Nicholas Custadio

Detective Lawrence D. Ferreira  
Officer David L. Gouveia  
Detective David V. Lafleur  
Officer Jeffrey R. Maher  
Officer Brendan McNerney  
Officer Norbert Pacheco  
Officer Michael Pavao  
Detective Moses Pereira  
Officer Frank M. Reis III  
Detective Joshua Robillard  
Officer David M. StLaurent  
Detective Michael T. Tetrault  
Officer Christopher Teves  
Detective Luis M. Vertentes  
Officer Brandon Wixon  
Emergency Dispatcher Ronald H. Gagnon  
Emergency Dispatcher Joseph Torres (2)

## Mission Statement

The mission of the Fall River Police Department is to reduce crime and enhance the quality of life for all, through a partnership with its citizens.

## Core Values

Service: We will strive to meet the needs of our citizens

Pride: It is our goal that the community will be proud of their police as we are proud to serve

Commitment: To the partnership that exists between the police and the community



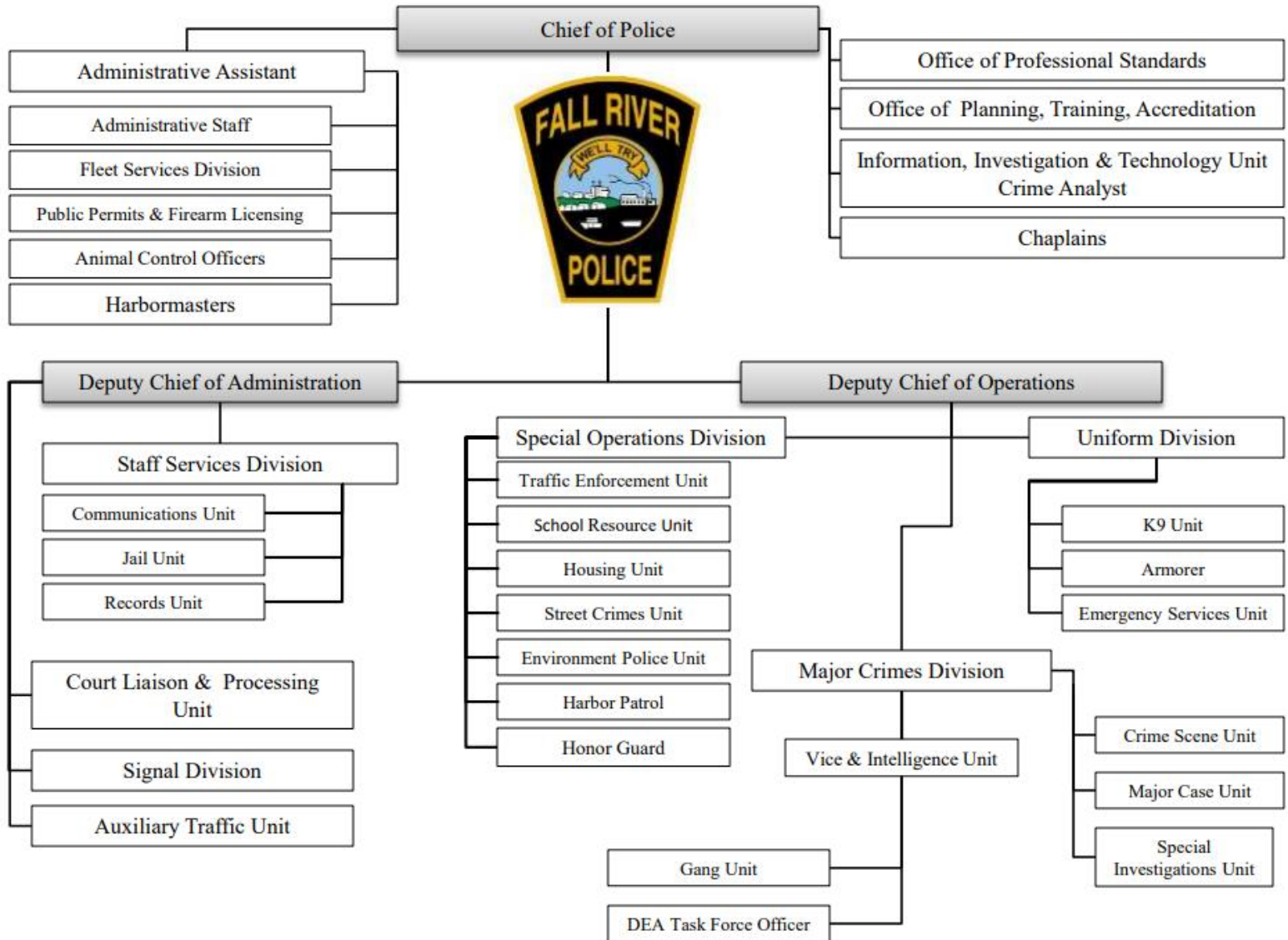
## Introduction

The Fall River Police Department has the enviable distinction of being one of the oldest police departments in the country. Our long and proud tradition dates back to 1854, when the first constable hit the streets to begin his tour of duty. For over 165 years, the people of Fall River have entrusted us to police the community. Our officers believe in integrity, professionalism, and selfless service.

Contained in this document is the 2021 year-end crime report for the Fall River Police Department.



# Organizational Chart



## Accreditation



In August of 2005, the Fall River Police Department started the process of becoming a certified and accredited law enforcement agency. The FRPD had its eyes on certification and accreditation by the Massachusetts Police Accreditation Commission (MPAC) and national accreditation by the Commission of Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). The process of becoming an accredited agency is to meet and maintain standards that have been established by and for the profession.

The first step that the FRPD took was to become certified by the MPAC. The department invited independent assessors from the MPAC to review the department policies and procedures. Based on the MPAC's findings and the department as a whole, the FRPD was awarded certification from the MPAC in December of 2006. At that time the FRPD was the largest department to be awarded certification status.

After receiving certification status, the FRPD strived to receive accreditation status. The department had to comply with over 400 standards to be given the honor of being accredited which was given to the FRPD in June of 2007. The accreditation status is given to a department for a period of three years. Every three years the department has reapplied for accreditation status and been given the honor each time.

In November of 2009 the FRPD was given the highest accreditation, national accreditation. CALEA gives department's accreditation status for a period of three years and after that the department has to reapply. There are approximately 18,000 police departments in the United States and of those, there are only 756 law enforcement agencies accredited by CALEA. The FRPD is the largest municipal police agency in New England to obtain accreditation from CALEA.

The FRPD was re-accredited by both the MPAC and CALEA in 2019. The department will be up for re-accreditation again by both CALEA and MPAC in 2022. The department underwent an assessment by the MPAC in February of 2022. We are anxiously awaiting the results and findings from that assessment.



## Overview of 2021 Part A Crimes

Part A crimes fall into two categories: violent and property. Violent part A crimes consist of: murder, rape, robbery and aggravated assault. Property part A crimes are: burglary, larceny, motor vehicle theft and arson. The following is a breakdown of Fall River's part A crimes committed in 2021 as compared to part A crimes committed in 2020.

In 2021, there were 2,274 part A crimes committed in Fall River which is an increase from 2,243 part A crimes committed in 2020. This represents a 1.38% increase in part A crimes from 2020 to 2021. Violent crimes showed an increase of 20.36% whereas property crimes showed a decrease of 6.75%.

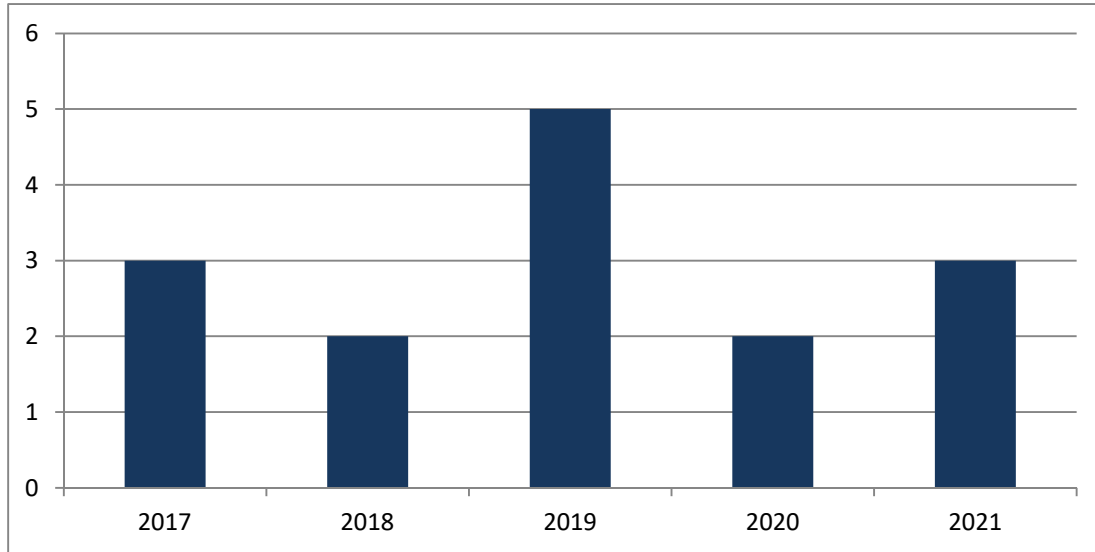
Crime	2020	2021	% Change
<b>Violent:</b>	<b>673</b>	<b>810</b>	<b>+20.36%</b>
Murder	2	3	+50.00%
Rape	41	43	+4.88%
Robbery	88	92	+4.55%
Aggravated Assault	542	672	+23.99%
<b>Property:</b>	<b>1,570</b>	<b>1,464</b>	<b>-6.75%</b>
Burglary	456	494	+8.33%
Larceny	892	837	-6.17%
Motor Vehicle Theft	190	120	-36.84%
Arson	32	13	-59.38%
<b>Total:</b>	<b>2,243</b>	<b>2,274</b>	<b>+1.38%</b>





## Murder

In 2021, the Fall River Police Department conducted two homicide investigations (one investigation was a double homicide). In both cases, arrests were made and murder charges were filed. The following is a chart that depicts the murder rate for the last five years:

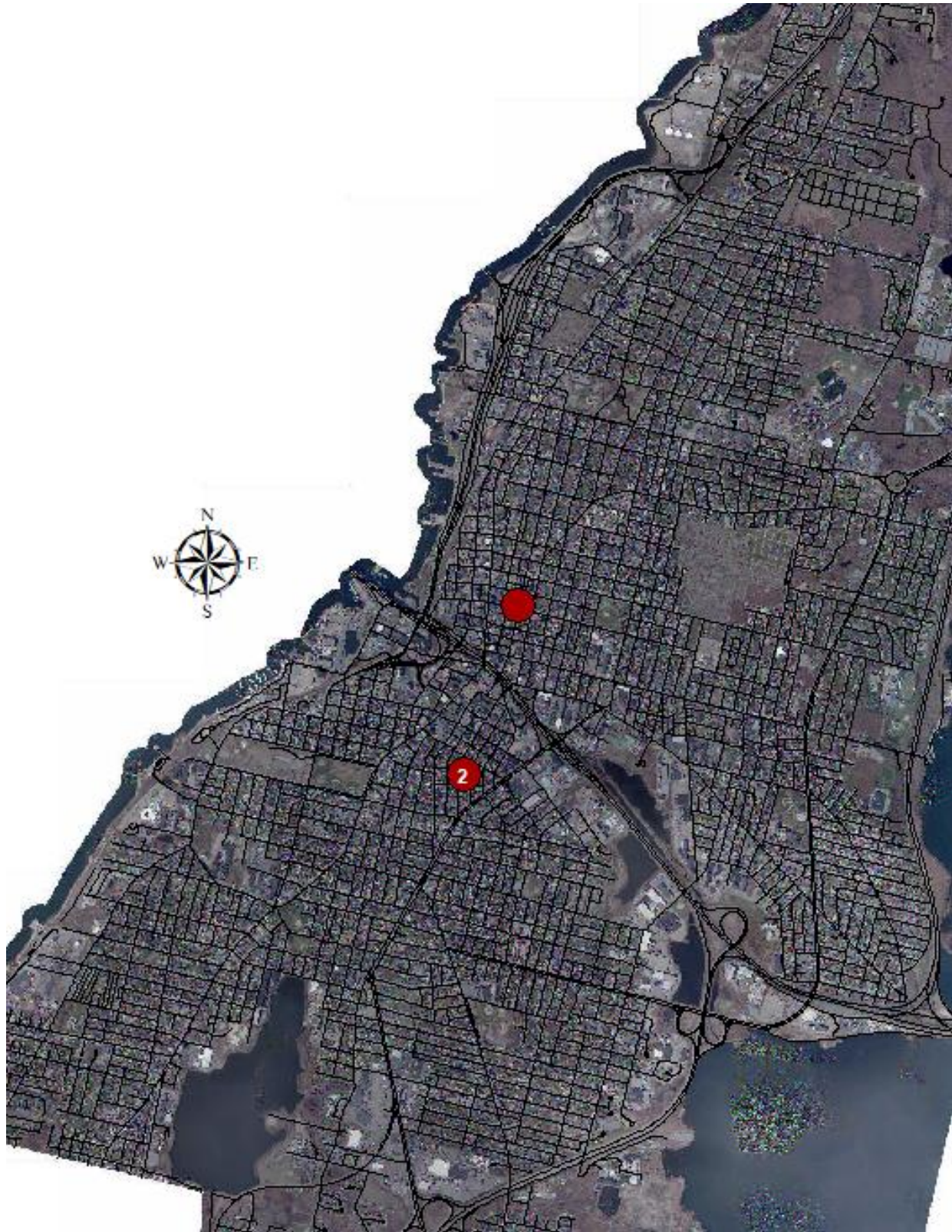


## Murder Weapons

	Month	Weapon
2020		
	January	Knife
	May	Firearm
2021		
	May (2)	Firearm (2)
	October	Firearm

