

2023

Fall River Police Department  
Annual Report



Chief Paul Gauvin

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## Dedication

The Fall River Police Department 2023 Annual Report is dedicated to all of the men and women who have given their lives while in service of their communities.

In 2023, there were 136 police officers killed in the line of duty throughout the United States. This is down from 228 officers killed in the line of duty in 2022. Massachusetts had one line of duty death in 2023. We recognize this officer for making the ultimate sacrifice.



**Officer Paul Tracey**  
Waltham Police Department  
End of Watch: Wednesday, December 6, 2023

\*Statistics and facts gathered from the Officer Down Memorial Page ([odmp.org](http://odmp.org))

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Residents of Fall River,

It is with great pleasure that I present to you the 2023 Fall River Police Department's Annual Report. Despite the challenges posed by a post pandemic world and lingering anti-police sentiment in certain segments of our population, I am filled with optimism as we reflect on the achievements and progress made by our department over the past year.

One of the significant milestones we achieved this year was the successful national re-accreditation by Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA.) This prestigious accreditation serves as the gold standard for public safety, and after undergoing a rigorous in person independent review, we were proud to announce that we have been re-accredited for an additional four years. We remain one of 698 law enforcement agencies out of 18,000 in the United States that have earned this recognition. This accomplishment underscores our unwavering commitment to excellence in ensuring the safety and security of our community.

Despite the challenges posed by gun violence, our dedication to identifying and apprehending those who use firearms illegally in our community has never wavered. We have maintained strong partnerships and continue to work with federal agencies such as the DEA and the ATF to stem the flow of illegal firearms into our streets. Additionally, we have actively engaged with our state delegation to advocate for legislation aimed at curbing the proliferation of untraceable firearms, like Ghost guns whether 3D created or gun "kits," and related accessories, such as Glock switches. Our collaborative efforts with the Massachusetts State Police, including initiatives such as the Project Safe Neighborhood Grant, have yielded positive results for the community.

Internally, the Fall River Police Department has continued a comprehensive approach to targeting gun crime. Members of our Gun Violence Task Force, which consists of members from several different units meet monthly with members of the District Attorney's Office, members of the District Court's Probation Department, members of Massachusetts State Parole Department, and the FRPD Crime Analyst to discuss individuals posing safety issues and how best to strategize over current crime issues. By maximizing our resources and fostering strong relationships, we have maintained a remarkable record of ten years without any unsolved murders.

While we acknowledge the challenges posed by workforce shortages and attrition, we remain steadfast in our commitment to training and developing our new officers to ensure the continued effectiveness and professionalism of our department.

As we analyze our annual statistics, we recognize both areas of concern and success. While we have seen increases in certain crime categories, such as murder and arson, it is important to note that these numbers remain within our historical range. We take every crime seriously and strive to ensure the safety of every individual in our community.

Encouraging trends have emerged in our recent observations, marked by conspicuous decline across various crime categories. Notably, total violent crime has decreased by 12.58%, while total property crime has seen a significant reduction of 28.94%. Instances of robbery have diminished by 23.58%, alongside declines in aggravated assaults, burglary, larceny, and motor vehicle theft. Additionally, there has been a commendable reduction in overdoses and overdose deaths by 22% and 23% respectively. These achievements owe much to the concerted efforts of our collaborative partners and the dedicated initiatives such as Project reconnect and the Fall River Addiction Support Team.

In closing, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to the sworn and non-sworn members of the Fall River Police Department for their unwavering dedication and resilience in the face of adversity. Despite the challenges we have encountered, their commitment to serving our community with professionalism and integrity has made Fall River a better place for all. Together, let us continue our mission to uphold the values of **Service, Pride and Commitment**.

Sincerely,



Chief Paul F. Gauvin

## **Recognitions**

### **New Sworn Officers**

The following officers were sworn-in in 2023:

Officer Mohammed Adalakun  
Officer Justin Aguiar  
Environmental Officer Nelson Brum  
Officer Matthew Camara  
Officer David Claudio  
Officer Bryan Folger  
Officer Kyle Frizado  
Officer Charles Griswold  
Environmental Officer Christian Ortiz  
Officer Avantay Pereira  
Officer Robson Pires  
Officer Christopher Rodrigues  
Officer Daryan Rogers  
Officer Brandyn Silva  
Officer Scott Stavens  
Officer Zachary Strong  
Officer Jackson Tracy

### **Promotions**

The following individuals were promoted in 2023:

Captain James Hoar  
Lieutenant Jason Resendes  
Lieutenant Jeffrey Richard  
Sergeant Erick Bettencourt  
Sergeant Matthew Rezendes

### **Retirements**

The following is a list of those who retired in 2023:

Deputy Chief Albert Dupere  
Captain Daniel Dube  
Lieutenant Daniel Ahaesy  
Sergeant Steven Roseberry  
Detective John Albin  
Officer Michael Berube  
Detective Brian Cordeiro  
Senior Clerk Patricia Gosselin

## **Medal of Valor**

This award is conferred to an employee, in disregard of personal safety, who displayed gallantry, unusual bravery or courage in the protection of life or property, aiding in the apprehension of dangerous criminals or keeping the peace, thereby contributing significantly to law enforcement and crime prevention.

Detective Chelsea Campellone

## **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:

Sergeant Athanasios Parousis  
Sergeant William Platt (2)  
Sergeant Keith Strong  
Detective Samuel Chace  
Officer Corey Dolan  
Officer Lauren Fiola  
Officer Guy Furtado  
Detective Paul Furtado (4)  
Detective David Lafleur  
Officer Timothy Magan  
Detective Paul McGuire (5)  
Officer David St Laurent  
Detective Michael Sullivan (4)  
Officer Christopher Teves  
Officer Mitchell Walsh  
Assistant Harbormaster Paul Borges  
Emergency Dispatcher Scott Boyer  
Emergency Dispatcher Christopher Caron  
Emergency Dispatcher Ronald Gagnon  
Emergency Dispatcher Anthony Goff  
Emergency Dispatcher Jason Jacob  
Emergency Dispatcher Nicole Motta  
Emergency Dispatcher Jackson Tracy

### **Commendation Bar**

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

Sergeant Athanasios Parousis  
Detective Paul McGuire  
Sergeant William Platt  
Officer Michael Sullivan

### **Commendation Bar with Two Silver Stars**

A Commendation Bar with Two Silver Stars Award is issued to an employee receiving nine Letters of Commendation or Unit Awards. The following officer received a commendation bar:

Detective Paul Furtado

### **Lifesaving Award**

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 William Platt  
Officer Faith Amaral  
Officer Joseph Bailey  
Detective Samuel Chace  
Officer Jennifer Deleon  
Officer Jhonathan Delgado  
Detective Lauren Fiola  
Officer Michael Fogarty  
Officer Matthew Gauvin  
Officer Gregory Homen  
Officer Glenn MacDonald  
Officer Brendan McNerney  
Officer Felicia Melo  
Officer Derek Pereira  
Officer Keith Pires  
Officer Zachary Vorce

## **Distinguished Service Award**

The Distinguished Service Award is conferred in recognition of an employee's service including a highly unusual accomplishment under adverse conditions with some degree of hazard to life and limb to the employee and/or where death or injury to a third party is prevented. This award may include action by an employee, either on or off-duty, which through disregard of personal safety or prompt alert action prolongs or resuscitates a victim long enough for the victim to be declared stable and out of immediate danger and placed into the hands of competent medical care. The following officers received the Distinguished Service Award:

Sergeant Luis Duarte  
Sergeant Brett Kimball  
Sergeant Matthew Mendes  
Sergeant Brandon Wixon  
Officer Brandon Antone  
Officer Marc Correia  
Officer Jennifer Deleon  
Officer Corey Dolan  
Detective Matthew Gauvin  
Officer Rory McCoomb  
Officer Felicia Melo  
Officer Charles O'Gara  
Officer Marques Pires  
Officer Kyle Raposo  
Officer Christopher Rodrigues  
Officer Nicholas Soule  
Officer Zachary Vorce

## **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 2022 was:

Senior Account Clerk Cheryl Narcizo

The non-sworn Employee of the Year for 2023 was:

Assistant Harbormaster Paul Borges

## **Sworn Employee of the Year**

The Employee of the Year Award is awarded to an employee who has consistently displayed qualities of effectiveness, productivity, and flexibility in meeting police department goals and in responsiveness to employee and citizen needs. This award is given to employees who take on special projects and complete such with exceptional results; employees who work in unique situations wherein their contribution not only makes the operating more efficient, but enhances employee morale; or an employee whose work performance is consistently at a level for exceeding that of their peers. This employee is dedicated to the pursuit of excellence and consistently exemplifies the values and philosophy of the police department.

The sworn Employee of the Year for 2022 was:

Detective Sergeant Jon Rose

The sworn Employee of the Year for 2023 was:

Detective Paul McGuire

## 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



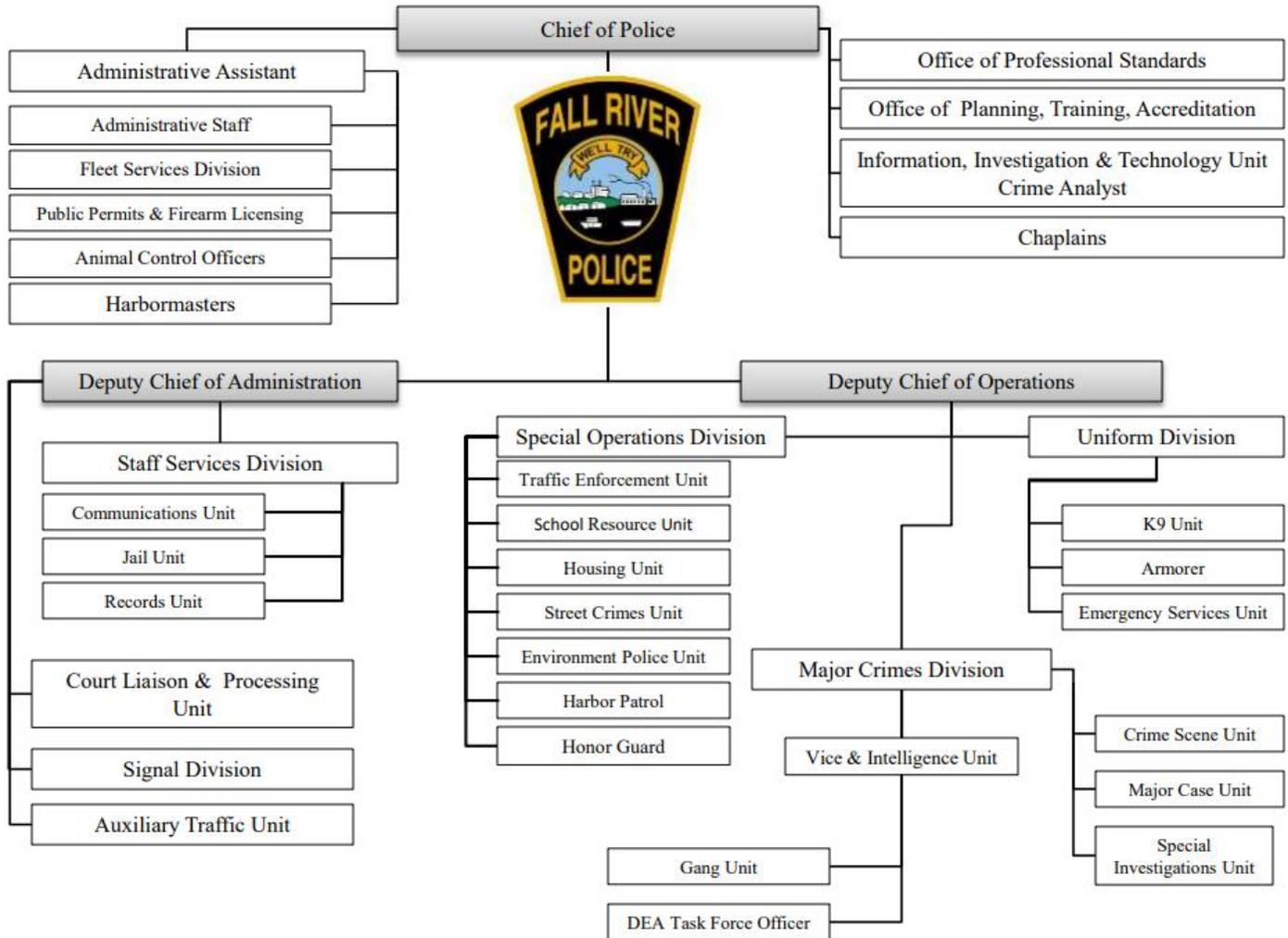
## Introduction

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 almost 170 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 2023 annual 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 awarded 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 earned 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 782 law enforcement agencies accredited by CALEA.

The FRPD was re-accredited by MPAC in 2022 and by CALEA in 2023.



## Overview of 2023 Part A Crimes

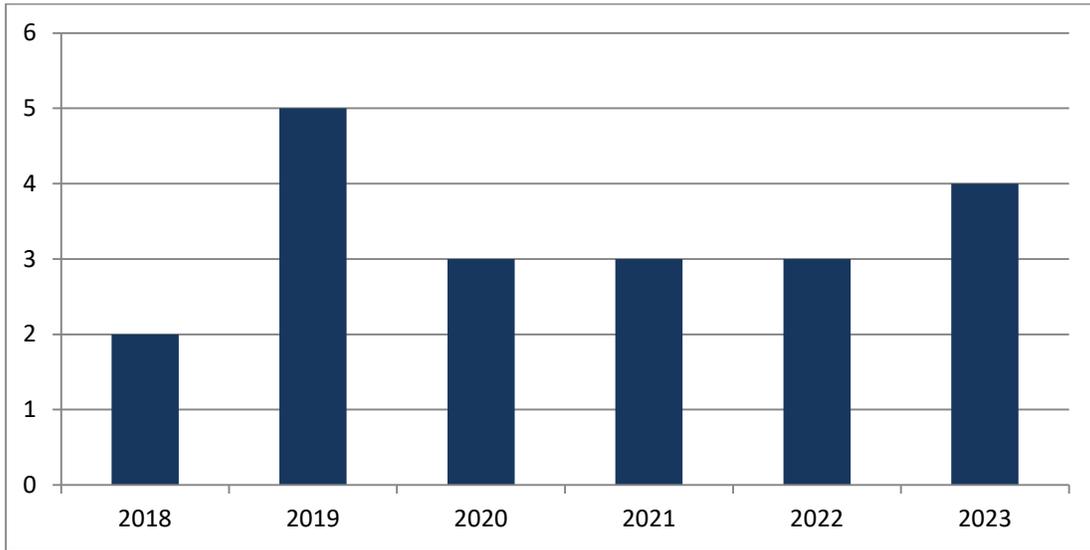
Part A crimes fall into two categories: violent and property. Violent Part A crimes consist of: murder, rape, robbery and aggravated assault. Property Part A crimes are: burglary, larceny, motor vehicle theft and arson. The following is a breakdown of Fall River's Part A crimes committed in 2023 as compared to Part A crimes committed from 2018-2022.

In 2023, there were 2,100 Part A crimes committed in Fall River which is a decrease from 2,732 Part A crimes committed in 2022. This represents a 23.13% decrease in part A crimes from 2022 to 2023.

Crime	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Average of 2018-2022	Normal Range	2023	% Change Average - 2023	% Change 2022-2023
<b>Violent</b>	924	739	673	810	890	807.2	714-900	791	-2.01%	-11.12%
Murder	2	5	2	3	3	3	2-4	4	+33.33%	+33.33%
Rape	51	52	41	43	48	47	43-51	46	-2.13%	-4.17%
Robbery	123	112	88	92	106	104.2	91-117	81	-22.26%	-23.58%
Aggravated Assault	695	570	542	672	733	642.4	569-716	660	+2.74%	-9.96%
<b>Property</b>	1687	1723	1570	1464	1842	1657.2	1527-1787	1309	-21.01%	-28.94%
Burglary	436	575	456	494	582	508.6	449-569	203	-60.09%	-65.12%
Larceny	1274	963	892	837	1048	1002.8	850-1156	918	-8.46%	-12.40%
MV Theft	221	163	190	120	204	179.6	144-215	173	-3.67%	-15.20%
Arson	21	22	32	13	8	19.2	11-27	15	-21.88%	+87.50%
<b>Total</b>	2611	2462	2243	2274	2732	2464.4	2276-2653	2,100	-14.79%	-23.13%

## Murder

In 2023, the Fall River Police Department conducted five homicide/manslaughter investigations. In one of the cases, the investigation resulted in the incident being determined to be a justifiable homicide. The following chart depicts the murder rate for the last ten years where at least one homicides charge was filed:

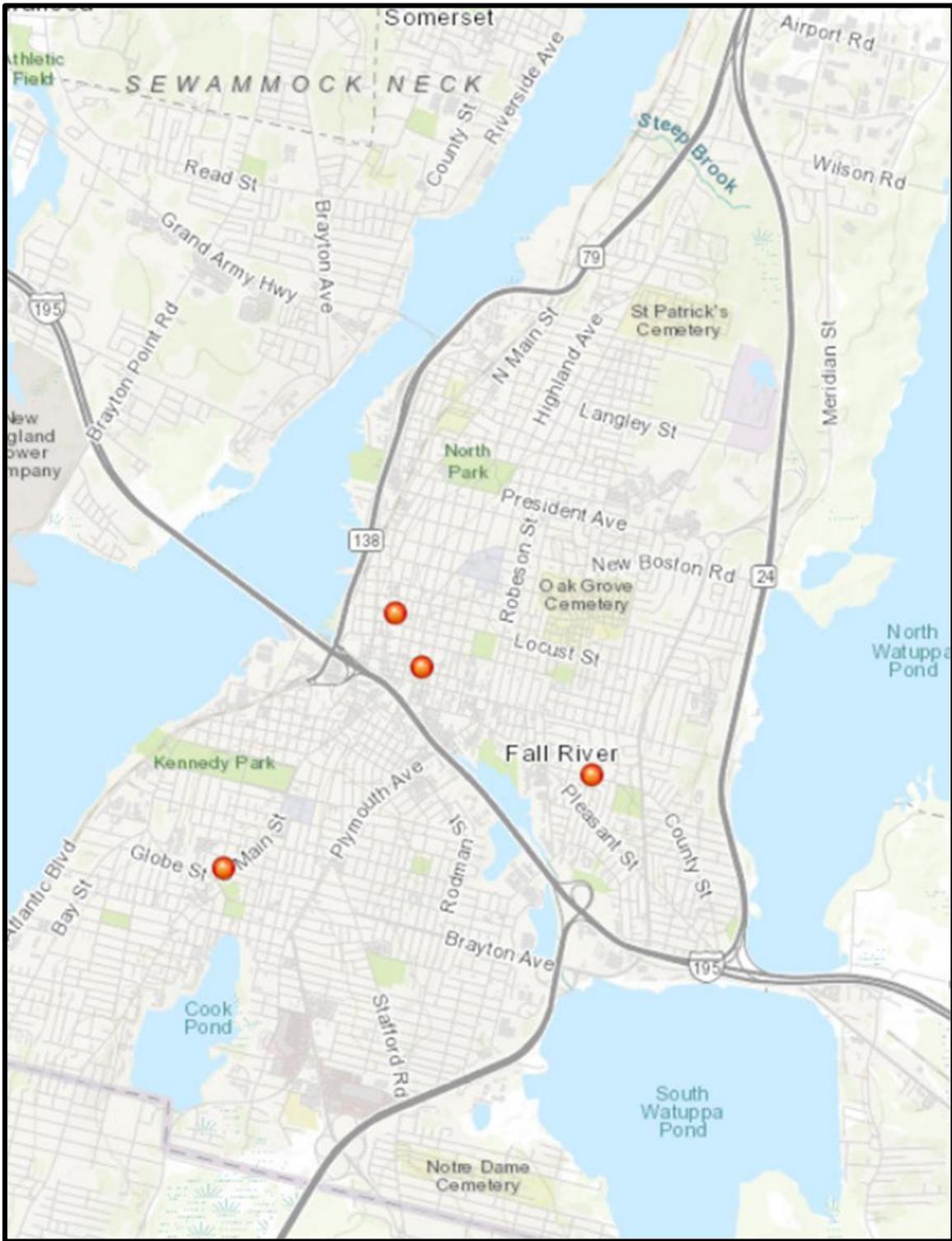


	Average of 2018-2022	Normal Range of 2018-2022	2022	2023	% Change Average – 2023	% Change 2022 – 2023
Murder	3.2	2-4	3	4	+25.00%	+33.33%

## Murder Weapons

Month	Weapon
May	Firearm
May	Firearm
October	Firearm
December	Firearm

# Murder Map

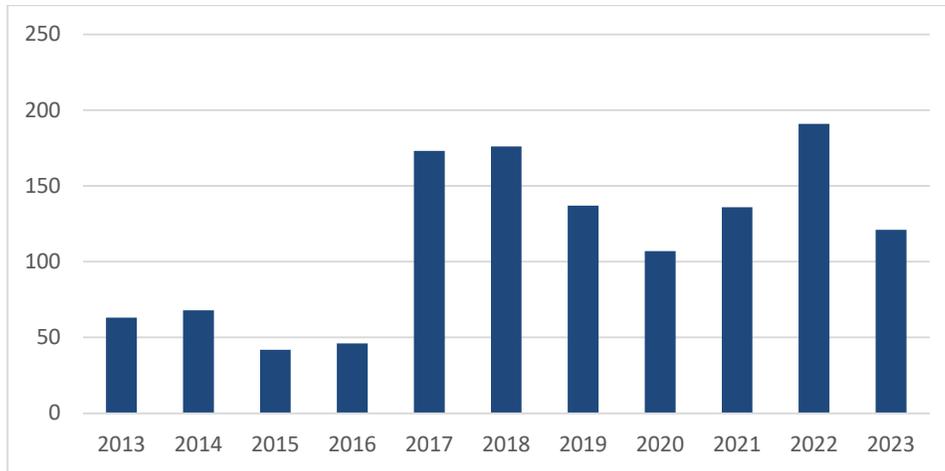


## Sexual Assault Calls for Service

In 2023, the Fall River Police Department responded to 121 calls for service regarding sexual assault(s) which is a decrease from 2022 by 36.65%. The Me Too movement, which gained momentum in 2017 brought significant attention to issues of sexual assault.

The data on this page does not indicate a total number of sexual assault cases.

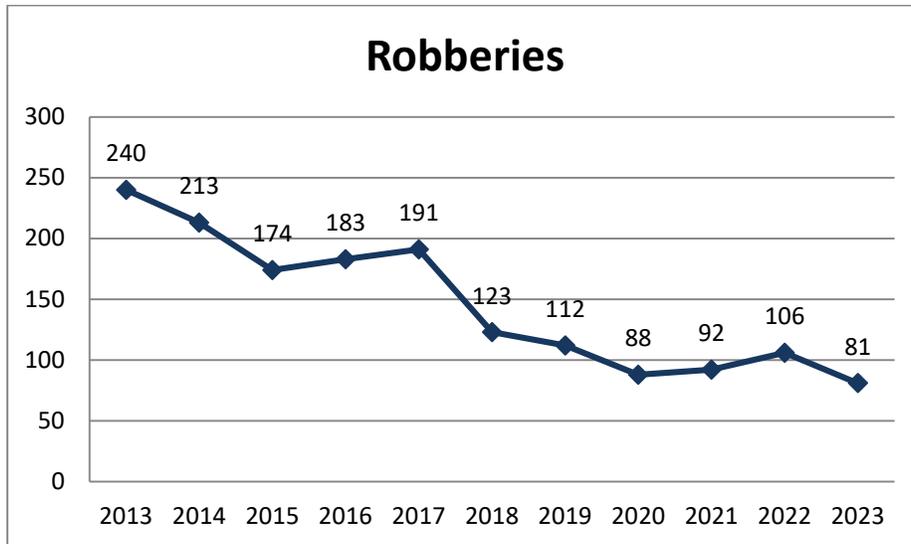
The following is a chart depicting the increase of sexual assault calls for service over the last ten years.



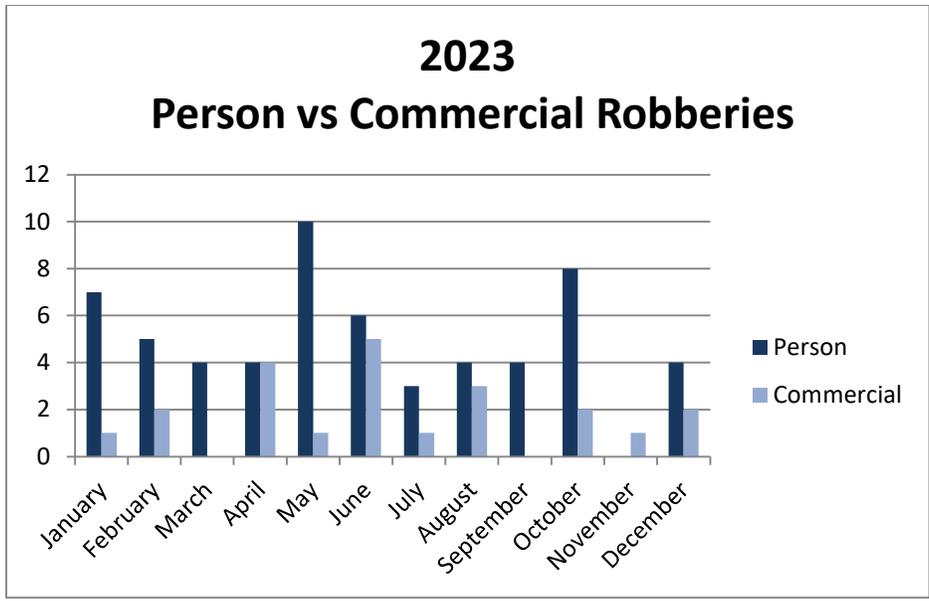
	Average of 2013-2022	Normal Range of 2013-2022	2022	2023	% Change Average – 2023	% Change 2022 – 2023
Sexual Assault Calls for Service	113.9	60-168	191	121	+6.23%	-36.65%

## Robbery

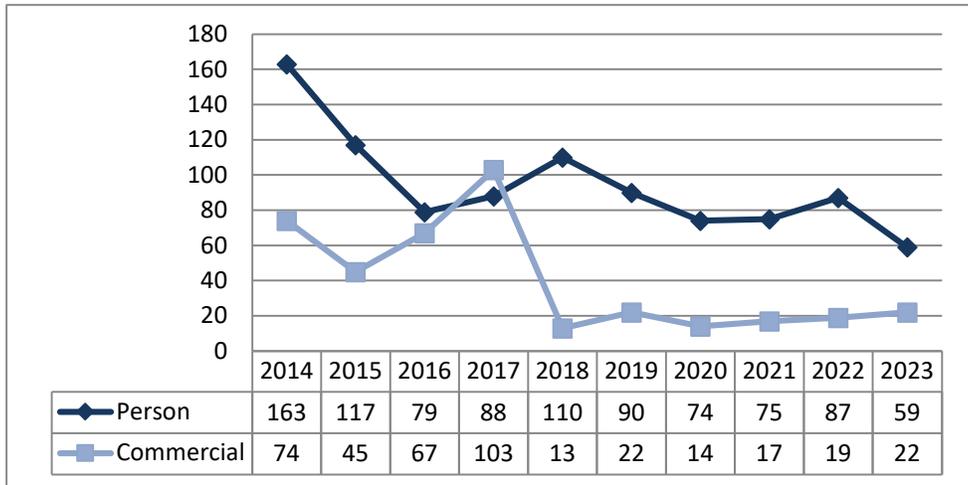
In 2023, the Fall River Police Department investigated 81 robberies. This represents a 23.58% decrease from 2022. Of the 81 robberies, there were 59 where the robbery committed was person to person and there were 22 robberies of a commercial business. Thirty-five robberies were committed while armed and 46 were committed while unarmed. This represents a decrease of 35.19% in armed robberies and a decrease of 11.54% in unarmed robberies when compared to 2022.



	Average of 2013-2022	Normal Range of 2013-2022	2022	2023	% Change Average - 2023	% Change 2022 - 2023
Robbery	152.2	101-204	106	81	-46.78%	-23.58%



The following is a chart depicting the change of person on person and commercial robberies between 2019 and 2023.