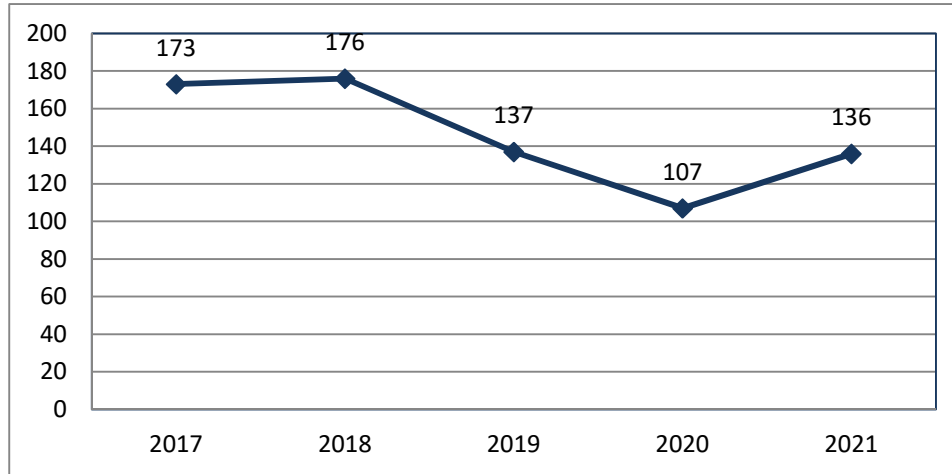


# 2021 Murder Map



## Sexual Assault

In 2021, the Fall River Police Department responded to 136 calls for service regarding sexual assault(s) which is an increase from 2020 by 27.10%. The following is a chart depicting the increase of sexual assault calls over the last five years.



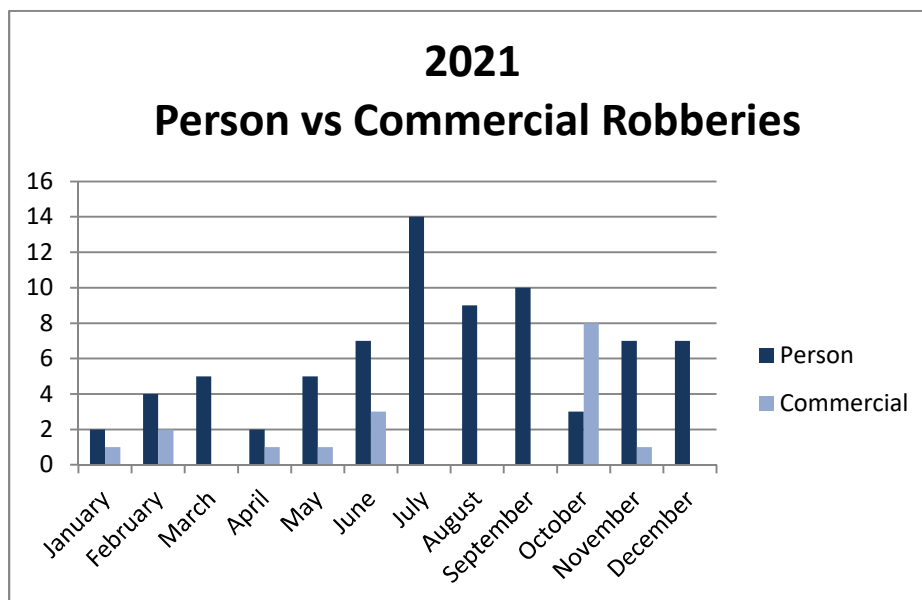
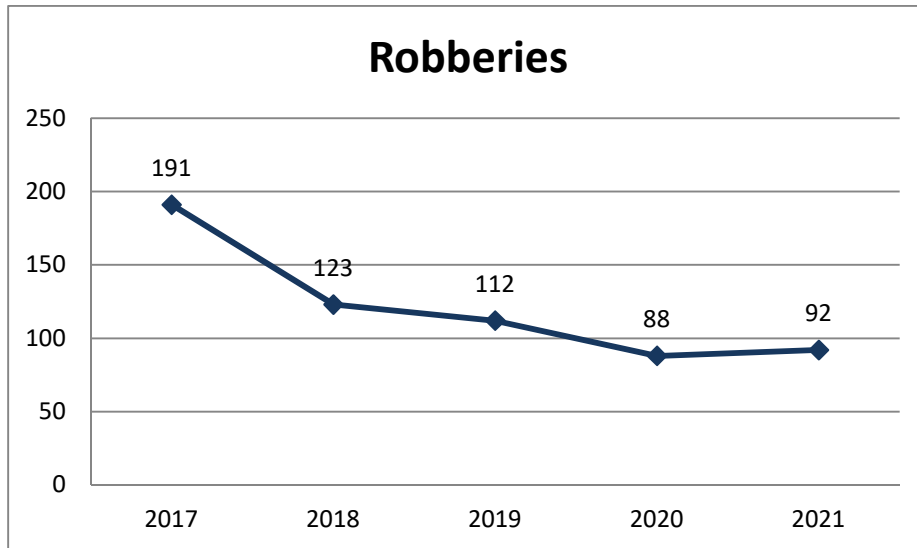
Since 2017, sexual assault calls for service have decreased by 21.39%.



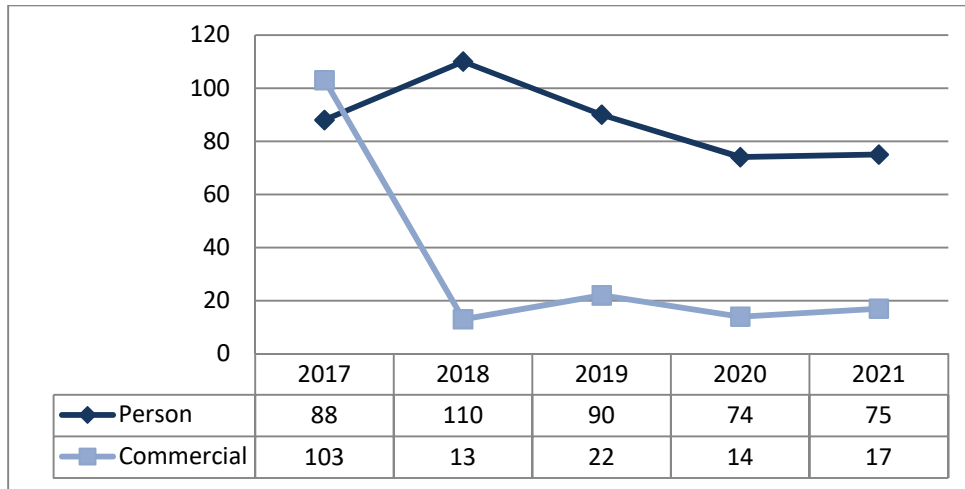
## Robbery

In 2021, the Fall River Police Department investigated 92 robberies. This represents a 4.55% increase from 2020. Of the 92 robberies, there were 75 where the robbery committed was person to person and there were 17 robberies of a commercial business. 53 robberies were committed while armed and 39 were committed while unarmed. This represents an increase of 17.78% in armed robberies and a decrease of 9.30% in unarmed robberies when compared to 2020. Since 2017, robberies have decreased by 51.83%.

Most of the person on person robberies that happen in the city occur as a result of drug transactions.



The following is a chart depicting the change of person on person and commercial robberies between 2017 and 2021.



Commercial robberies occur in banks, convenience stores, gas stations, restaurants, as well as other businesses.

The following is a breakdown of the different weapons used during the armed robberies of 2021. The top two weapons used by suspects in armed robberies were knives and firearms. The total number of weapons used is higher than the number of armed robberies because multiple weapons can be used during the commission of an armed robbery.

Type	Total
Knife	29
Firearm	19
Other	5
Unknown	3
Baseball Bat	1
Shod Foot	1
Pepper Spray	1

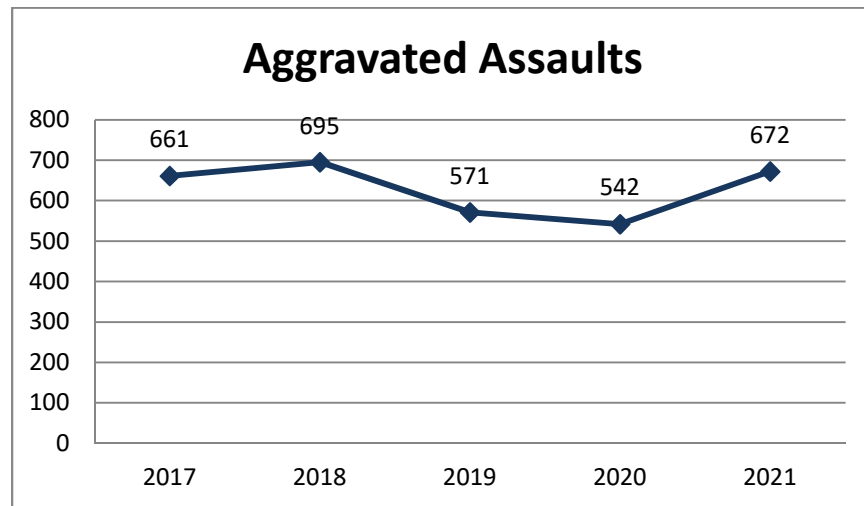
# 2021 Robbery Map



## Assault

In 2021, the Fall River Police Department responded to 672 incidents that resulted in at least one aggravated assault charge. The distinction between a simple assault and aggravated assault is that an aggravated assault is a felonious assault that includes at least one of the following elements: causes bodily injury, is committed upon another who is pregnant (defendant has knowledge of the pregnancy), is committed upon another who the defendant knows has an outstanding vacate, restraining or no contact order or there is a weapon used. This represents a 23.99% increase from 2020. The following is a chart depicting the total number of aggravated assaults for 2017-2021.

2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
661	695	571	542	672



The following table depicts the total number of assaults (simple and aggravated) that were committed each month. The table also breaks down how many of the assaults were aggravated and how many of the aggravated assaults were results of domestic violence.

	Total Assaults	Aggravated	% of Total - Aggravated	Aggravated & Domestic	% of Total - Aggravated & Domestic	% of Aggravated - Aggravated & Domestic
January	101	57	56.44%	34	33.66%	59.65%
February	101	40	39.60%	24	23.76%	60.00%
March	114	55	48.25%	23	20.18%	41.82%
April	133	53	39.85%	33	24.81%	62.26%
May	132	68	51.52%	38	28.79%	55.88%
June	140	73	52.14%	35	25.00%	47.95%
July	151	60	39.74%	33	21.85%	55.00%
August	133	54	40.60%	19	28.57%	35.19%
September	140	30	21.43%	15	10.71%	50.00%
October	134	44	32.84%	18	13.43%	40.91%
November	144	64	44.44%	37	25.69%	57.81%
December	160	74	46.2%	29	18.13%	39.19%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,583</b>	<b>672</b>	<b>42.45%</b>	<b>338</b>	<b>21.35%</b>	<b>50.30%</b>



The table at the bottom of the previous page shows that 42.45% of all assaults include at least one aggravated assault charge. This is a ratio of 672 aggravated assaults to a total of 1,583 total assaults. This table also shows that of the total assaults, 21.35% are both aggravated assaults as well as charges resulting from a domestic disturbance. Of the total aggravated assaults (672), 338 are both aggravated and domestic (50.30% of aggravated assaults).

The following is a table depicting the total number of assaults (simple and aggravated) by day of the week and time of day. \*NOTE: There are two assaults that are not in the table below due to the date of the incident being unknown. This will result in the overall total of assaults at the bottom of the last page not matching the overall total of assaults below.

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Totals
0000-0059	13	10	7	11	8	9	8	66
0100-0159	10	7	7	5	4	6	10	49
0200-0259	9	3	4	3	6	5	12	42
0300-0359	8	1	4	4	0	3	9	29
0400-0459	6	1	2	3	1	5	6	24
0500-0559	2	1	1	2	2	3	3	14
0600-0659	2	4	2	6	3	4	6	27
0700-0759	4	5	7	3	6	6	3	34
0800-0859	2	10	4	5	13	6	3	43
0900-0959	6	19	12	11	10	7	7	72
1000-1059	9	9	13	9	8	9	8	65
1100-1159	8	6	13	8	17	6	1	59
1200-1259	11	9	7	11	16	9	8	71
1300-1359	9	12	11	6	15	13	12	78
1400-1459	6	9	12	10	7	9	12	65
1500-1559	13	13	10	8	8	7	15	74
1600-1659	13	13	17	8	12	15	12	90
1700-1759	8	14	13	14	15	9	12	5
1800-1859	17	8	17	15	14	19	9	99
1900-1959	16	15	19	13	13	15	15	106
2000-2059	22	10	10	13	15	16	17	103
2100-2159	21	14	8	6	11	15	15	90
2200-2259	17	5	5	9	16	19	14	85
2300-2359	6	14	4	12	13	17	16	82
<b>Totals</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>1552</b>

\*There are 31 assaults with an unknown time of occurrence that are not represented in the above table.