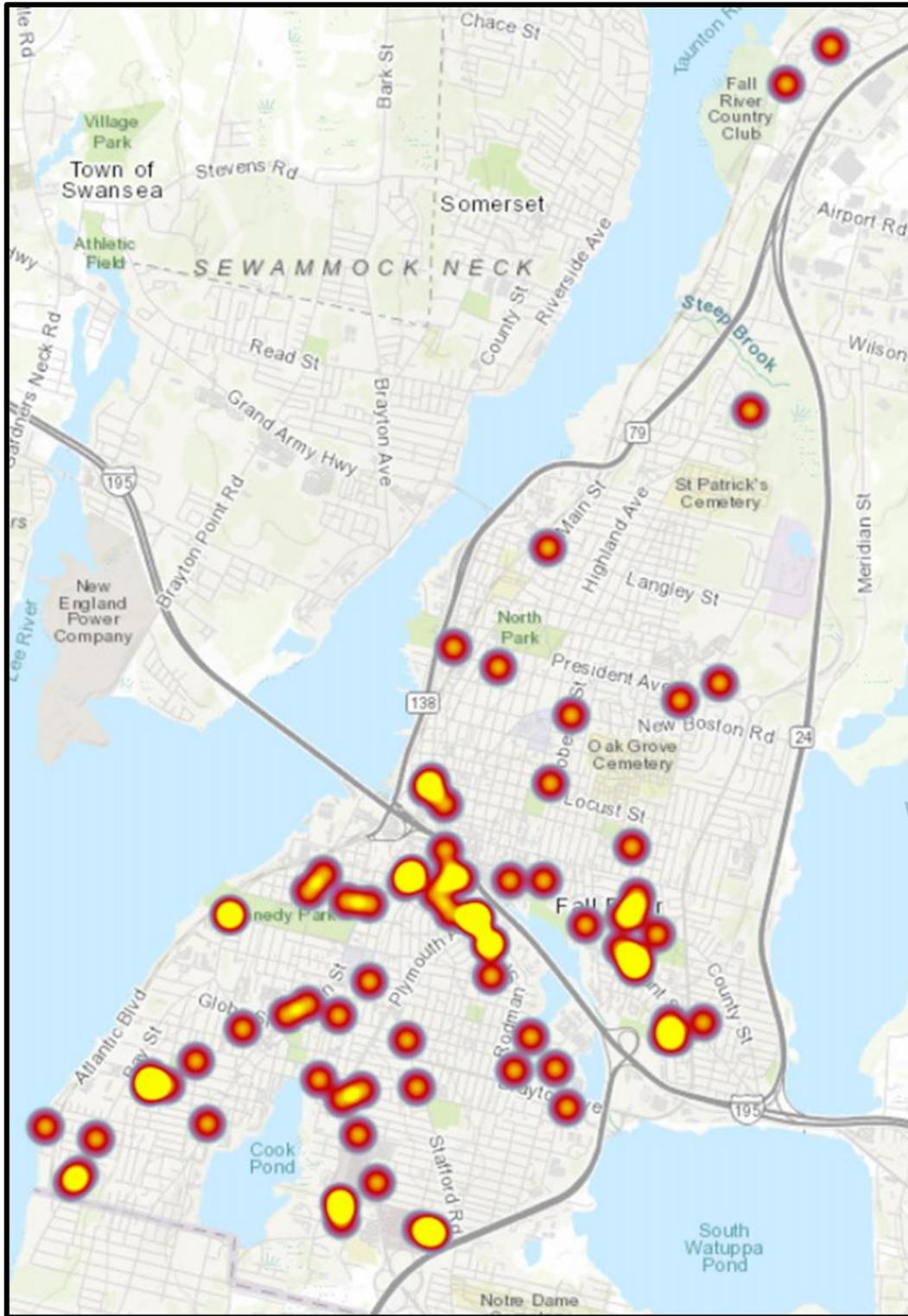


Commercial robberies occur in banks, convenience stores, gas stations, restaurants, as well as other businesses.

The following is a breakdown of the different weapons used during the armed robberies of 2023. The top two weapons used by suspects in armed robberies were knives and firearms.

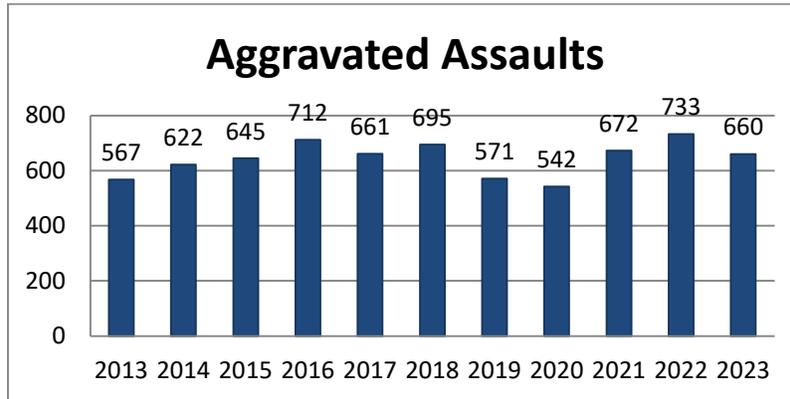
Type	Total
Knife	19
Firearm	8
Other	4
Unknown	4

# Robbery Map



## Assault

In 2023, the Fall River Police Department responded to 660 incidents that resulted in at least one aggravated assault charge. This represents a 11.06% decrease from 2022. The following is a chart depicting the total number of aggravated assaults for 2013-2023.



	Average of 2013-2022	Normal Range of 2013-2022	2022	2023	% Change Average – 2023	% Change 2022 – 2023
Aggravated Assaults	642	580-704	733	660	+2.80%	-11.06%

The following table depicts the total number of assaults (simple and aggravated) that were committed each month.

	Total Assaults	Aggravated	% of Total - Aggravated	Simple	% of Total - Simple
January	136	54	39.71%	82	60.29%
February	124	54	43.55%	70	56.45%
March	115	37	32.17%	78	67.83%
April	130	49	39.69%	81	62.31%
May	151	69	45.70%	82	54.30%
June	153	60	39.22%	93	60.78%
July	167	64	38.32%	103	61.68%
August	156	57	36.54%	99	63.46%
September	168	47	27.98%	121	72.02%
October	174	60	34.48%	114	65.52%
November	137	51	37.23%	86	62.77%
December	161	58	36.02%	103	63.98%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,772</b>	<b>660</b>	<b>37.25%</b>	<b>1,112</b>	<b>62.75%</b>

In the above table, aggravated totals include any case that has at least one aggravated assault charge. These could also include aggravated assaults as well as simple assaults in the same incident. The simple assault totals include incidents where ONLY a simple assault occurred. The table shows that 37.25% of all assaults include at least one aggravated assault charge. This is a ratio of 660 aggravated assaults to a total of 1,772 total assaults.

The following is a table depicting the total number of assaults (simple and aggravated) by day of the week and time of day.

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Total
0000-0059	17	12	15	13	13	14	17	101
0100-0159	11	9	12	7	11	10	17	77
0200-0259	15	6	12	9	11	16	10	79
0300-0359	18	10	10	6	8	8	12	72
0400-0459	10	7	5	8	3	5	12	50
0500-0559	6	8	4	4	5	2	7	36
0600-0659	5	3	6	7	3	1	8	33
0700-0759	3	5	10	3	2	3	6	32
0800-0859	7	10	7	8	5	3	1	41
0900-0959	6	6	12	12	14	12	5	67
1000-1059	6	4	7	13	14	4	8	56
1100-1159	6	12	13	10	12	10	7	70
1200-1259	9	11	13	11	7	8	16	75
1300-1359	8	6	7	6	10	7	14	58
1400-1459	15	13	16	11	8	7	10	80
1500-1559	20	7	6	7	7	14	14	75
1600-1659	10	9	6	9	12	11	15	72
1700-1759	9	17	12	13	7	14	15	87
1800-1859	14	12	15	18	12	11	14	96
1900-1959	12	12	12	14	10	14	14	88
2000-2059	12	16	11	11	19	16	12	97
2100-2159	22	12	16	7	15	13	17	102
2200-2259	23	17	15	16	19	19	12	121
2300-2359	14	12	18	18	12	17	16	107
<b>Totals</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>279</b>	<b>1772</b>

Most common day of week (highest to lowest):

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

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

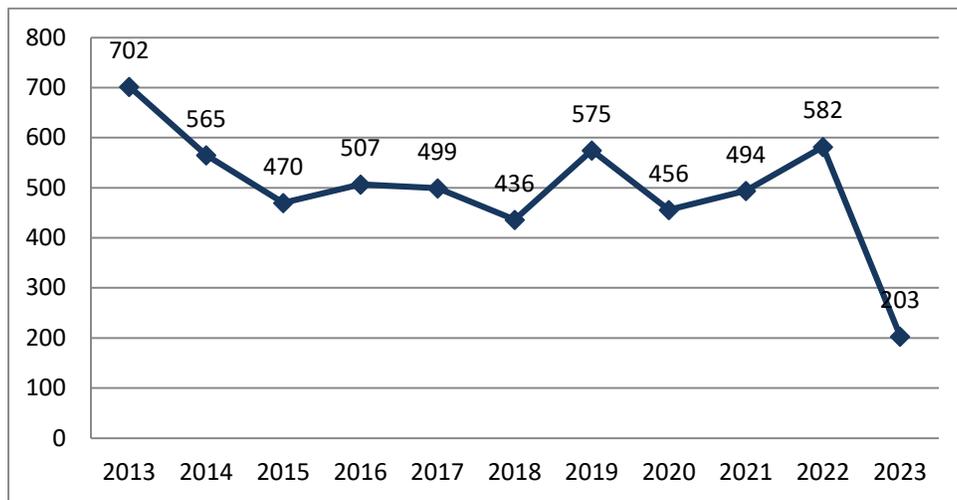
2200 – 2300 – 2100 – 0000 – 2000 – 1800 – 1900

## Burglary & B&Es

In 2023, the Fall River Police Department investigated 203 burglaries and B&Es which is a 65.12% decrease from 2022. The difference between a burglary and a B&E is that a burglary occurs in a dwelling.

The 2023 NIBRS Manual stipulates that “LEAs should classify offenses locally known as Burglary (any degree), unlawful entry with intent to commit a larceny or felony, breaking and entering with intent to commit a larceny, housebreaking, and safecracking as burglary. However, because Larceny/Theft is an element of Burglary, agencies should not report the Larceny as a separate offense if it is associated with the unlawful entry of a structure. The element of trespass is essential to the offense of Burglary/ Breaking and Entering. By definition, a structure has four walls, a roof, and a door (e.g., apartment, barn, cabin, church, condominium, dwelling house, factory, garage, house trailer or houseboat if used as a permanent dwelling, mill, office, outbuilding, public building, railroad car, room, school, stable, vessel or ship, warehouse). A structure is also any house trailer or other mobile unit permanently fixed as an office, residence, or storehouse. However, a tent, tent trailer, motor-home, house trailer, or any other mobile unit used for recreational purposes is not a structure. LEAs should not classify the illegal entry of such mobile units, followed by a felony, theft, or attempt to commit a felony or theft, as burglary, but rather as larceny.”<sup>1</sup> Part of the decrease shown below is due to changes in the reporting system.

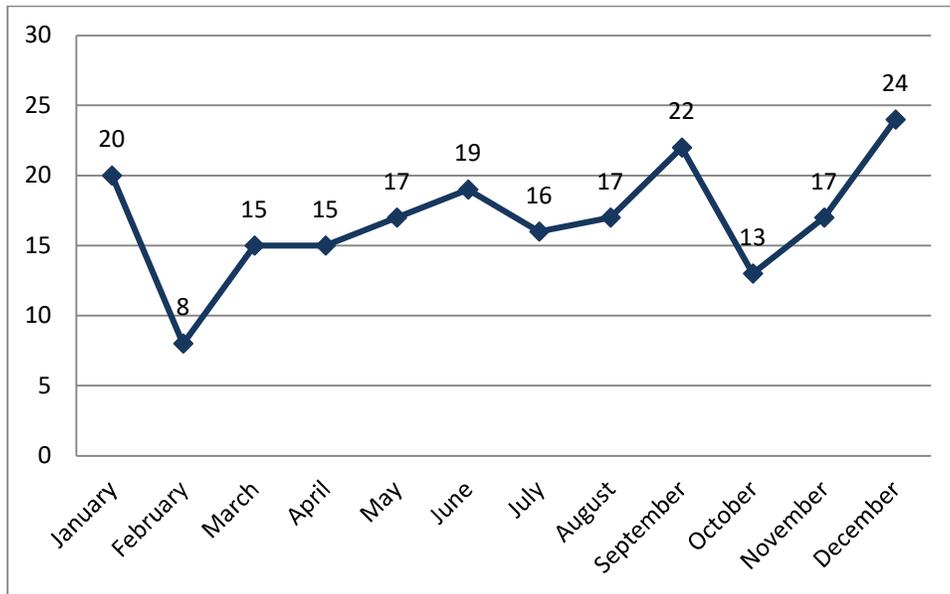
From 2013 to 2023, a combination of burglaries and B&Es have gone down 71.08%.



	Average of 2013-2022	Normal Range of 2013-2022	2022	2023	% Change Average - 2023	% Change 2022 - 2023
Burglary/B&E	528.6	454-604	582	203	-61.60%	-65.12%

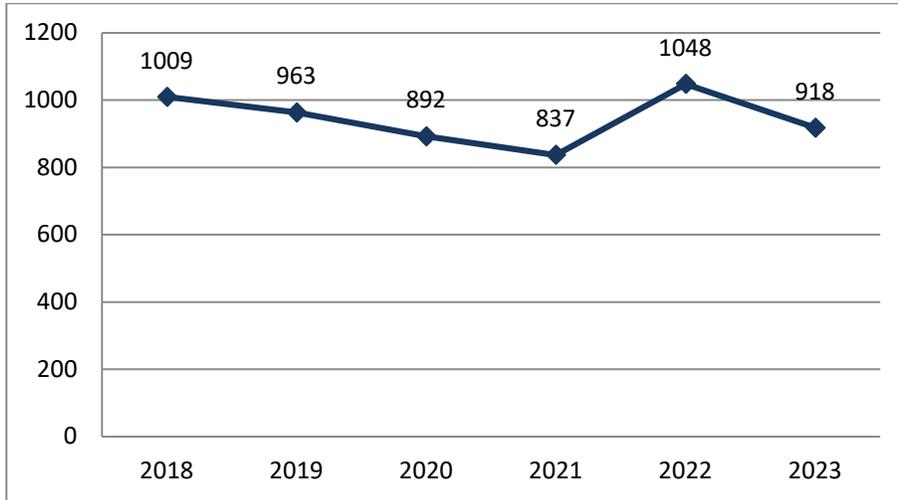
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The following is a chart depicting burglaries and B&Es by month.