Most common day of week (highest to lowest):

Sunday – Thursday & Saturday – Friday – Monday – Tuesday – Wednesday

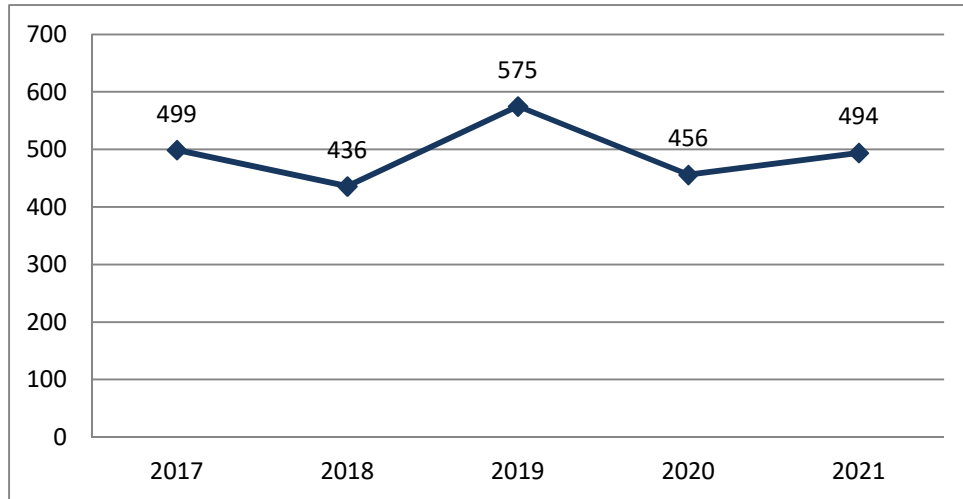
Most common hour (top 7 – highest to lowest):

1900 – 2000 – 1800 – 1600 & 2100 – 1700 & 2200

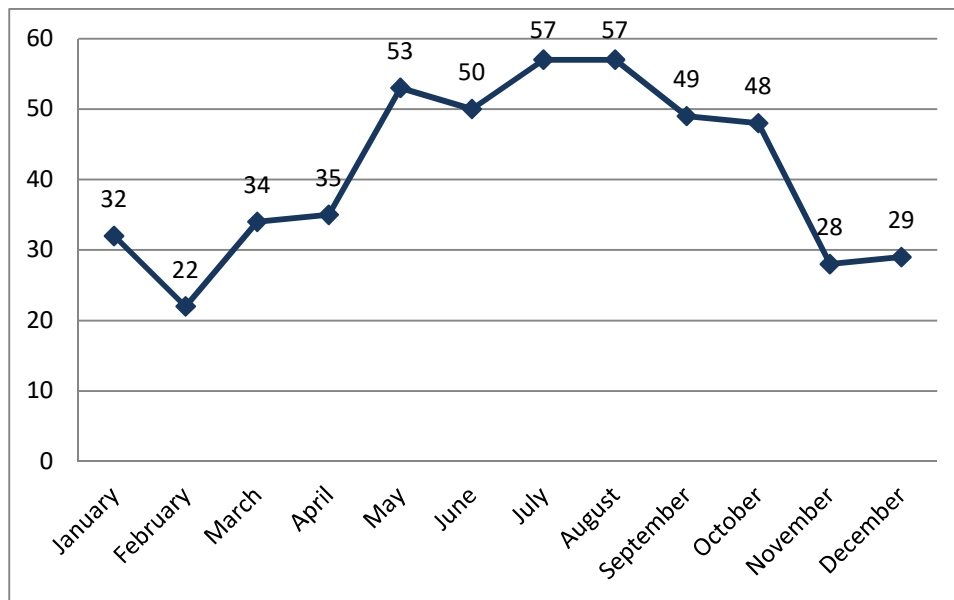
## Burglary

In 2021, the Fall River Police Department investigated 494 burglaries which is a 8.33% increase from 2020.

From 2017 to 2021, burglaries have gone down 1.00%.



The following is a chart depicting burglaries by month.



The following is a monthly breakdown of burglaries by type of location targeted. These locations will be categorized as:

- ) Vehicle – Every day vehicles, Trailers, Campers, Boats
- ) Residence – Home, Apartment, Garage, Shed, Mailbox, Porch, Lockbox, Yard
- ) Commercial – Any commercial location

	Total	Vehicle	Residence	Commercial
January	32	18	11	3
February	22	6	10	6
March	34	14	19	1
April	35	14	17	4
May	53	31	14	8
June	50	22	26	2
July	57	37	17	3
August	57	35	19	3
September	49	22	23	4
October	48	18	21	9
November	28	16	7	5
December	29	13	9	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>494</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>55</b>

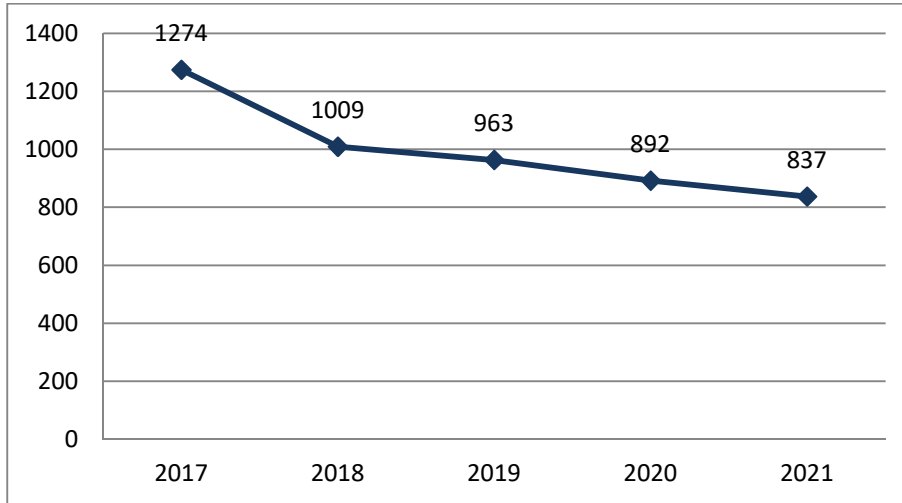
This table shows the following:

- ) Top three highest months for all burglaries – July & August – May
- ) Top three highest months for vehicle burglaries – July – August – May
- ) Top three highest months for residential burglaries – June – September – October
- ) Top three highest months for commercial burglaries – October – May – December

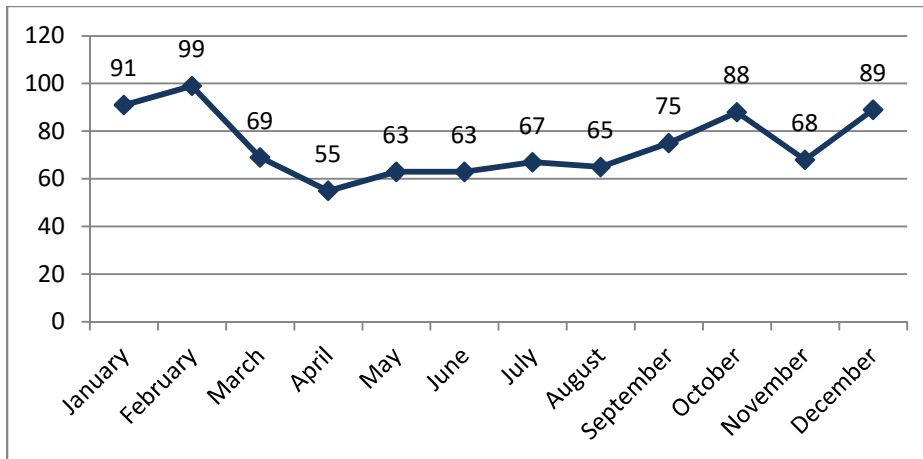


## Larceny

Over the last five years the rate of larcenies has continually decreased. From 2020, larcenies have decreased 6.17%. The following chart depicts larcenies since 2017:



The following is a chart depicting 2021 larcenies by month.



The following is a monthly breakdown of larcenies by type of location targeted during 2021. These locations will be categorized as:

- ) Vehicle – Every day vehicles, Trailers, Campers, Boats
- ) Residence – Home, Apartment, Garage, Shed, Mailbox, Porch, Lockbox, Yard
- ) Commercial – Any commercial location

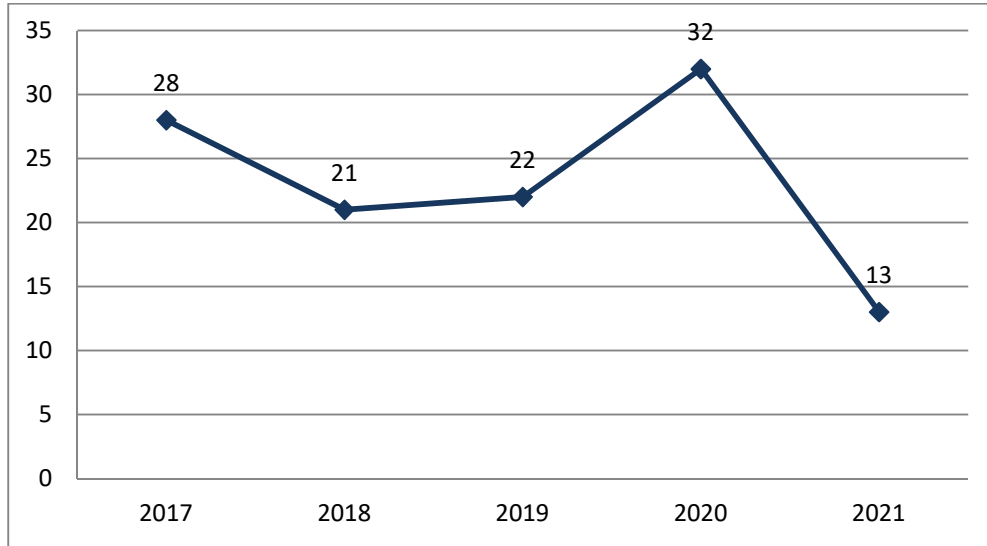
	Total	Vehicle	Residence	Commercial	Person
January	66	26	11	17	12
February	56	14	14	10	18
March	67	28	19	6	14
April	67	20	23	12	12
May	81	40	13	18	10
June	59	27	18	7	7
July	88	41	14	6	27
August	91	39	22	12	18
September	74	29	15	14	16
October	62	22	18	16	6
November	70	26	11	17	16
December	56	19	16	12	9
<b>Total</b>	<b>837</b>	<b>331</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>165</b>

This table shows the following:

- ) Top three highest months for all larcenies – August – July – May
- ) Top three highest months for vehicle larcenies – July – May – August
- ) Top three highest months for residential larcenies – April – August – March
- ) Top three highest months for commercial larcenies – May – January & November - October
- ) Top three highest months for person larcenies – July – February & August – September & November

## Arson

In 2021, there were a total of 13 incidents that resulted in at least one arson charge. This represents a 59.38% decrease from 2020.



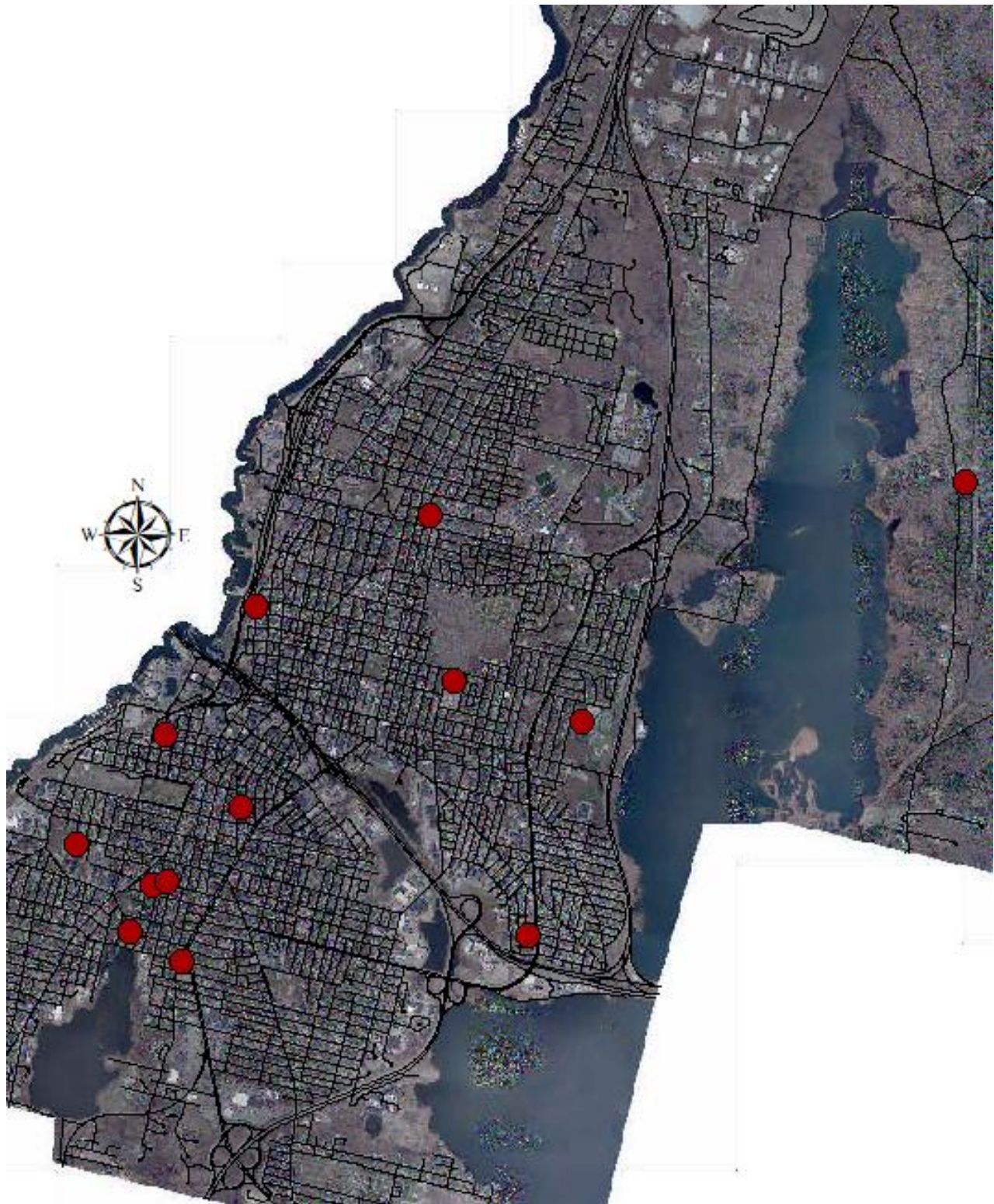
	2020	2021	% Change
Sunday	1	2	+100.00%
Monday	5	1	-80.00%
Tuesday	4	4	0.00%
Wednesday	6	0	-100.00%
Thursday	7	3	-57.14%
Friday	5	2	-60.00%
Saturday	4	0	-100.00%
Unknown/Range	0	1	+100.00%
Totals	32	13	-59.38%

The following is a chart depicting arsons by time of day.

Time	2020 Total	2021 Total	% Change	Time	2020 Total	2021 Total	% Change	Time	2020 Total	2021 Total	% Change
0000-0059	3	0	-100.00%	0800-0859	3	1	-66.67%	1600-1659	2	0	-100.00%
0100-0159	3	0	-100.00%	0900-0959	0	0	0.00%	1700-1759	0	1	+100.00%
0200-0259	2	0	-100.00%	1000-1059	2	1	-50.00%	1800-1859	3	1	-66.67%
0300-0359	0	0	0.00%	1100-1159	0	0	0.00%	1900-1959	0	1	+100.00%
0400-0459	2	0	-100.00%	1200-1259	2	1	-50.00%	2000-2059	2	2	0.00%
0500-0559	1	0	-100.00%	1300-1359	0	0	0.00%	2100-2159	0	0	0.00%
0600-0659	0	0	0.00%	1400-1459	0	0	0.00%	2200-2259	1	1	0.00%
0700-0759	0	0	0.00%	1500-1559	2	0	-100.00%	2300-2359	4	3	-25.00%

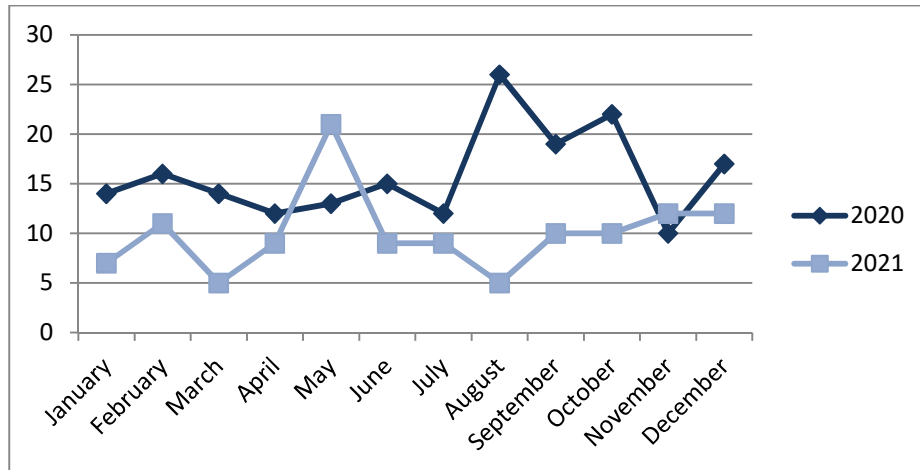
There is one arson incident that does not have a definitive “occurred at” time. This incident is not included in the above breakdown.

# 2021 Arson Map



## Motor Vehicle Theft

In 2021, the Fall River Police Department responded to 120 calls for service regarding a motor vehicle theft. 2021 motor vehicle thefts have decreased from 2020 by 36.84%. The following is a chart showing the rate of motor vehicle theft in Fall River by month compared to last year.



The following is a table showing motor vehicle theft over the last five years.

2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
247	221	164	190	120

There are two charges that encompass motor vehicle (MV) theft – Larceny of a MV and Use of a MV without authority. In 2021, there were a total of 107 charges of larceny of a motor vehicle and 13 charges of use of a motor vehicle without authority. Below there is a breakdown of total MV thefts, larceny of a motor vehicle, and use of a motor vehicle without authority by month.

	Total MV Thefts	Total – Larceny of a MV	% of Total – Larceny of a MV	Total – Use of a MV w/o Authority	% of Total – Use of a MV w/o Authority
January	7	6	85.71%	1	14.29%
February	11	11	100.00%	0	0.00%
March	5	4	80.00%	1	20.00%
April	9	9	100.00%	0	0.00%
May	21	20	95.24%	1	4.76%
June	9	8	88.89%	1	11.11%
July	9	7	77.78%	2	22.22%
August	5	4	80.00%	1	20.00%
September	10	8	80.00%	2	20.00%
October	10	10	100.00%	0	0.00%
November	12	10	83.33%	2	16.67%
December	12	10	83.33%	2	16.67%
<b>Total</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>89.17%</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>10.83%</b>



The following is a breakdown of 2021 motor vehicle thefts by make and year of the vehicle.

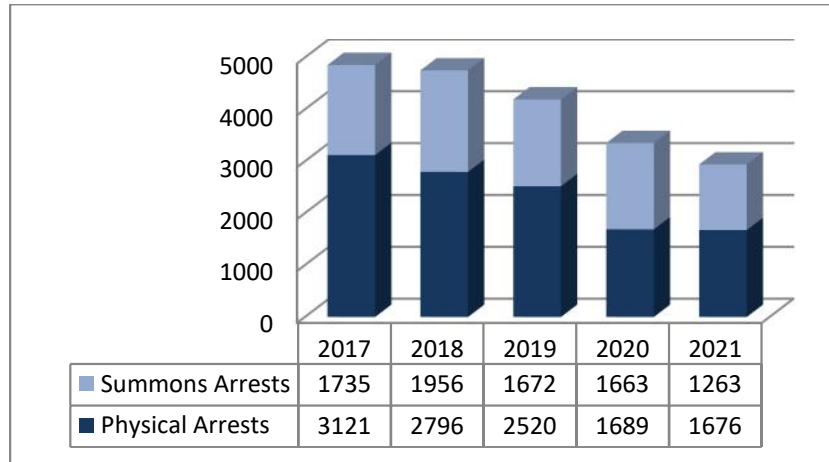
Year	Total
1985	1
1994	1
1995	1
1996	2
1998	1
1999	1
2000	2
2002	4
2003	4
2004	1
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2006	7
2007	6
2008	6
2009	6
2010	6
2011	7
2012	3
2013	6
2014	4
2015	7
2016	2
2017	6
2018	2
2019	3
2020	13
2021	9
Unknown	5

Make	Total
Acura	3
BMW	4
Buick	2
Chevy	6
Chrysler	1
Dodge	6
Ford	11
GMC	3
Harley	3
Honda	14
Hyundai	6
Intr	1
Jeep	2
Kawasaki	1
Kia	4
Lexus	1
Lincoln	1
Mercedes	3
Mini Cooper	1
Mitsubishi	1
Moped/Scooter	12
Nissan	9
Other	10
Subaru	1
Suzuki	2
Toyota	4
Volvo	1
Volkswagon	4
Yamaha	2

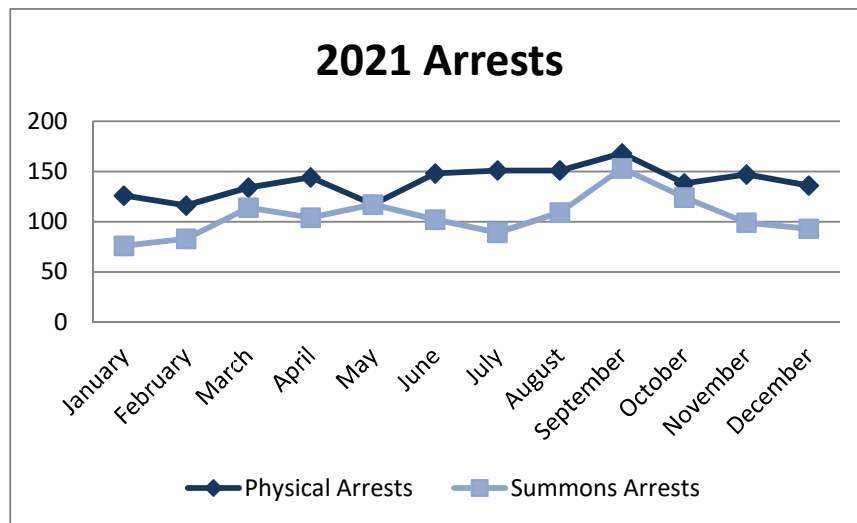


## Arrests

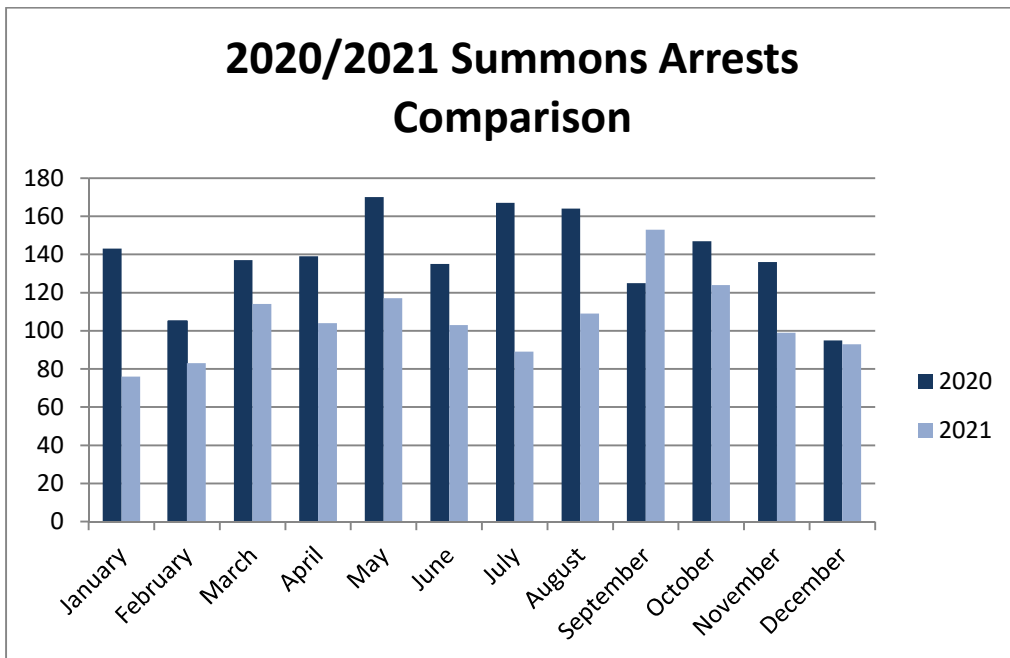
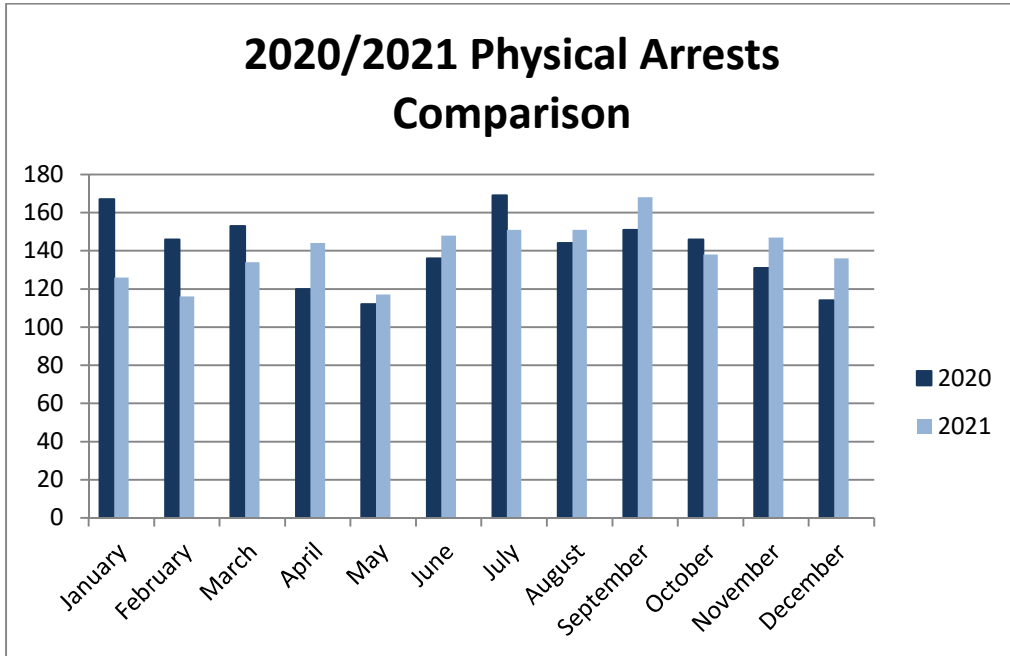
Physical arrests made by the Fall River Police Department have gone down from 2017 to 2021 by 46.30%. Summons arrests have also decreased from 2017 to 2021 by 27.20%. Overall arrests (physical and summons) have gone down from 4856 to 2939 which is a 39.48% decrease. The following is a chart depicting the change for each year since 2017.