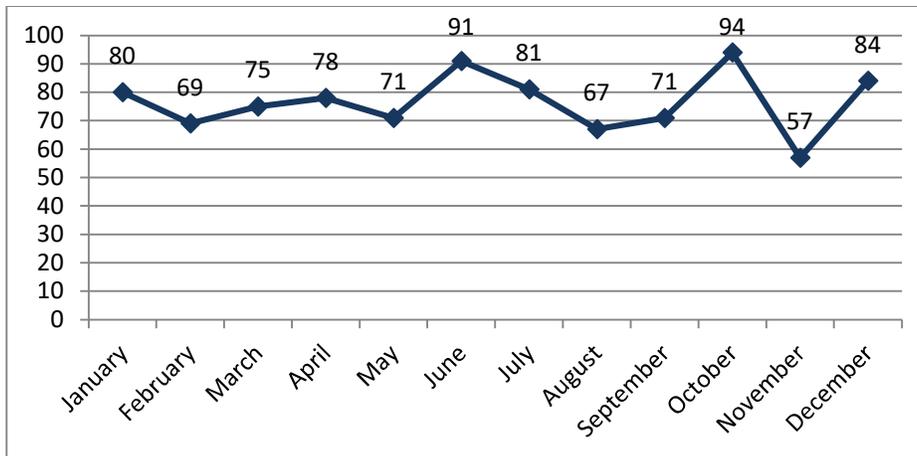
# Larceny

In 2023, larcenies have decreased 12.40% from 2022. The following chart depicts larcenies since 2019:



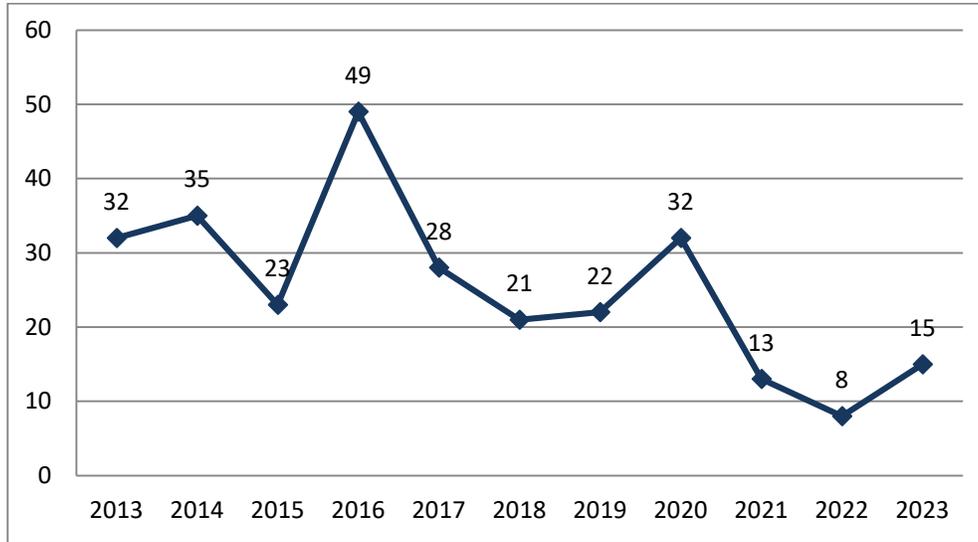
	Average of 2018-2022	Normal Range of 2018-2022	2022	2023	% Change Average – 2023	% Change 2022 – 2023
Larceny	949.8	873-1026	1,048	918	-3.35%	-12.40%

The following is a chart depicting 2023 larcenies by month.



## Arson

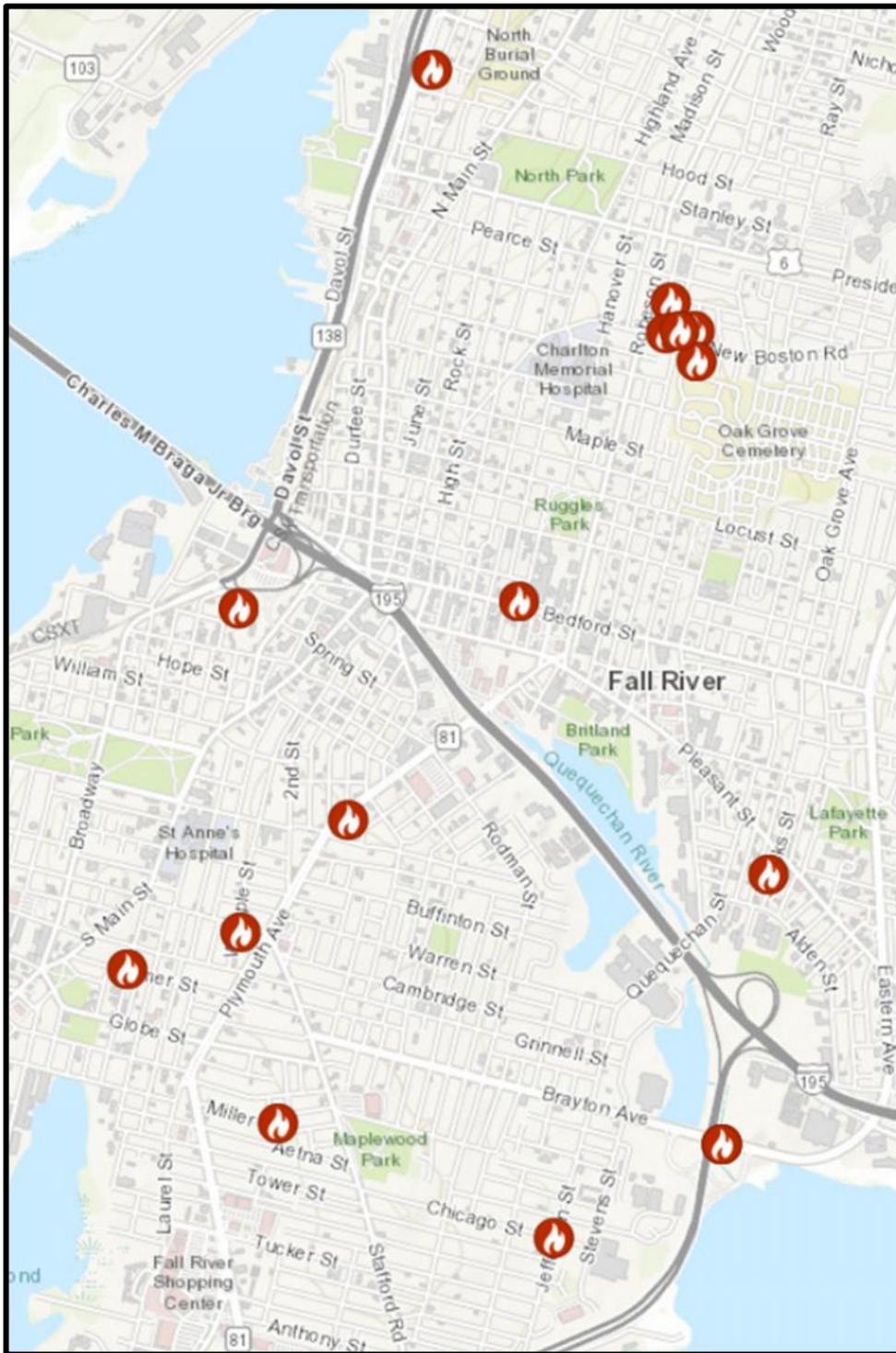
In 2023, there were a total of 15 incidents that resulted in at least one arson charge. This represents a 87.50% increase from 2022.



	Average of 2013-2022	Normal Range of 2013-2022	2022	2023	% Change Average – 2023	% Change 2022 – 2023
Arson	26.3	15-37	8	15	-42.97%	+87.50%

	2022	2023	% Change
Sunday	2	2	0.00%
Monday	1	2	+100.00%
Tuesday	0	3	+∞
Wednesday	2	1	-50.00%
Thursday	2	3	+50.00%
Friday	0	3	+∞
Saturday	1	1	0.00%
Totals	8	15	+87.50%

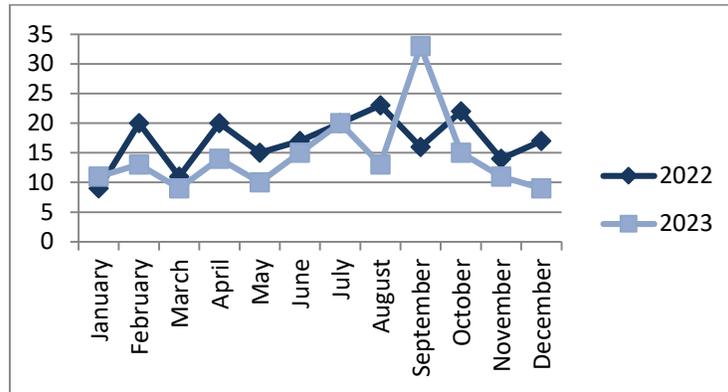
# Arson Map



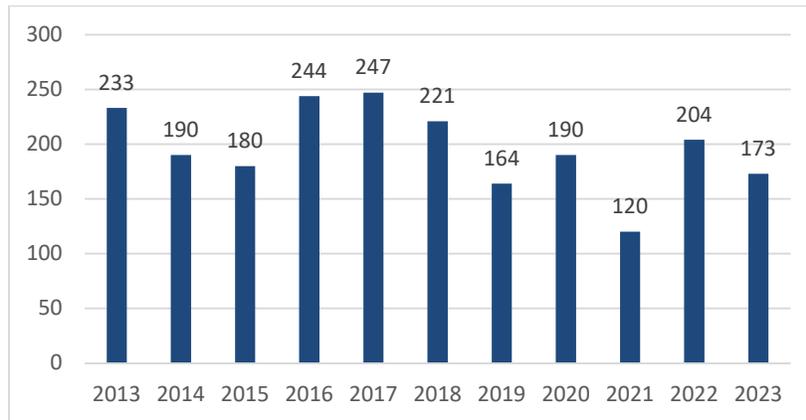
## Motor Vehicle Theft

In 2023, the Fall River Police Department investigated 173 motor vehicle thefts. 2023 motor vehicle thefts decreased from 2022 by 15.20%.

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 chart showing motor vehicle theft since 2013:



	Average of 2013-2022	Normal Range of 2013-2022	2022	2023	% Change Average – 2023	% Change 2022 – 2023
Motor Vehicle Theft	199.3	162-237	204	173	-13.20%	-15.20%

There are two charges that encompass motor vehicle (MV) theft – Larceny of a MV and Use of a MV Without Authority. In 2023, there were a total of 156 charges of Larceny of a Motor Vehicle and 17

charges of Use of a Motor Vehicle Without Authority. Below is a breakdown of total MV thefts, larceny of a motor vehicle, and use of a motor vehicle without authority by month.

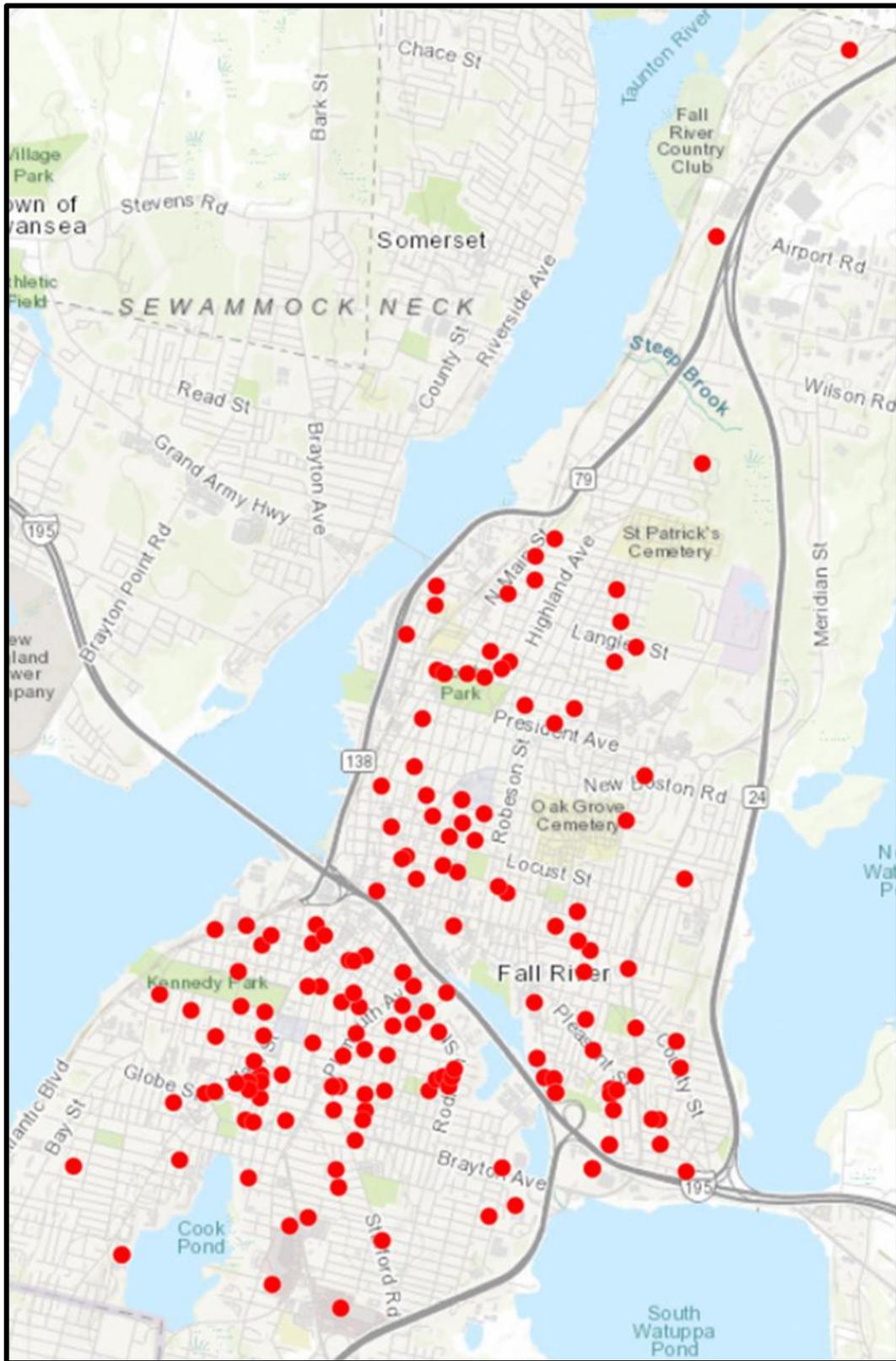
	Total MV Thefts	Total – Larceny of a MV	% of Total – Larceny of a MV	Total – Use of a MV w/o Authority	% of Total – Use of a MV w/o Authority
January	11	11	100.00%	0	0.00%
February	13	12	92.31%	1	7.69%
March	9	9	100.00%	0	0.00%
April	14	13	92.86%	1	7.14%
May	10	9	90.00%	1	10.00%
June	15	12	80.00%	3	20.00%
July	20	19	95.00%	1	5.00%
August	13	12	92.31%	1	7.69%
September	33	31	93.94%	2	6.06%
October	15	12	80.00%	3	20.00%
November	11	10	90.91%	1	9.09%
December	9	6	66.67%	3	33.33%
<b>Total</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>90.17%</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>9.83%</b>

The following is a breakdown of 2023 motor vehicle thefts by make of the vehicle.