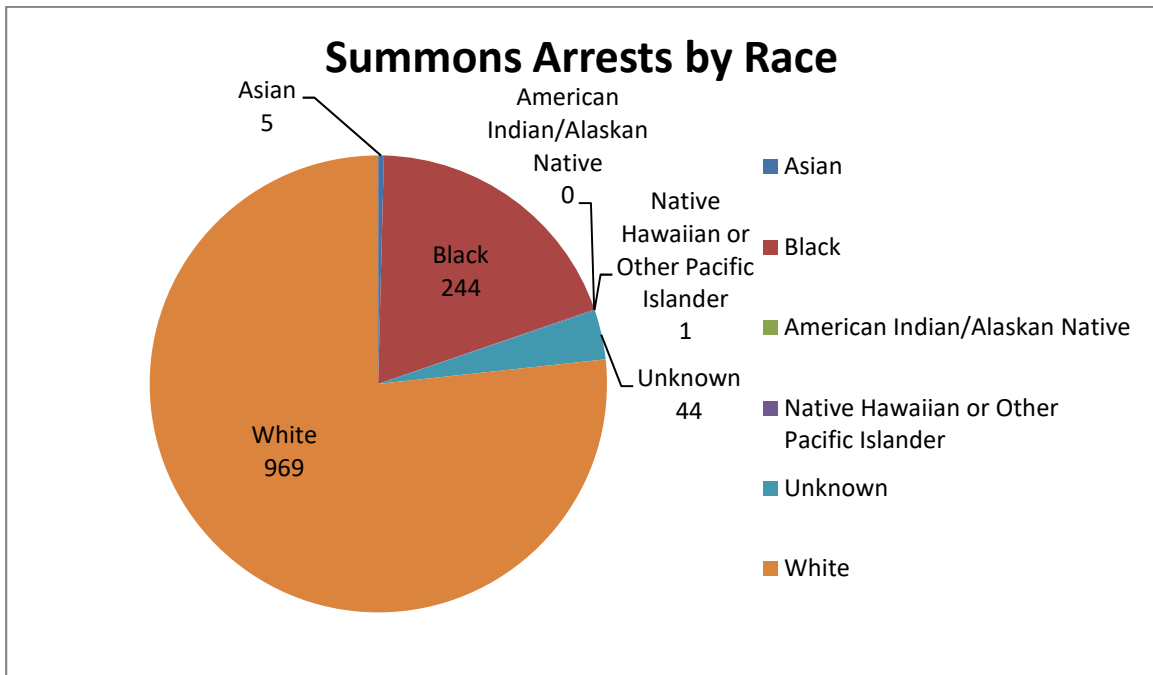
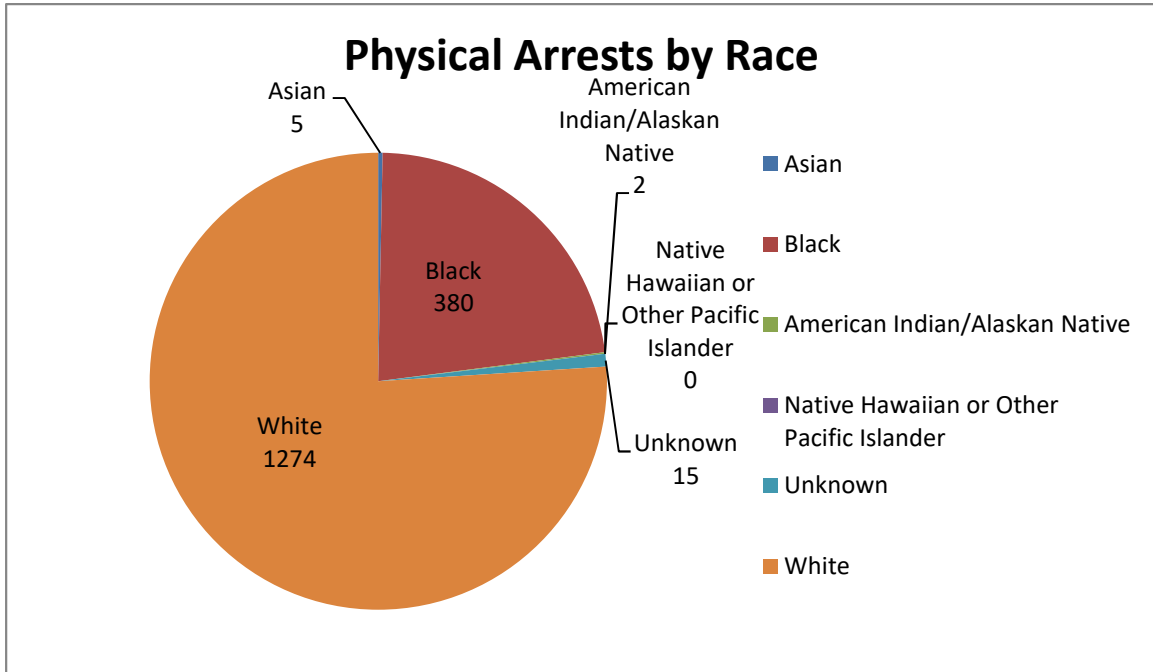
The following is a representation of the physical and summons arrests made by the FRPD in 2021 by month. The chart shows that September was the busiest month for arrests.



In comparing the 2020 arrests by month to the 2021 arrests by month, physical arrests went down in 2021 for January, February, March, July, and October. Physical arrests went up in 2021 for April, May, June, August, September, November, and December. In comparing the summons arrests in 2020 to those in 2021, summons arrests went down each month except for September when summons arrests went up from 2020. The following tables show the comparison between 2020 and 2021 for both physical arrests and summons arrests.



The following chart depicts physical arrests and summons arrests by race:



In comparing the 2021 arrests by race to the 2020 arrests by race, physical arrests of individuals who are Asian (25.00%), Black (3.54%), and American Indian/Alaskan Native (100.00%) went up. Physical arrests went down for the following races: Unknown (34.78%) and White (1.55%). The physical arrests of those who are Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander stayed the same from 2020 to 2021. In comparing summons arrests in 2021 to those in 2020, it is shown that those whose race is Unknown, were summonsed more in 2021 than in 2020. Summons arrests went down for the following races: Asian, Black, and White. Summons arrests of those of American Indian/Alaskan Native and Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander race stayed the same.

Physical	Asian	Black	American Indian/Alaskan Native	Native Hawaiian Or Other Pacific Islander	Unknown	White
2020	4	367	1	0	23	1294
2021	5	380	2	0	15	1274
% Change	+25.00%	+3.54%	+100.00%	0.00%	-34.78%	-1.55%

Summons	Asian	Black	American Indian/Alaskan Native	Native Hawaiian Or Other Pacific Islander	Unknown	White
2020	9	297	0	1	40	1316
2021	5	244	0	1	44	969
% Change	-44.44%	-17.85%	0.00%	0.00%	+10.00%	-26.37%

The following is a depiction of arrests of individuals who are of Hispanic ethnicity.

	Physical Arrests	Summons Arrests
2020	269	282
2021	256	240
% Change	-4.83%	-14.89%

The following is a breakdown of all arrests (physical and summons) broken down by day and hour.

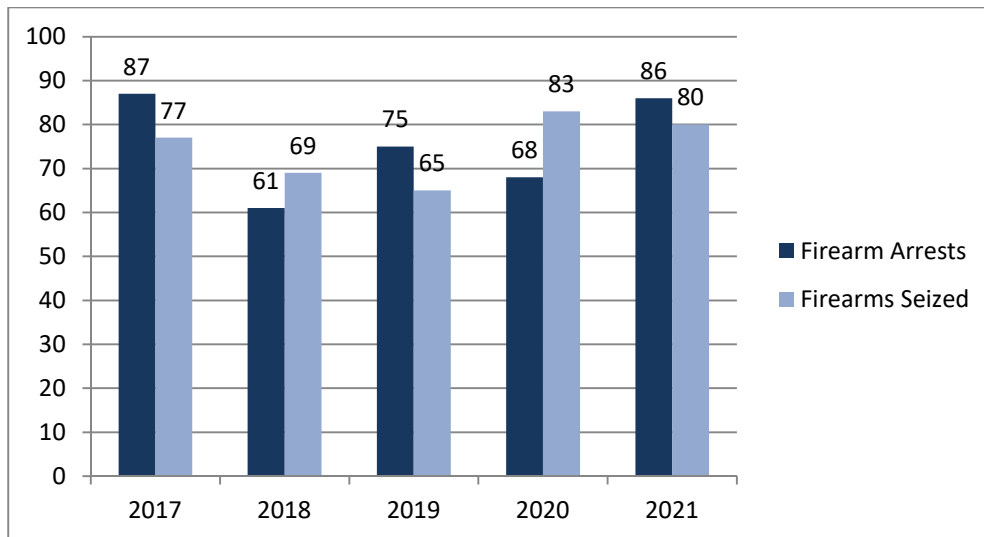
	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Totals
0000-0059	16	10	7	3	12	16	8	72
0100-0159	20	14	18	21	14	26	12	125
0200-0259	12	18	16	12	16	13	29	116
0300-0359	18	16	20	13	16	10	28	121
0400-0459	19	10	13	1	9	6	12	70
0500-0559	10	4	4	10	7	5	8	48
0600-0659	7	3	9	9	6	16	3	53
0700-0759	3	8	7	14	11	9	7	59
0800-0859	12	12	16	16	15	18	14	103
0900-0959	17	16	26	18	30	23	23	153
1000-1059	20	22	33	24	25	26	16	166
1100-1159	14	26	24	30	23	24	8	149
1200-1259	17	19	25	25	27	33	9	155
1300-1359	9	19	22	12	21	17	20	120
1400-1459	20	13	14	17	19	21	11	115
1500-1559	10	12	26	20	15	21	16	120
1600-1659	10	16	22	23	21	15	15	122
1700-1759	20	18	28	26	21	23	17	153
1800-1859	21	25	26	24	24	18	18	156
1900-1959	19	20	20	25	32	14	21	151
2000-2059	20	30	20	26	28	25	22	171
2100-2159	24	21	21	22	22	17	17	144
2200-2259	20	21	21	23	22	23	21	151
2300-2359	20	17	15	22	29	28	15	146
<b>Totals</b>	<b>378</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>453</b>	<b>436</b>	<b>465</b>	<b>447</b>	<b>370</b>	<b>2939</b>

## Firearm Arrests & Seizures

In 2021, the Fall River Police Department arrested 86 individuals for firearms related offenses. This is an increase of 26.47% from 2020 which had 68 firearm arrests. In 2021, there were 80 firearms seized which is a decrease of 3.61% from 2020 where 83 firearms were seized.

Per Massachusetts General Law tasers and stun guns are firearms and will be counted within this data going forward.

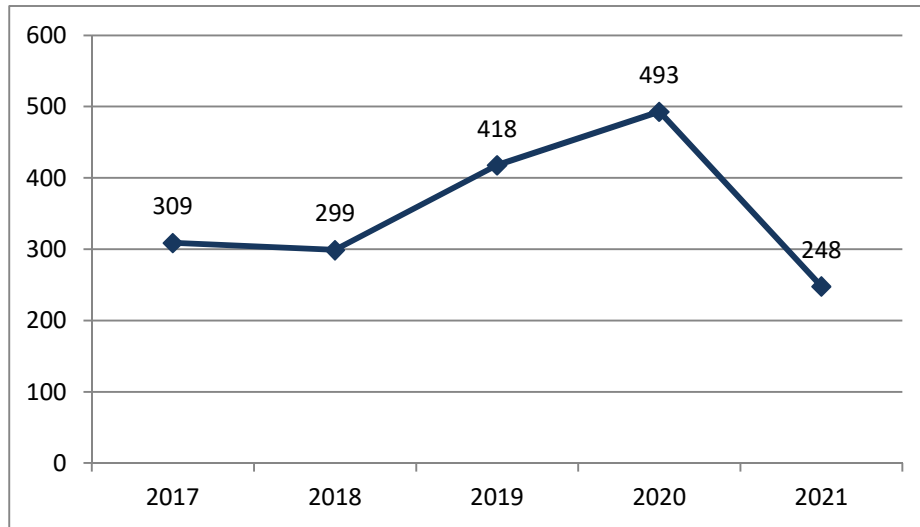
The following is a chart depicting firearm arrests and seizures for 2017 through 2021.