Make	Total	Make	Total
Acura	5	Land Rover	2
Audi	3	Lexus	1
BMW	1	Mazda	2
Buick	1	Mercedes	2
Cadillac	1	Nissan	8
Chevy	7	Other	6
Dirtbike/Moped/Scooter	22	Pontiac	1
Dodge	6	Subaru	2
Ford	13	Suzuki	4
Honda	16	Tesla	2
Hyundai	25	Toyota	13
Infiniti	1	Volkswagon	2
Jeep	2	Volvo	2
Kawasaki	3	Yamaha	3
Kia	17		

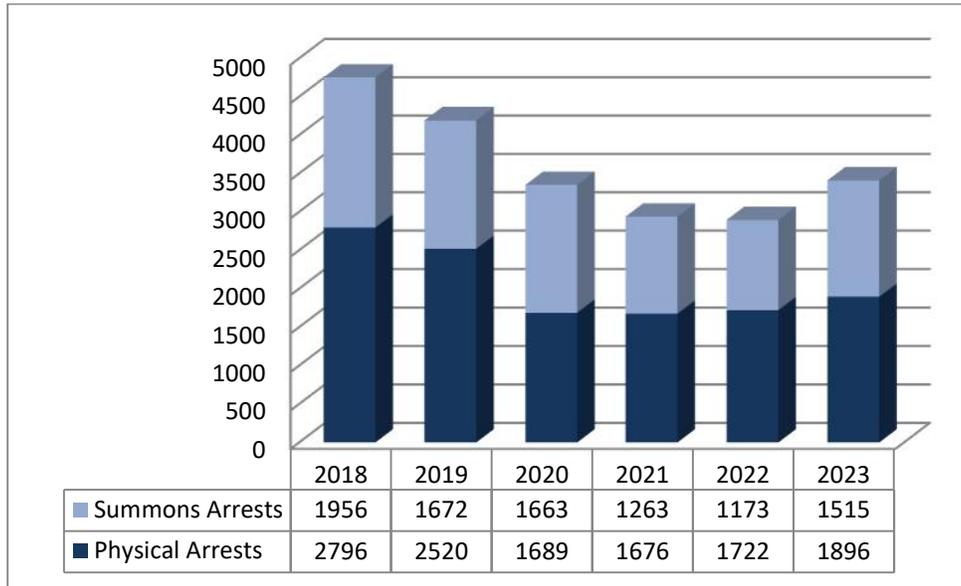
In 2023, there were 22 mopeds/scooters/dirtbikes stolen which represents a 37.14% decrease from 35 in 2022.

# Motor Vehicle Theft Map



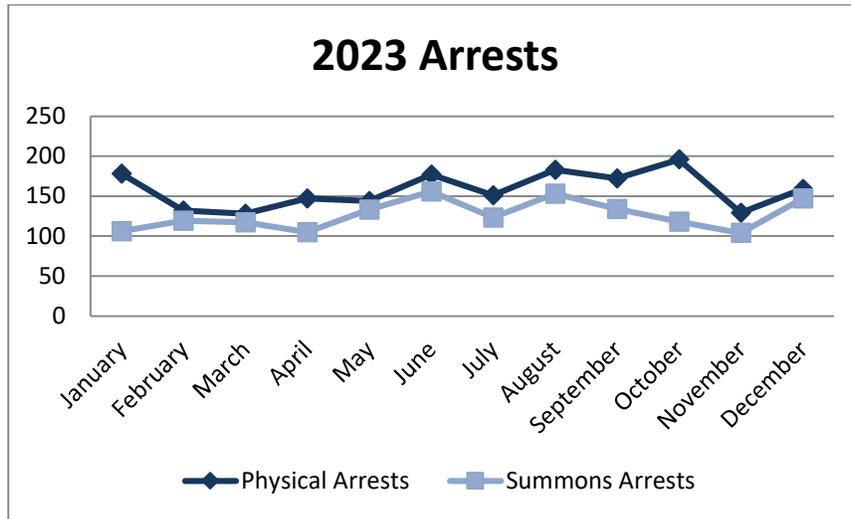
## Arrests

Physical arrests made by the Fall River Police Department have gone up from 2022 to 2023 by 10.10%. Summons arrests have also increased from 2022 to 2023 by 29.16%. Overall arrests (physical and summons) have gone up from 2,895 (2022) to 3,411 which is a 17.82% increase. The following is a chart depicting the change for each year since 2018:

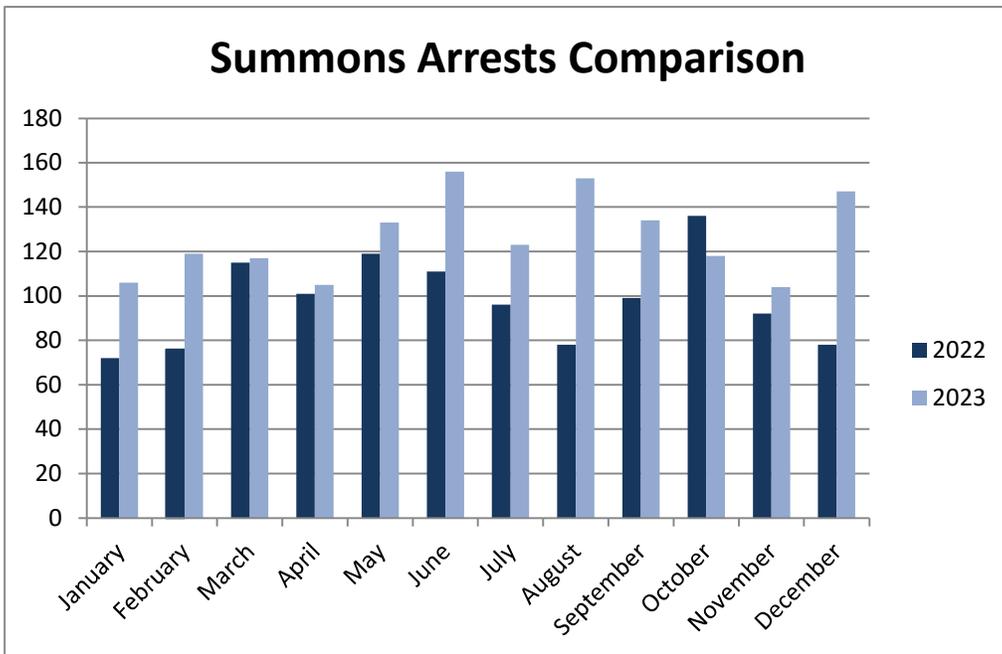
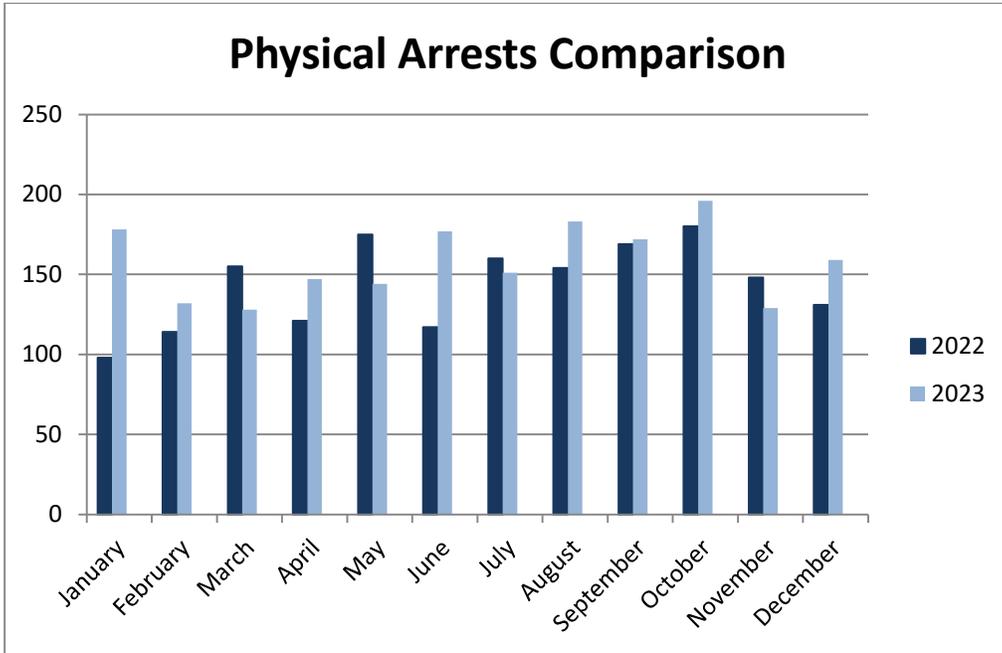


	Average of 2018-2022	Normal Range of 2018-2022	2022	2023	% Change Average – 2023	% Change 2022 – 2023
Physical Arrests	2080.6	1601-2560	1722	1896	-8.87%	+10.10%
Summons Arrests	1545.4	1257-1834	1173	1515	-1.97%	+29.16%
Total Arrests	3626	2895-4357	2895	3411	-5.93%	+17.82%

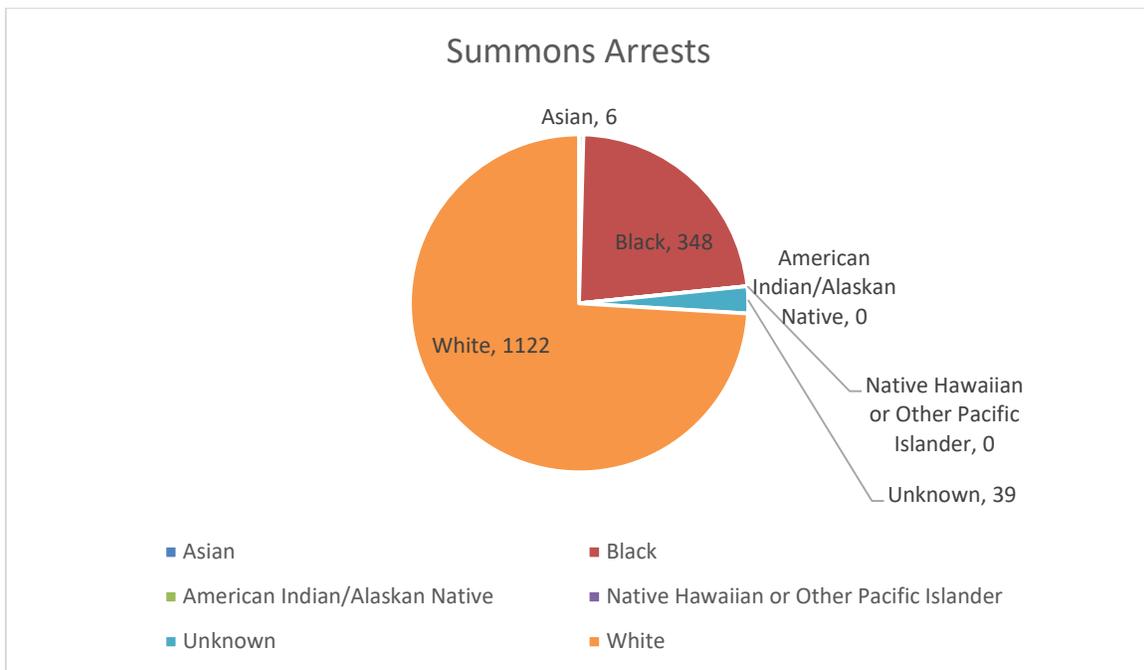
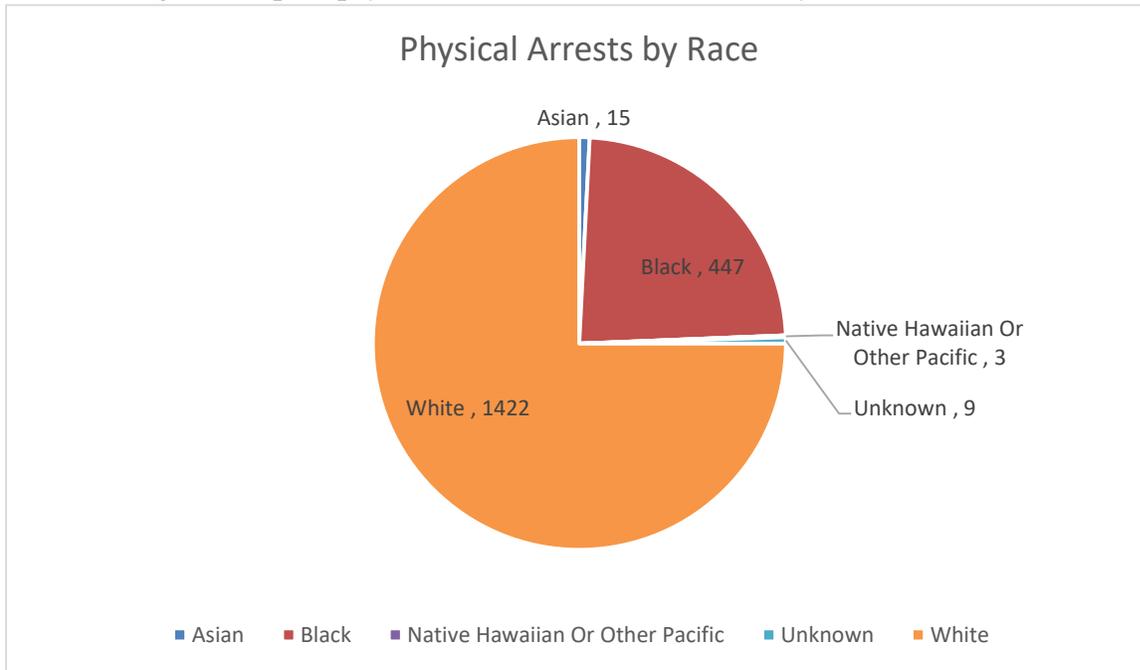
The following is a representation of the physical and summons arrests made by the FRPD in 2023 by month.



In comparing the 2023 arrests by month to the 2022 arrests by month, physical arrests went down in 2023 for March, May, July, and November. Physical arrests went up in 2023 for January, February, April, June, August, September, October, and December. In comparing the summons arrests in 2023 to those in 2022, summons arrests went up in each month except for October. The following tables show the comparison between 2022 and 2023 for both physical arrests and summons arrests.



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



In comparing the 2023 arrests by race to the 2022 arrests by race, physical arrests went up for individuals who are Asian, Black, Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander , and White. Physical arrests went down for individuals who are American Indian/Alaskan Native and Unknown. In comparing summons arrests in 2023 to those in 2022, it is shown that individuals who are Black and White were summonses more. Summons arrests went down for the following races: Asian, American Indian/Alaskan Native, Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, and Unknown.

Physical	Asian	Black	American Indian/Alaskan Native	Native Hawaiian Or Other Pacific Islander	Unknown	White
2022	13	347	1	1	12	1348
2023	15	447	0	3	9	1422
% Change	+15.38%	+28.82%	-100.00%	+200.00%	-25.00%	+5.49%

Summons	Asian	Black	American Indian/Alaskan Native	Native Hawaiian Or Other Pacific Islander	Unknown	White
2022	8	228	1	2	47	887
2023	6	348	0	0	39	1122
% Change	-25.00%	+52.63%	-100.00%	-100.00%	-17.02%	+26.49%

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

	Physical Arrests	Summons Arrests
2022	322	249
2023	353	326
% Change	+9.63%	+30.92%

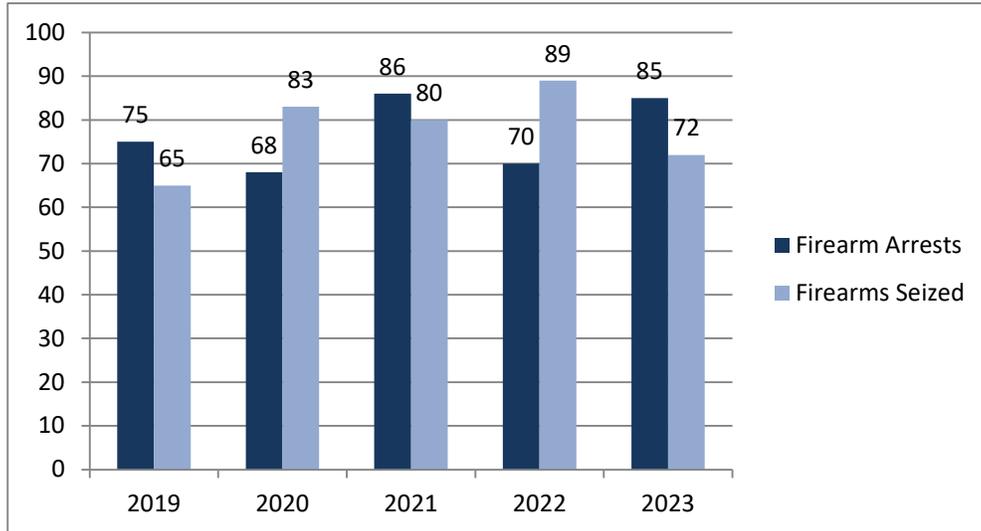
The following is a breakdown of all arrests (physical and summons) broken down by day and hour.

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Totals
0000-0059	27	17	14	24	20	10	18	130
0100-0159	16	23	19	7	22	14	25	126
0200-0259	21	12	19	23	18	18	17	128
0300-0359	18	13	23	15	17	22	20	128
0400-0459	21	14	13	14	11	13	13	99
0500-0559	6	8	13	6	3	9	14	59
0600-0659	5	4	7	12	6	4	12	50
0700-0759	4	13	11	12	11	4	12	67
0800-0859	18	25	19	16	21	12	9	120
0900-0959	21	34	23	28	41	29	22	198
1000-1059	24	27	21	34	31	32	16	185
1100-1159	15	21	40	35	27	32	17	187
1200-1259	9	28	21	31	28	14	27	158
1300-1359	15	14	22	29	19	25	26	150
1400-1459	19	19	31	27	24	24	12	156
1500-1559	20	12	23	22	16	29	18	140
1600-1659	14	24	12	17	12	17	27	123
1700-1759	27	15	22	26	30	29	14	163
1800-1859	23	29	27	39	26	22	17	183
1900-1959	20	28	18	34	31	33	19	183
2000-2059	23	26	25	21	29	18	18	160
2100-2159	30	24	30	19	36	26	17	182
2200-2259	25	22	29	24	31	25	23	179
2300-2359	29	20	32	23	18	15	20	157
Totals	450	472	514	538	528	476	433	3411

## Firearm Arrests & Seizures

In 2023, the Fall River Police Department arrested 85 individuals for firearms related offenses. This is an increase of 21.43% from 2022 which had 70 firearm arrests. In 2023, there were 72 firearms seized which is a decrease of 19.10% from 2022 where 89 firearms were seized.

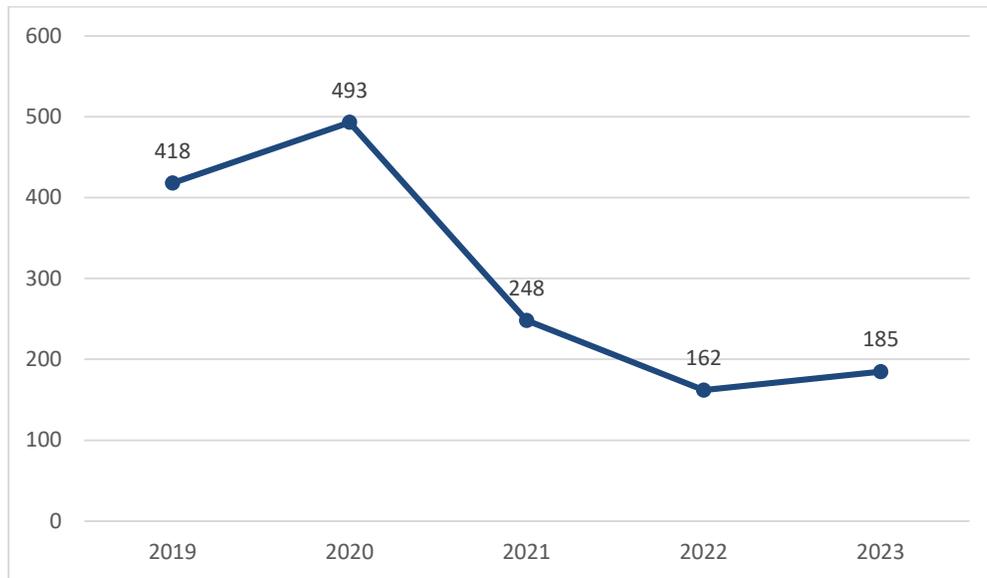
The following is a chart depicting firearm arrests and seizures for 2019 through 2023.



## Drug Arrests

In 2023, the FRPD arrested 185 individuals on at least one drug charge.

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.

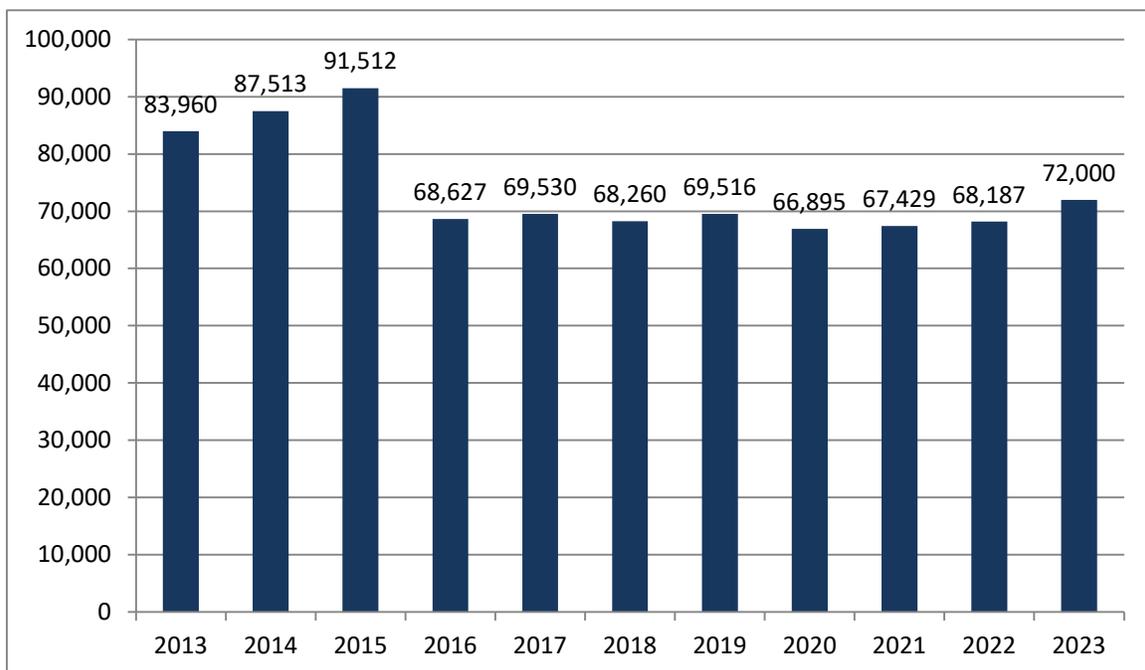


## Calls for Service

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 previous ten years. The FRPD has received and dispatched the following calls for service:



The FRPD saw an increase in calls for service in 2023 when compared to 2022 by 5.59%.

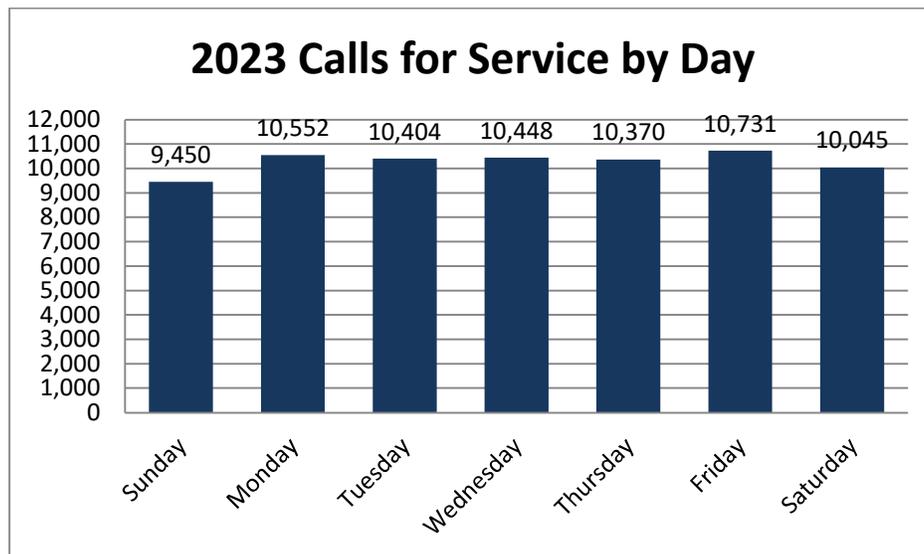
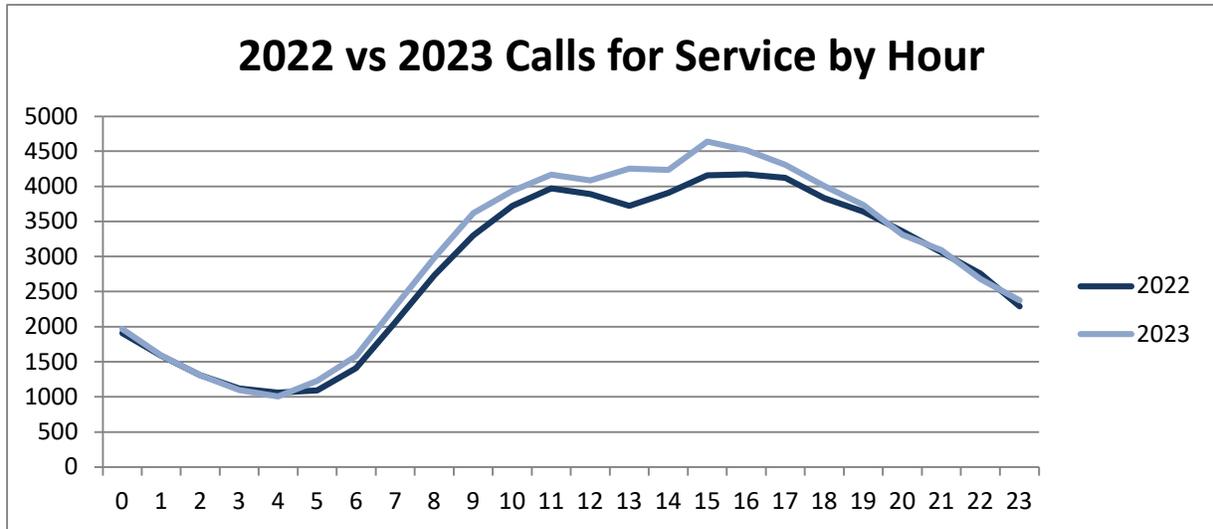
Of the 72,000 calls for service, the police department responded to 45,281 calls for service.

	Average of 2013-2022	Normal Range of 2013-2022	2022	2023	% Change Average – 2023	% Change 2022 – 2023
Calls for Service	74,142.9	65,101-83,185	68,187	72,000	-2.89%	+5.59%

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

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.