## Drug Arrests

In 2021, the FRPD arrested 248 individuals on a drug charge. This represents a decrease of 49.70% from 2020.

The following is a chart showing the drug arrests over the last five years. (This chart represents the total number of arrests rather than the total number of drug charges.)

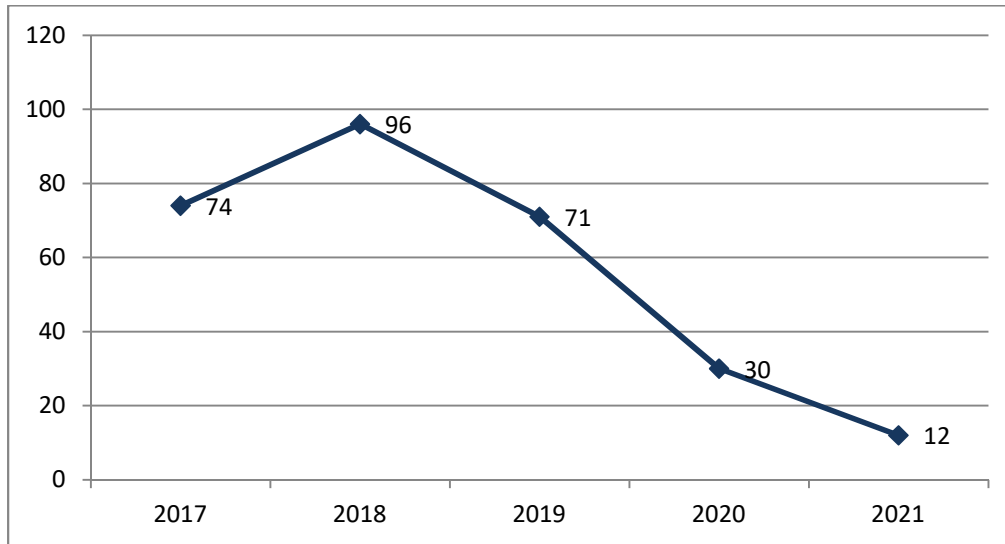




## Prostitution Arrests

This year the FRPD arrested 12 individuals on a prostitution charge which is a decrease of 60.00% from 2020 (30 arrests in 2020).

The following is a chart showing the prostitution arrests over the last five years.

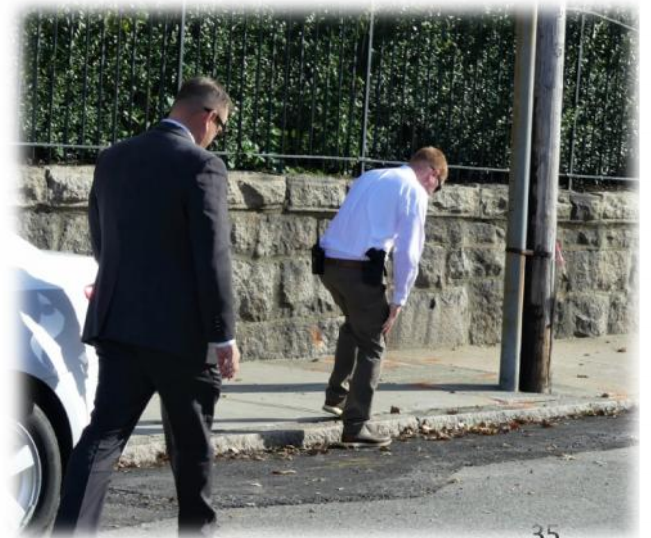


## Shots Fired

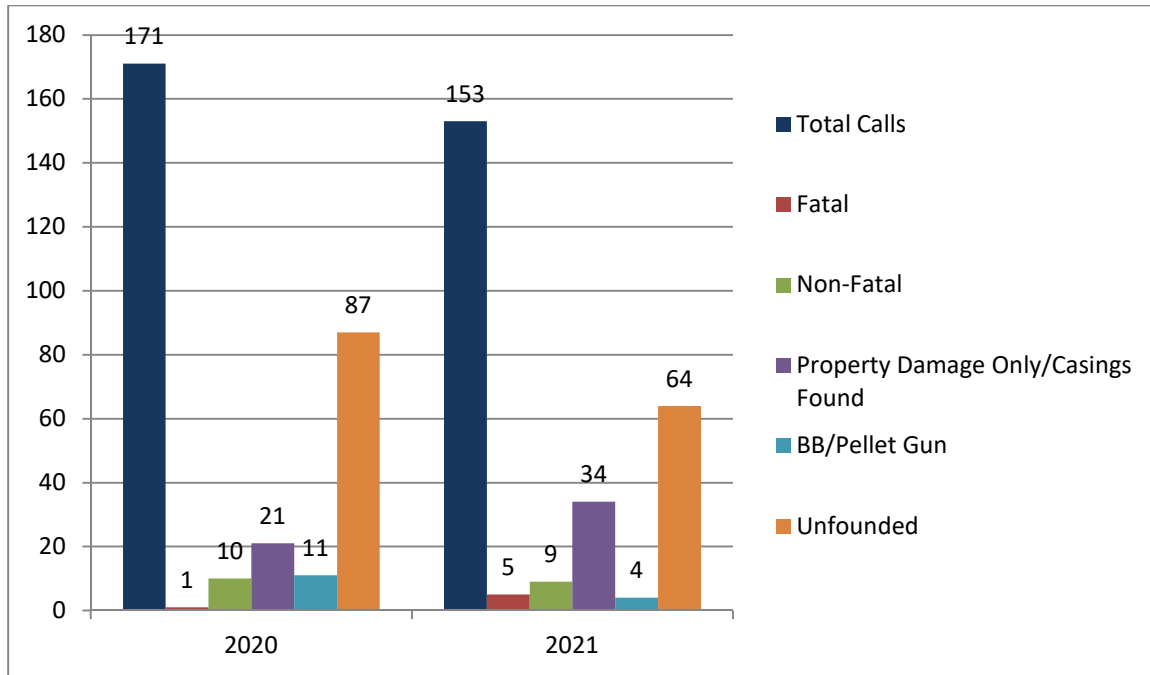
In 2021, the Fall River Police Department responded to the following shots fired related calls and incidents. (One shots fired call in May is listed as two fatalities and one non-fatal which causes the total calls to be 151, but the sum to be 153)

Total Calls	153
Fatal *1 is self-inflicted	5
Non-Fatal	9
Unfounded	64
Confirmed No Shots	34
Accidental Discharge	3
BB/Pellet/Flare	4
Shots Fired – Nothing Hit	5
Property Damage Only	29

2021 showed a decrease of 10.53% for total shots fired calls from 2020.



The following is a chart showing the change in calls from 2020 to 2021 for total, fatal, non-fatal, and unfounded shots fired calls.



\*Fatal shots fired calls do not include any self-inflicted fatal wounds

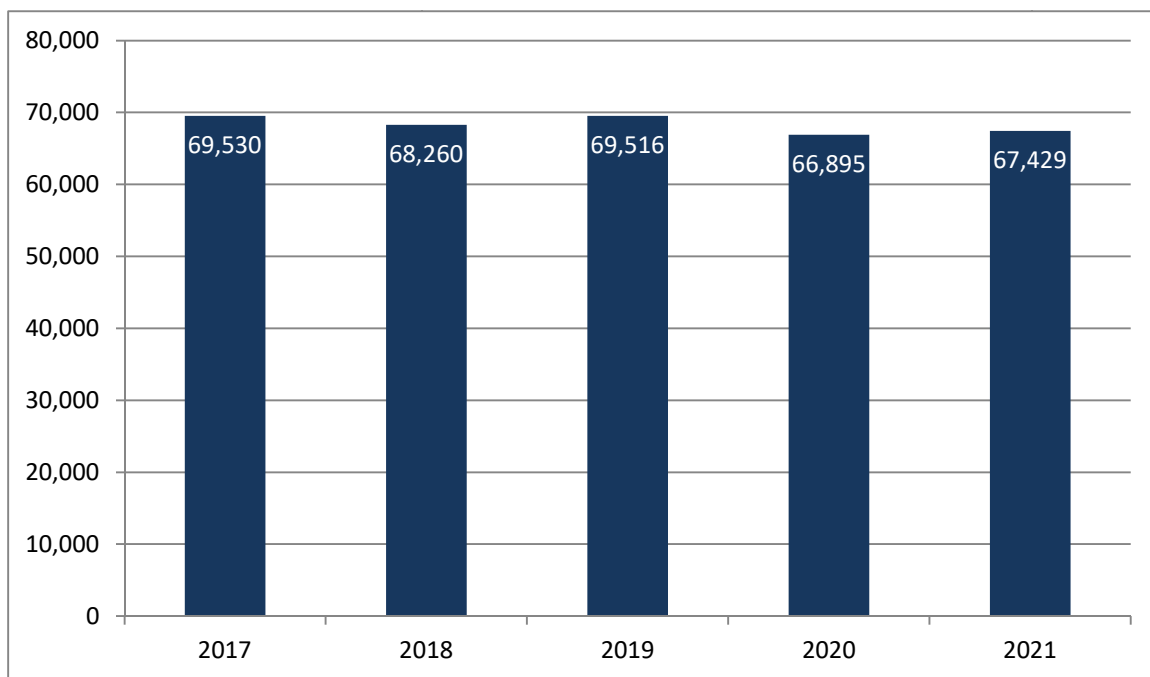
\*\*Unfounded- Includes when officers searched the area and did not find any evidence of a shooting

## Calls for Service

A call for service can be received by the Fall River Police Department in many ways. Calls can be generated from what we refer to as “on view”, which means that while the officer is on patrol they are flagged down by a citizen requesting assistance. This could also mean an officer witnesses something during his patrol and self initiates the call. Calls can also come in through the routine line, 9-1-1 (telephone calls and text messages) and walk-ins.

The numbers depicted throughout this section include all calls received by the FRPD Communications Division. This includes all police, fire, and EMS calls for service.

The following is a table depicting the calls for service over the last five years. The FRPD has received and dispatched the following calls for service:



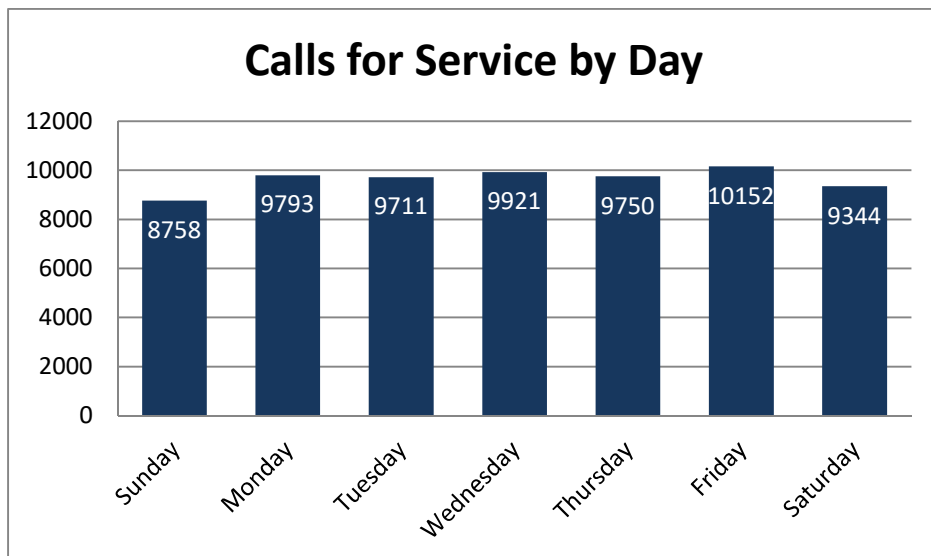
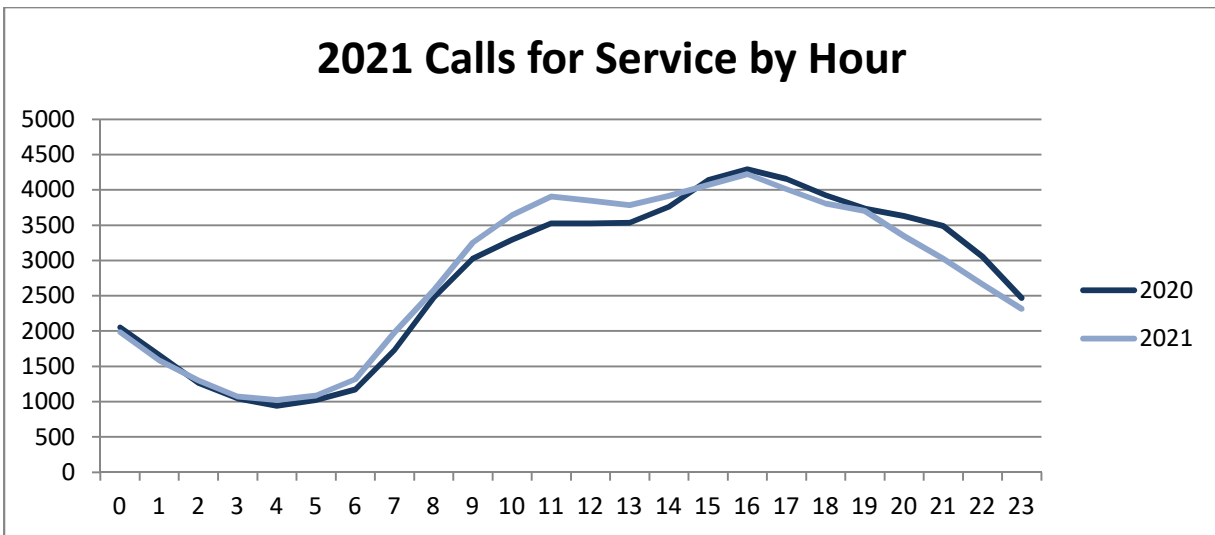
The FRPD saw an increase in calls for service in 2021 when compared to 2020 by 0.80%.