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Day Watch	28,365	27,272	28,993	29,406	31,913
First Watch	29,914	28,741	27,083	27,230	28,016
Last Watch	11,237	10,882	11,353	11,551	12,071



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

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Total
0000-0059	331	251	282	229	261	266	349	1969
0100-0159	292	207	213	179	215	203	281	1590
0200-0259	260	170	138	157	187	160	236	1308
0300-0359	237	132	152	126	131	142	175	1095
0400-0459	180	145	132	134	123	137	159	1010
0500-0559	191	165	175	189	144	178	187	1229
0600-0659	199	256	215	232	218	242	221	1583
0700-0759	252	360	359	353	344	336	283	2287
0800-0859	324	475	438	461	412	471	402	2983
0900-0959	424	564	537	568	528	530	466	3617
1000-1059	447	586	574	619	600	571	536	3933
1100-1159	527	622	615	649	597	623	535	4168
1200-1259	490	597	559	643	622	624	548	4083
1300-1359	528	616	636	617	644	671	542	4254
1400-1459	509	634	617	606	622	631	615	4234
1500-1559	576	666	695	646	736	726	596	4641
1600-1659	562	707	693	685	658	653	558	4516
1700-1759	518	675	641	632	616	632	591	4305
1800-1859	556	617	580	606	603	553	488	4003
1900-1959	499	519	562	570	512	576	498	3736
2000-2059	472	477	499	452	492	475	442	3309
2100-2159	421	428	431	461	441	441	468	3091
2200-2259	347	355	359	356	351	460	453	2681
2300-2359	308	328	302	278	313	430	416	2375
<b>Total</b>	<b>9450</b>	<b>10552</b>	<b>10404</b>	<b>10448</b>	<b>10370</b>	<b>10731</b>	<b>10045</b>	<b>72000</b>

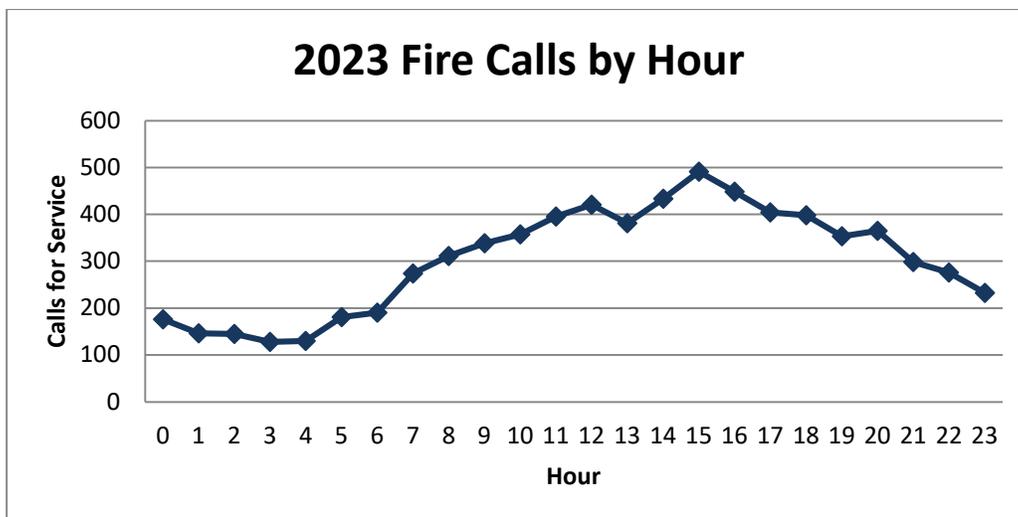
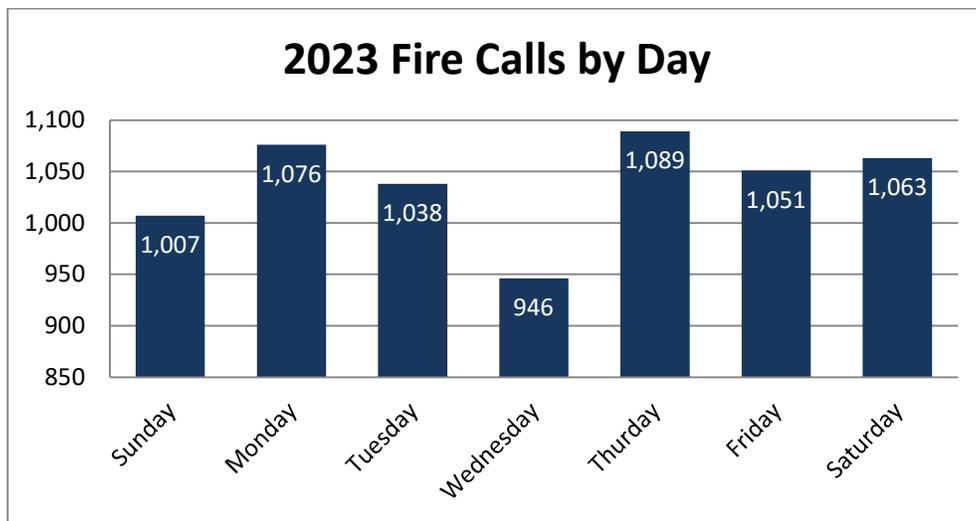
## Communications Division-Fire Calls

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 7,270 calls for service where a fire response was requested. This is an increase from 2022 by 1.24% and also a decrease since 2019 by 0.18%.

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

2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
7,283	6,713	7,085	7,181	7,270

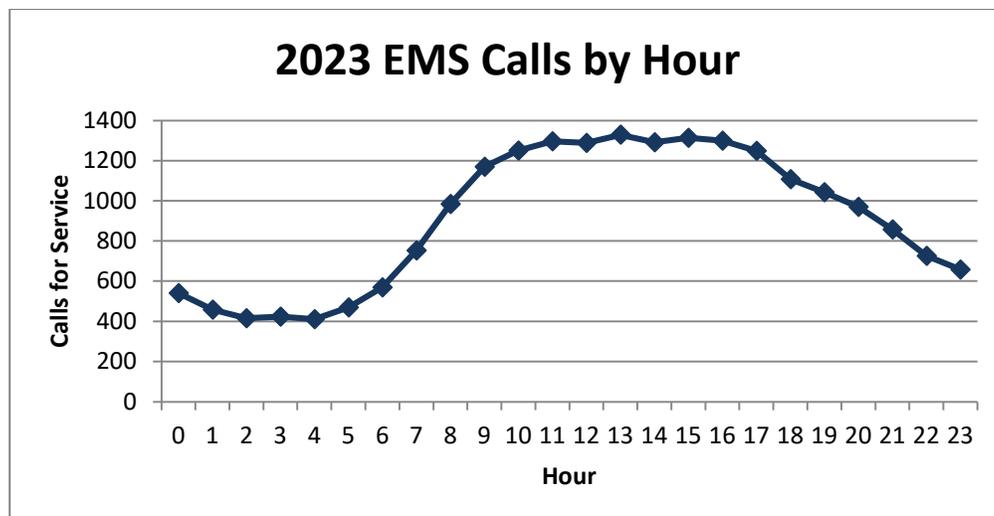
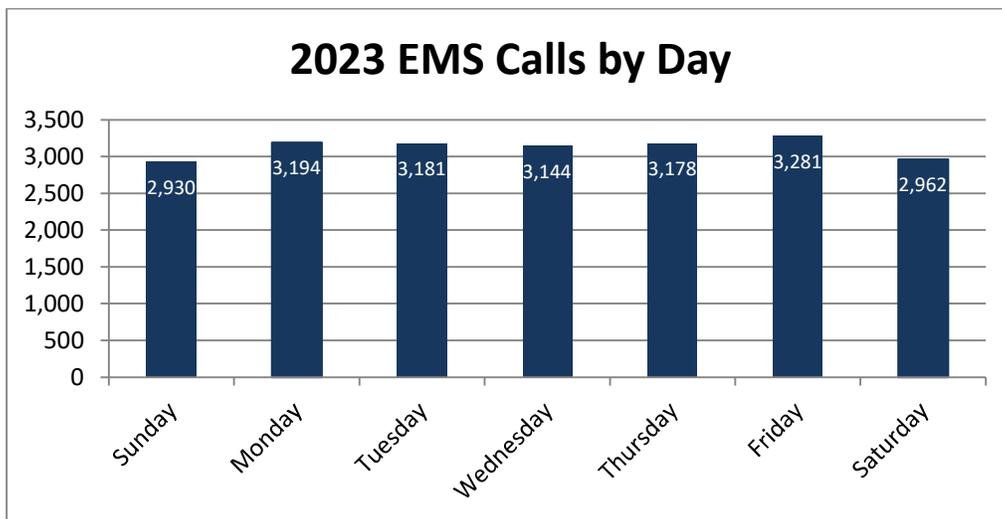


## Communications Division- EMS Calls

The FRPD Communications Division received and dispatched 21,870 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 2022 of 0.14%. 2023 calls for service that requested an EMS response is up 10.17% since 2019. The following is a chart depicting the EMS calls received by the FRPD Communications Division for the last five years:

2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
19,852	18,924	21,238	21,839	21,870

The following is a breakdown of EMS calls for service by day of the week and by hour for 2023.



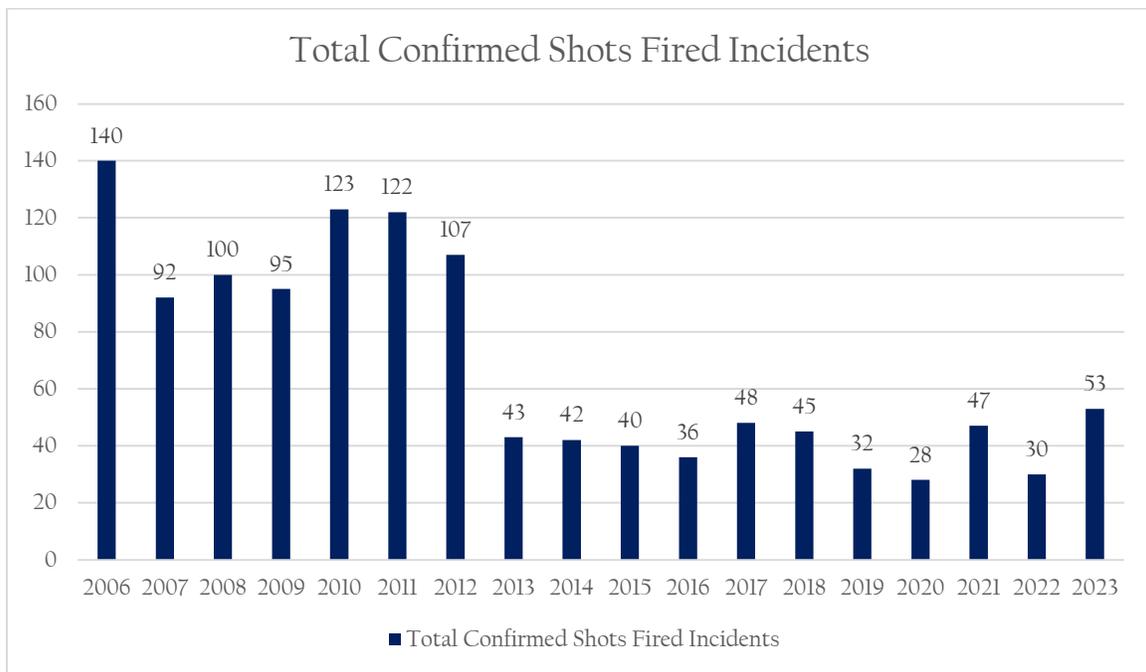
## Shots Fired Calls for Service

In 2023, the Fall River Police Department responded to the following shots fired related calls and incidents.

(One shots fired call in December is listed as two incident types – fatal and non-fatal. This causes the total calls to be 154, but the total types of calls to be 155.)

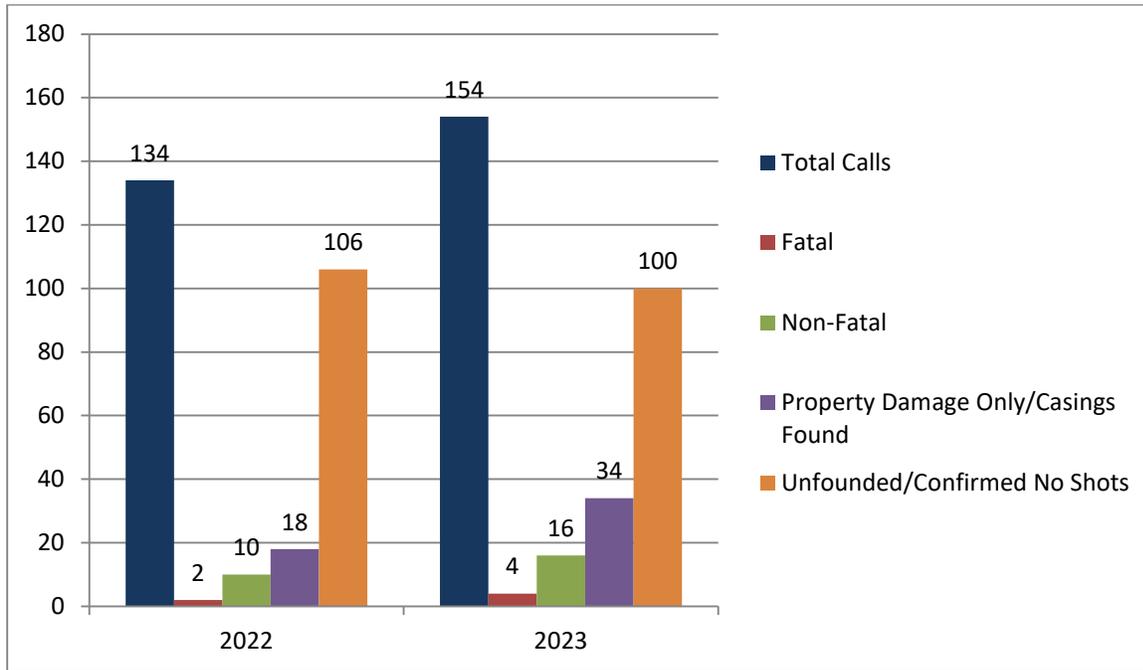
<b>Total Calls</b>	<b>154</b>
Fatal	4
Non-Fatal	16
Unfounded	57
Confirmed No Shots	43
Accidental Discharge	1
Casings Located	18
Property Damage Only	16

2023 showed an increase of 14.93% for total shots fired calls for service from 2022.



	Average of 2013-2022	Normal Range of 2013-2022	2022	2023	% Change Average – 2023	% Change 2022 – 2023
Confirmed Shots Fired Incidents	39.1	32-46	30	53	+35.55%	+76.67%

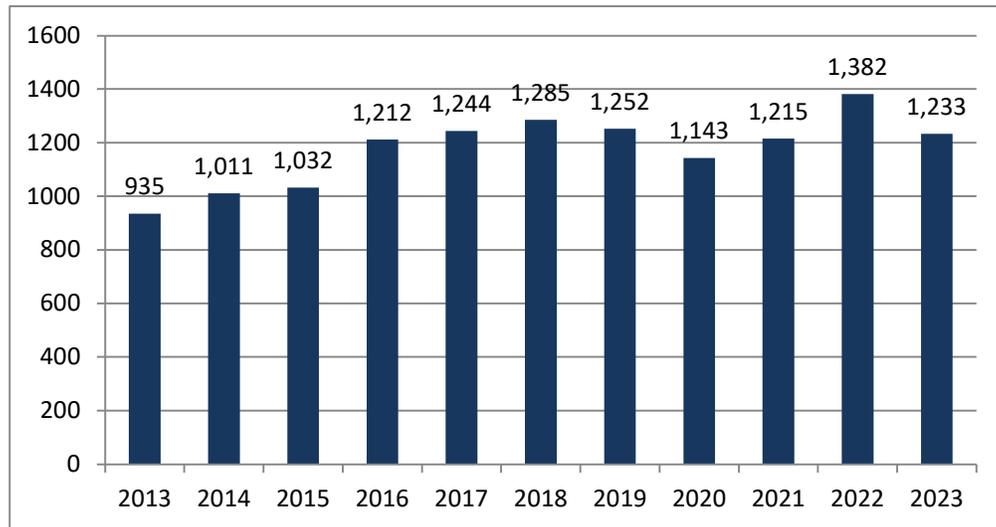
The following is a chart showing the change in calls from 2022 to 2023 for total, fatal, non-fatal, casings located (with or without property damage), and unfounded shots fired calls.



\*Fatal shots fired calls in the above chart do not include any self-inflicted fatal wounds

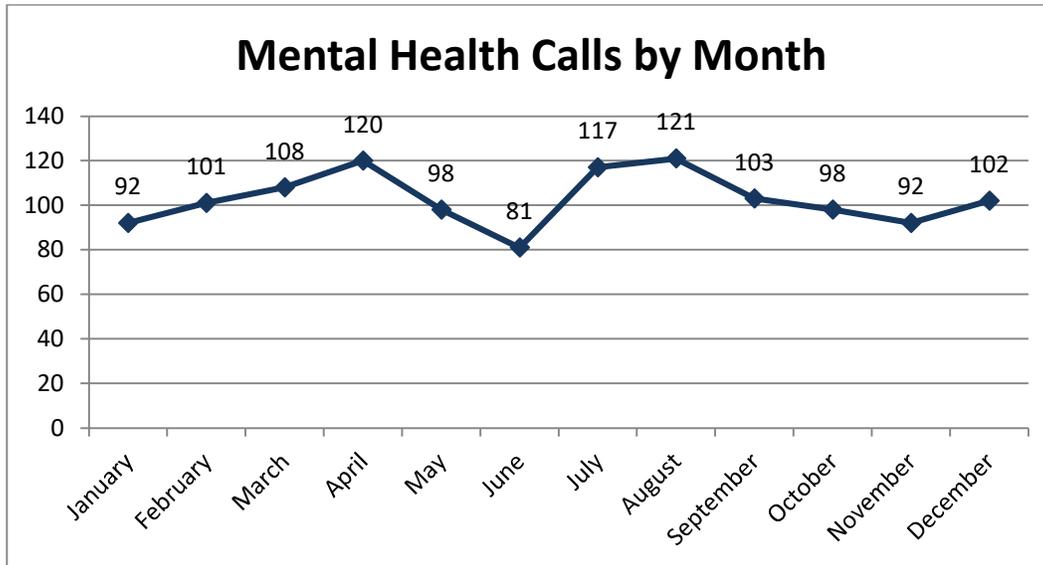
## Mental Health

The Communications Division received a total of 1,233 calls for service due to a citizen having a mental health crisis in 2023. This is a decrease of 10.78% from 2022. The following is a chart depicting the calls that were received while someone was having a mental health crisis for the previous 10 years compared to 2023. \*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.

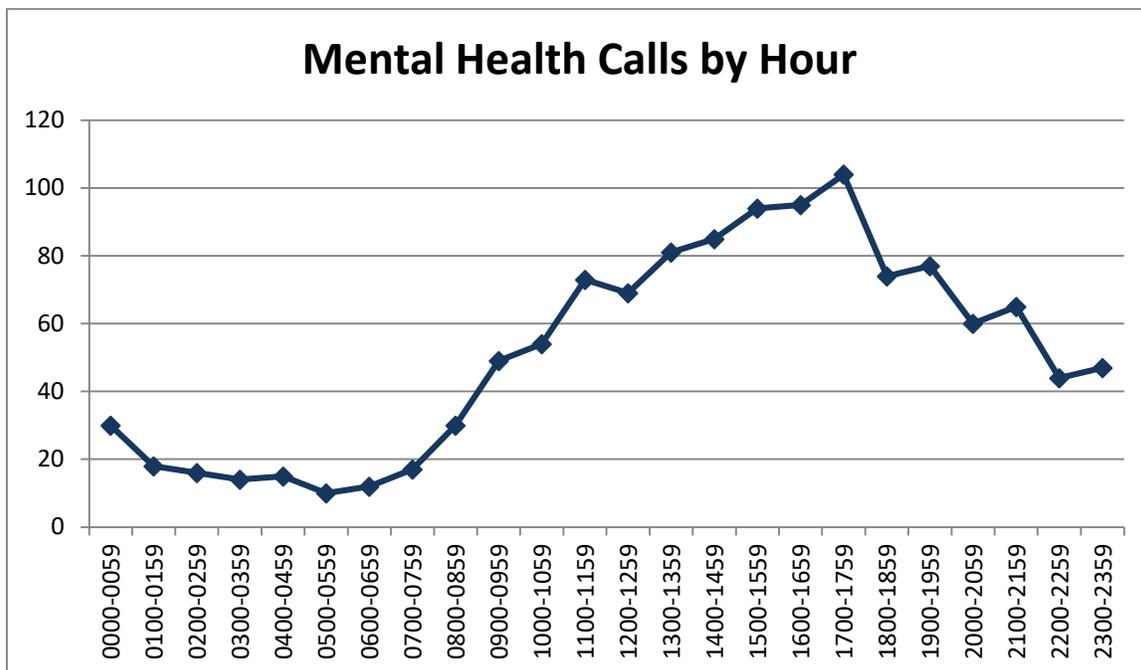


	Average of 2013-2022	Normal Range of 2013-2022	2022	2023	% Change Average – 2023	% Change 2022 – 2023
Mental Health Calls for Service	1,176.73	1,045-1,309	1,382	1,233	+4.78%	-10.78%

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

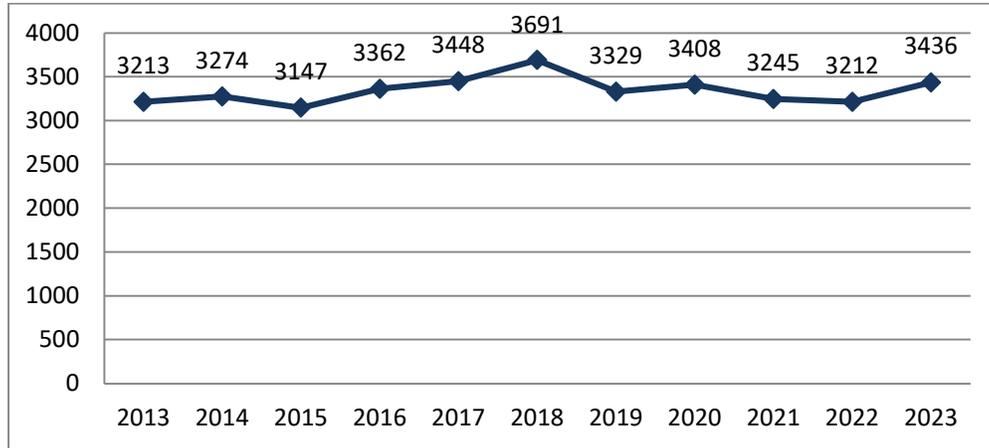


The police department receives the most calls regarding a mental health crisis between 1300 hrs and 1700 hrs. The following is a chart depicting mental health calls for service received by the communication division in 2023.



## Domestic Violence

The number of domestic violence calls for service increased from 2022 to 2023 by 6.97%. In 2023 there were a total of 3,436 domestic violence calls for service.



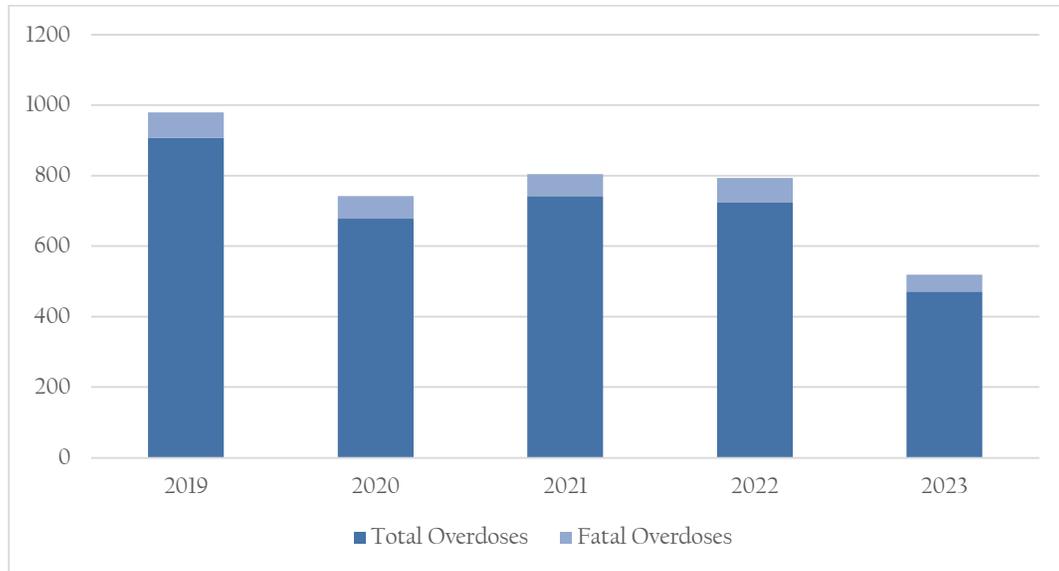
	Average of 2013-2022	Normal Range of 2013-2022	2022	2023	% Change Average – 2023	% Change 2022 – 2023
Domestic Violence Calls for Service	3,342.27	3,193-3,492	3,212	3,436	+2.80%	+6.97%

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
2019	3,269	60
2020	3,349	59
2021	3,162	83
2022	3,132	80
2023	3,371	65

## Overdoses

In 2023, there were a total of 471 overdoses including 48 fatal overdoses. The 2023 numbers represent a 48.07% decrease from 2019 for total overdoses and a 33.33 % decrease in overdose deaths.



In Fall River, “Project Reconnect” was developed and has volunteers reach out to individuals after an overdose and offer assistance to them and their families. 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.”<sup>2</sup>

In 2022, the Fall River Police Department created the Fall River Addiction Support & Treatment (FAST) Response Team. The FAST Response Team is a dynamic trio comprising a police officer, a clinician, two recovery coaches, a data/outreach coordinator, and a program director, dedicated to addressing complex societal challenges at the grassroots level throughout Fall River, Somerset, Swansea, and Westport. Tasked with responding to mental health crises, substance use incidents, and homelessness, this multifaceted team embodies a holistic approach to community welfare. The police officer, seasoned in law enforcement, ensures safety and order while facilitating the initial engagement. Simultaneously, the clinician brings forth expertise in mental health, adept at assessing and de-escalating volatile situations with empathy and understanding. Their interventions prioritize therapeutic rapport-building and personalized care, aiming to stabilize individuals in distress. Complementing this duo is the recovery coach, a beacon of hope and guidance for those grappling with substance abuse and homelessness. Armed with lived experience and a wealth of resources, the recovery coach extends a compassionate hand, empowering individuals to navigate towards recovery and reclaim agency over their lives. Together, this

<sup>2</sup> \*Mission Statement gathered from [c-o-p-e.org/project-reconnect.html](http://c-o-p-e.org/project-reconnect.html)

collaborative team fosters a supportive environment, where individuals in crisis are not merely recipients of assistance but active participants in their journey towards healing and resilience. Through their concerted efforts, the Co-Response Team epitomizes a paradigm shift in community policing, one rooted in compassion, inclusivity, and the unwavering commitment to serve and uplift every member of society.

The following list of tasks requires a multidisciplinary approach, combining the expertise of law enforcement, mental health professionals, and social service providers to effectively address the complex needs of individuals experiencing mental health challenges, substance use disorders, and homelessness.

1. Crisis intervention and de-escalation during mental health crises.
2. Conducting assessments to determine the level of mental health support needed.
3. Providing immediate emotional support and counseling to individuals experiencing mental health crises.
4. Connecting individuals with appropriate mental health services, including: therapy, counseling, and psychiatric care.
5. Assisting individuals in accessing medication and managing medication compliance.
6. Collaborating with community mental health providers and organizations to ensure ongoing support and follow-up care.
7. Providing education and resources to individuals and families about mental health conditions and available services.
8. Responding to substance use incidents and overdoses.
9. Administering naloxone or other life-saving interventions in cases of opioid overdose.
10. Assist in educating the high-risk population and other community members in opioid overdose, reversal agents, and other pertinent substance use related information.
11. Offering harm reduction strategies and support for individuals struggling with substance use disorders.
12. Facilitating referrals to substance use treatment programs, detoxification centers, and rehabilitation facilities.
13. Providing ongoing support and case management to individuals in recovery.
14. Conducting outreach to individuals experiencing homelessness.
15. Connecting individuals with emergency shelter, transitional housing, and supportive housing programs.
16. Assisting with access to basic needs such as: food, clothing, and hygiene supplies.
17. Collaborating with local law enforcement to address safety concerns and mitigate risks associated with homelessness.
18. Providing information and referrals to social services agencies for long-term support.
19. Advocating for policy changes and community resources to address systemic issues contributing to homelessness.

## Missing Persons

The number of calls for service regarding missing persons has decreased from 2022 to 2023 by 16.95%. In 2023 there were a total of 936 missing persons calls for service, which represents a 28.82% decrease from 2019. The data on this page includes runaways.