The Fall River Police Department runs the following shifts: day watch, first watch and last watch.

Day watch runs from 0800 hours to 1559 hours, first watch from 1600 hours to 2359 hours and the last watch from 0000 hours to 0759 hours. The following is a table depicting the calls for service based on the shift that was working at the time that the call came in.

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Day Watch	42,412	35,621	28,365	27,272	28,993
First Watch	33,048	28,240	29,914	28,741	27,083
Last Watch	13,504	11,474	11,237	10,882	11,353



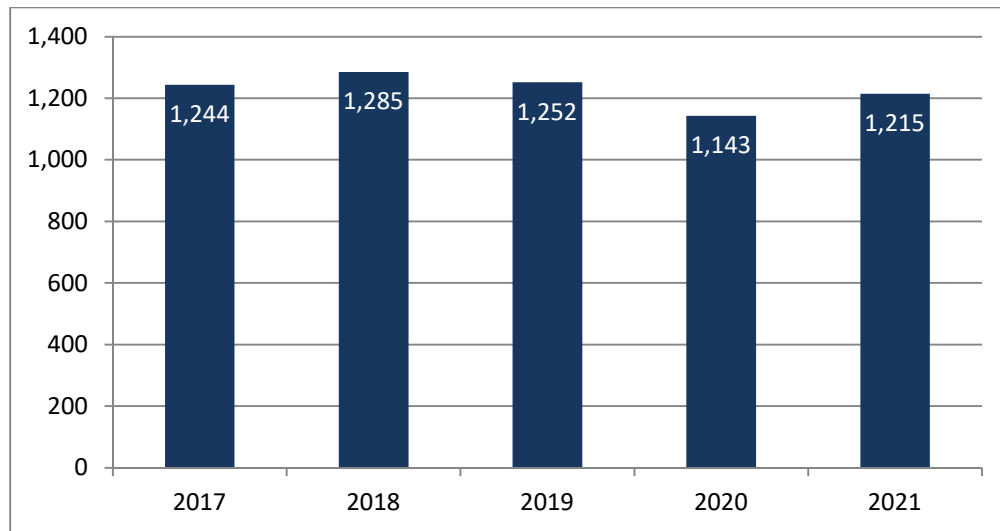


The following table depicts calls for service by hour and day of the week.

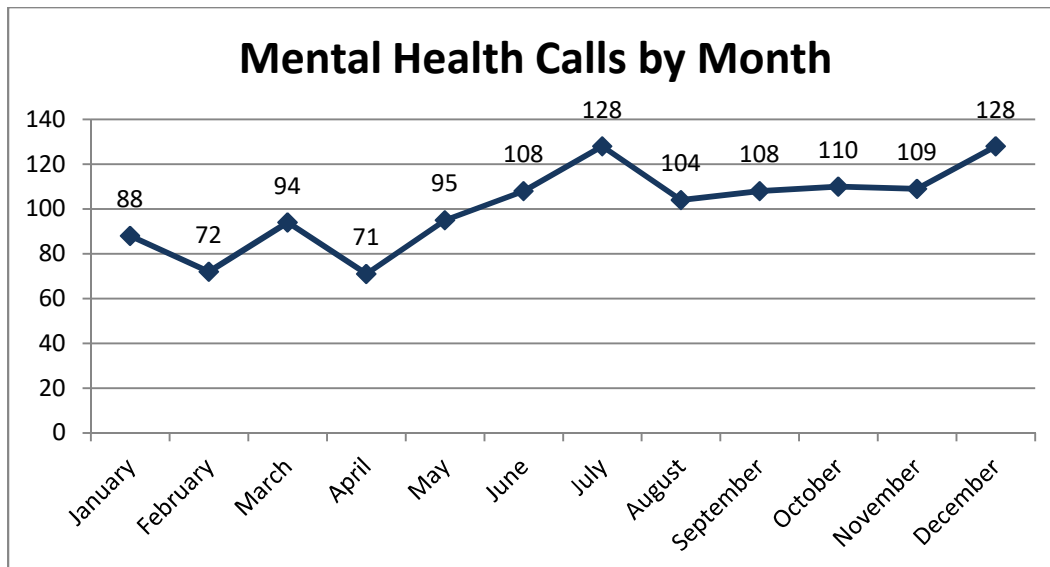
	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Totals
0000-0059	387	230	218	280	254	286	330	1985
0100-0159	285	196	192	222	201	231	259	1586
0200-0259	282	137	128	156	175	178	245	1301
0300-0359	212	120	128	137	162	135	180	1074
0400-0459	157	161	133	146	141	134	152	1024
0500-0559	157	149	142	174	162	155	146	1085
0600-0659	151	200	173	210	200	202	183	1319
0700-0759	205	283	322	342	271	315	241	1979
0800-0859	248	433	400	390	415	387	304	2577
0900-0959	365	511	514	516	479	495	374	3254
1000-1059	421	522	538	589	564	550	461	3645
1100-1159	463	587	631	590	624	551	460	3906
1200-1259	407	556	601	577	575	586	544	3846
1300-1359	479	566	549	552	550	603	486	3785
1400-1459	473	582	576	598	603	608	473	3913
1500-1559	464	603	642	602	614	640	502	4067
1600-1659	509	658	664	658	610	609	514	4222
1700-1759	498	603	578	610	593	626	502	4010
1800-1859	480	558	576	542	594	541	517	3808
1900-1959	478	523	518	546	541	515	579	3700
2000-2059	482	494	454	474	430	504	506	3344
2100-2159	436	456	412	395	374	466	486	3025
2200-2259	413	355	366	338	313	429	447	2661
2300-2359	306	310	256	277	305	406	453	2313
Totals	8758	9793	9711	9921	9750	10152	9344	67429

## Mental Health

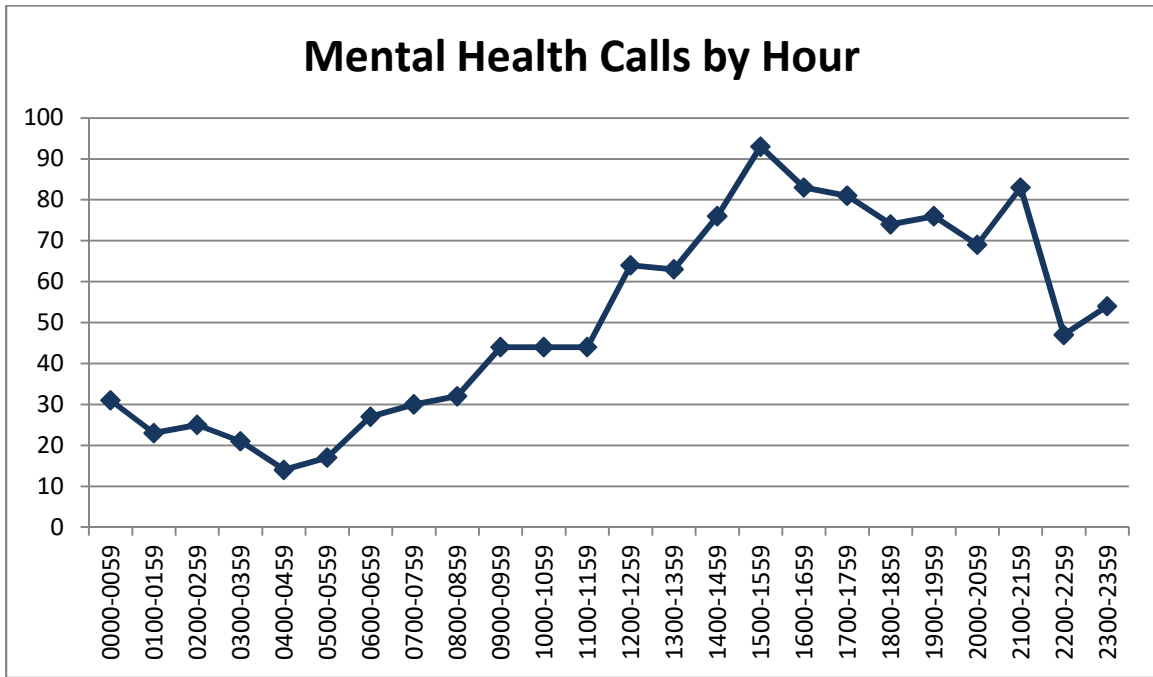
The Communications Division received a total of 1,215 calls for service due to a citizen having a mental health crisis in 2021. This is an increase of 6.30% from 2020. Since 2017, the rate of mental health calls has decreased 2.33%. The following is a chart depicting the calls that were received while someone was having a mental health crisis for the last five years. \*NOTE: These numbers represent calls for service that come in as a mental health call. These numbers do not represent the total number of mental health incidents dealt with.



Mental health calls to the police department were the highest in July and December. The following is a chart showing the number of mental health calls per month.



The police department receives the most calls regarding a mental health crisis between 1500 hrs and 2100 hrs. The following is a chart depicting mental health calls for service received by the communication division in 2021.



## Communications Division-Fire Calls



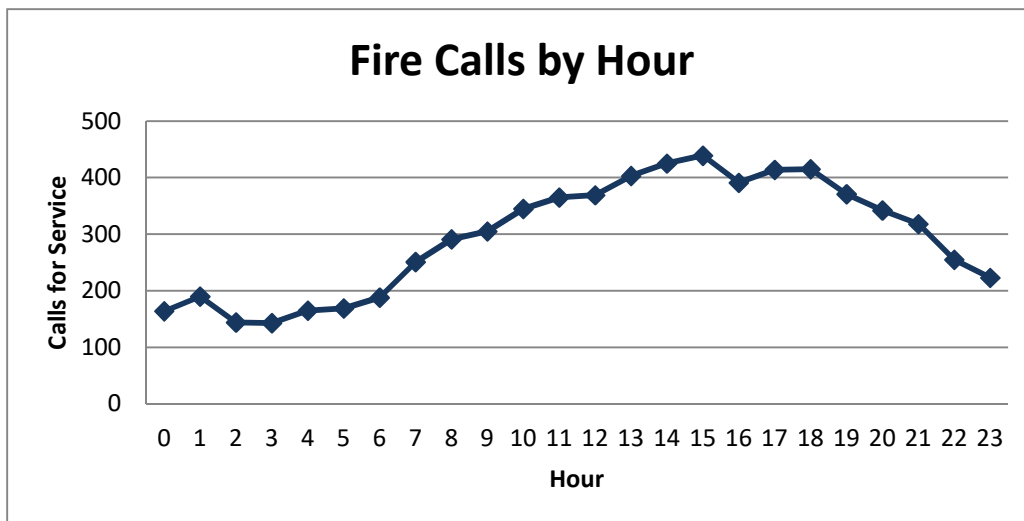
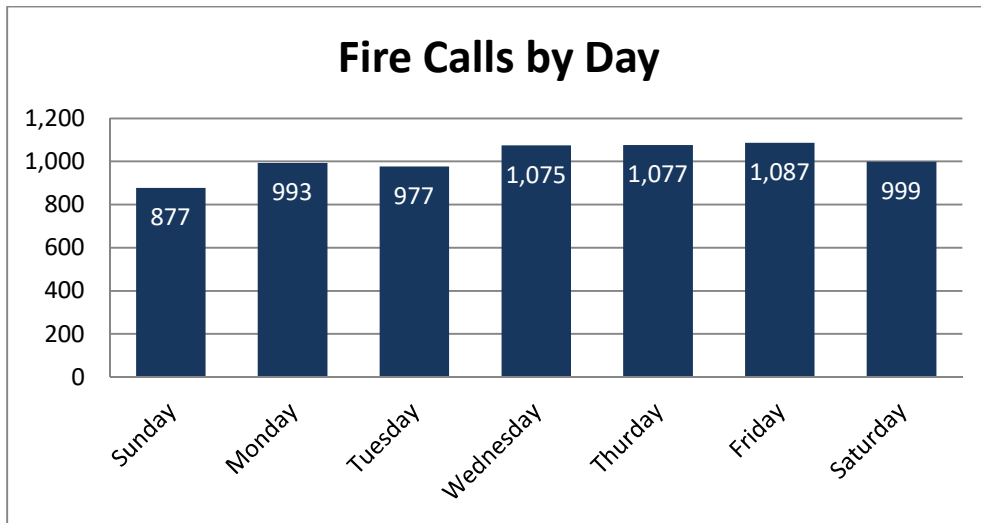
The Communications Division runs a similar schedule as sworn officers, day watch, first watch and last watch. The difference between the Communications Division and the sworn officers is the hours. Day watch runs from 0700 hours to 1459 hours, first watch from 1500 hours to 2259 hours and the last watch from 2300 hours to 0659 hours.

The Fire Department receives calls and is dispatched through the Emergency Dispatchers within the Communications Division employed at the Fall River Police Department.

The FRPD Communications Division received 7,085 calls for service where a fire response was requested. This is an increase from 2020 by 5.54% and also a decrease since 2017 by 7.18%.

The following is a chart depicting the fire calls received by the FRPD Communications Division for the last five years:

2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
7,633	7,949	7,283	6,713	7,085



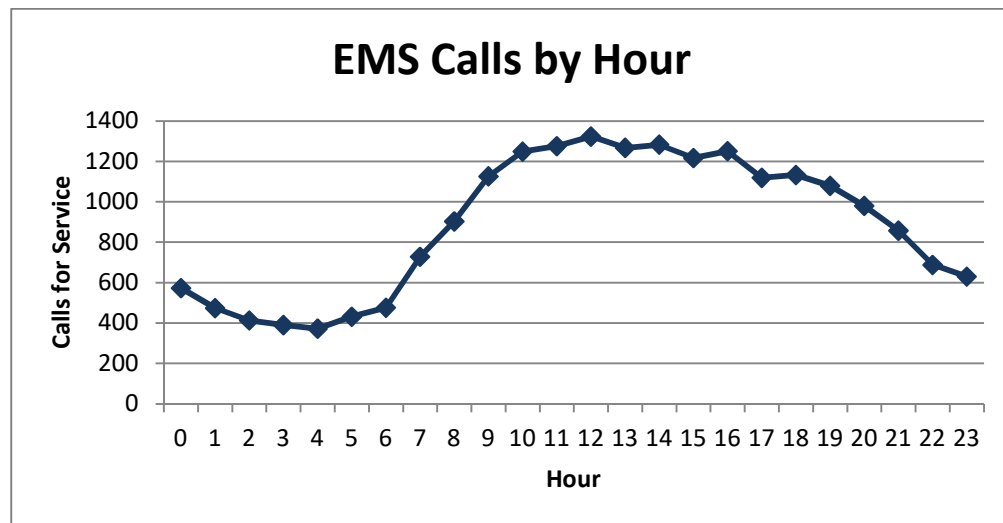
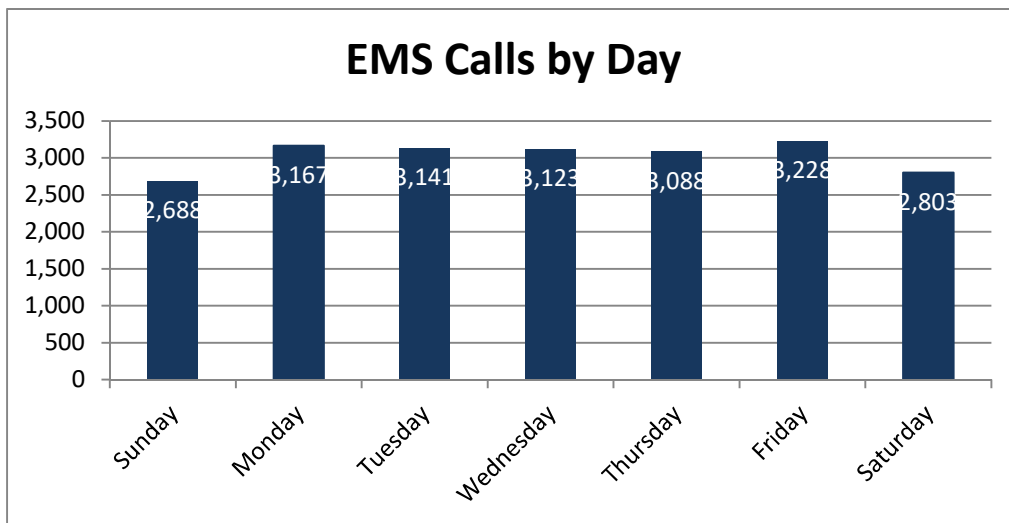


## Communications Division- EMS Calls

The FRPD Communications Division received and dispatched 21,238 calls for service where an EMS response was requested. This includes any call that police officers go on and determine a response from EMS is needed. This is an increase from 2020 of 12.23%. 2021 calls for service that requested an EMS response is up 12.44% since 2017. The following is a chart depicting the EMS calls received by the FRPD Communications Division for the last five years:

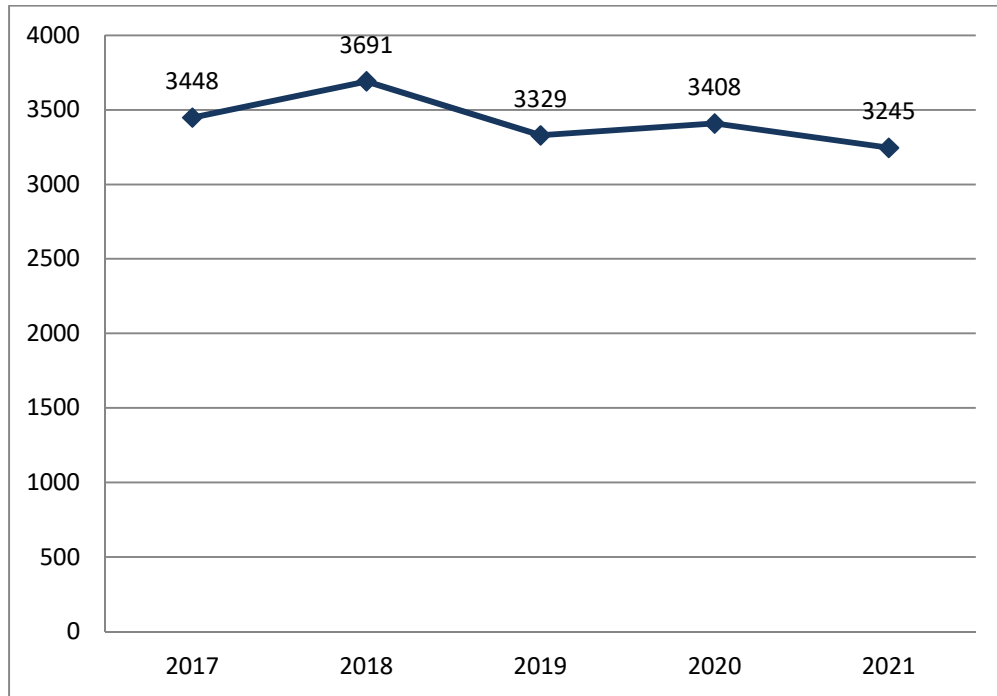
2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
18,889	19,112	19,852	18,924	21,238

The following is a breakdown of EMS calls for service by day of the week and by hour for 2021.



## Domestic Violence

The number of domestic violence calls for service increased from 2020 to 2021 by 2.37%. In 2021 there were a total of 3,245 domestic violence calls for service, which represents a 4.78% decrease from 2020.



The Fall River Police Department Communications Division uses two codes for domestic violence related calls. One code is a 46VL which is a general domestic violence call. The other code is a 50GD which represents a domestic violence call in which there is a weapon involved. Calls are coded based on the initial information given by the caller(s) and may not reflect what officers encounter once on scene. Therefore, the number of calls for domestic violence may not represent the total number of domestic violence reports that are pulled each year. The following is a chart depicting the different rates of both 46VL and 50GD codes used over the last five years.

	46VL	50GD
2017	3380	68
2018	3616	75
2019	3269	60
2020	3349	59
2021	3162	83

The following is a breakdown of the domestic violence calls (46VL and 50GD) by hour over 2021.

Time	# of DV Calls
0000-0059	171
0100-0159	99
0200-0259	81
0300-0359	78
0400-0459	51
0500-0559	30
0600-0659	55
0700-0759	64
0800-0859	70
0900-0959	109
1000-1059	123
1100-1159	150
1200-1259	130
1300-1359	146
1400-1459	135
1500-1559	164
1600-1659	186
1700-1759	180
1800-1859	174
1900-1959	197
2000-2059	213
2100-2159	224
2200-2259	204
2300-2359	211

Since the start of COVID-19, domestics have been tracked in more depth. In the additional statistics tracking, there are 3 categories: domestic assaults, domestic-no abuse, and domestic-total. Domestic assault includes anything where a warrant was requested or an arrest was made (aggravated and simple assaults). Domestic-no abuse includes police responses where there was some type of domestic argument that is not an assault (no action needed to be taken). The following are charts and tables showing the statistics for each.

Domestic Assaults			
	2020	2021	% Change
January	67	70	+4.48%
February	57	74	+29.82%
March	82	70	-14.63%
April	78	90	+15.38%
May	53	81	+52.83%
June	82	79	-3.66%
July	83	97	+16.87%
August	89	87	-2.25%
September	67	83	+23.88%
October	87	63	-27.59%
November	77	86	+11.69%
December	71	93	+30.99%
Total	893	973	+8.96%

Domestic-No Abuse			
	2020	2021	% Change
January	134	112	-16.42%
February	100	139	+39.00%
March	117	122	+4.27%
April	123	106	-13.82%
May	149	158	+6.04%
June	130	156	+20.00%
July	129	173	+34.11%
August	132	162	+22.73%
September	106	139	+31.13%
October	128	143	+11.72%
November	115	141	+22.61%
December	144	132	-8.33%
Total	1507	1683	+11.68%

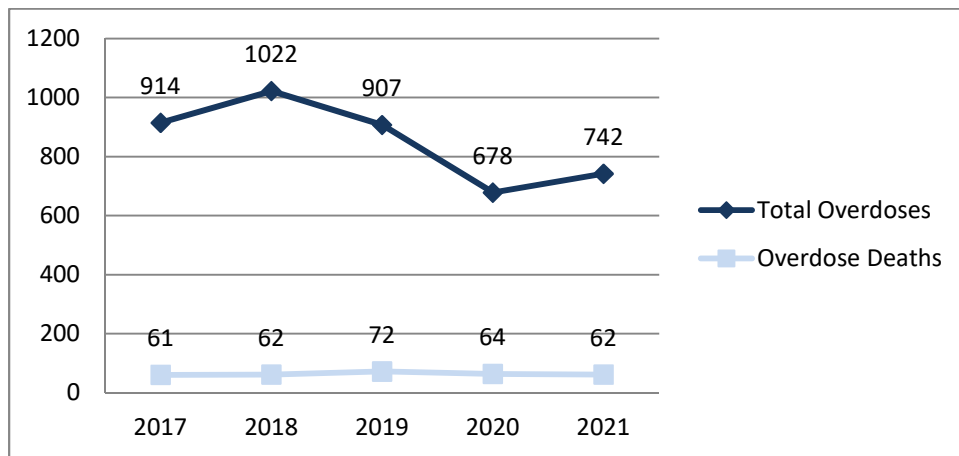
Domestic Total			
	2020	2021	% Change
January	201	182	-9.45%
February	157	213	+35.67%
March	199	192	-3.52%
April	201	196	-2.49%
May	202	239	+18.32%
June	212	235	+10.85%
July	212	270	+27.36%
August	221	249	+12.67%
September	173	222	+28.32%
October	215	206	-4.19%
November	192	227	+18.23%
December	215	225	+4.65%
Total	2400	2656	+10.67%

## Overdoses

The overdose epidemic has been hitting the United States and Fall River is not exempt.

Fall River has seen an increase in overdoses over the last several years.

In 2017, there were a total of 914 overdoses including 61 fatal overdoses. In 2018, there were 1022 overdoses with 62 fatal overdoses. Between 2017 and 2018 there was an increase of 11.82% in overdoses. Between 2018 and 2019, there was a decrease of 11.25% for overdoses. Between 2019 and 2020, there was a decrease of 25.25%. Between 2020 and 2021 there was an increase of 9.44%. In 2021, there were a total of 742 overdoses including 62 fatal overdoses. The 2021 numbers represent a 18.82% decrease from 2017 to 2021 for total overdoses and a 1.64% increase in overdose deaths.



Numerous departments and cities around the country are developing programs to help those who need assistance in getting clean once they are drug involved. In Fall River, “Project Reconnect” was developed and has volunteers reach out to individuals after an overdose and try to offer assistance to them and their families. Project Reconnect operates with assistance from the FRPD, FREMS, FR City Hall, Bristol County D.A.’s Office, SSTAR, Seven Hills Foundation, Recover Fall River, Treatment Development Corporation, BOLD Coalition, St. Anne’s Hospital and Charlton Memorial Hospital.

Project Reconnect’s mission statement is “for citizens and community organizations to work together to provide continuous care for an individual suffering from substance abuse disorder who’s recently overdosed and to connect them and their loved ones to needed services in or around Fall River who will provide assistance and support for them to begin and maintain recovery. Our Recovery Connection Team provides hope and resources without judgment or bias to see to it that no addict be left behind.”

In 2020, the Fall River Police Department hired a full time Homeless & Substance Use Disorder Advocate. Her role is crucial in connecting the police department with those in need of assistance.

For more information regarding Project Reconnect, you can visit [c-o-p-e.org/project-reconnect.html](http://c-o-p-e.org/project-reconnect.html).

\*Mission Statement gathered from [c-o-p-e.org/project-reconnect.html](http://c-o-p-e.org/project-reconnect.html)



## Community Events

### Reading Day at Watson Elementary School



Fourth of July Celebration





Thumbs Up Thursday at Atlantis Charter School





# Special Olympics





# Fall River Police Teen Academy

## High School





Middle School





# 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament

