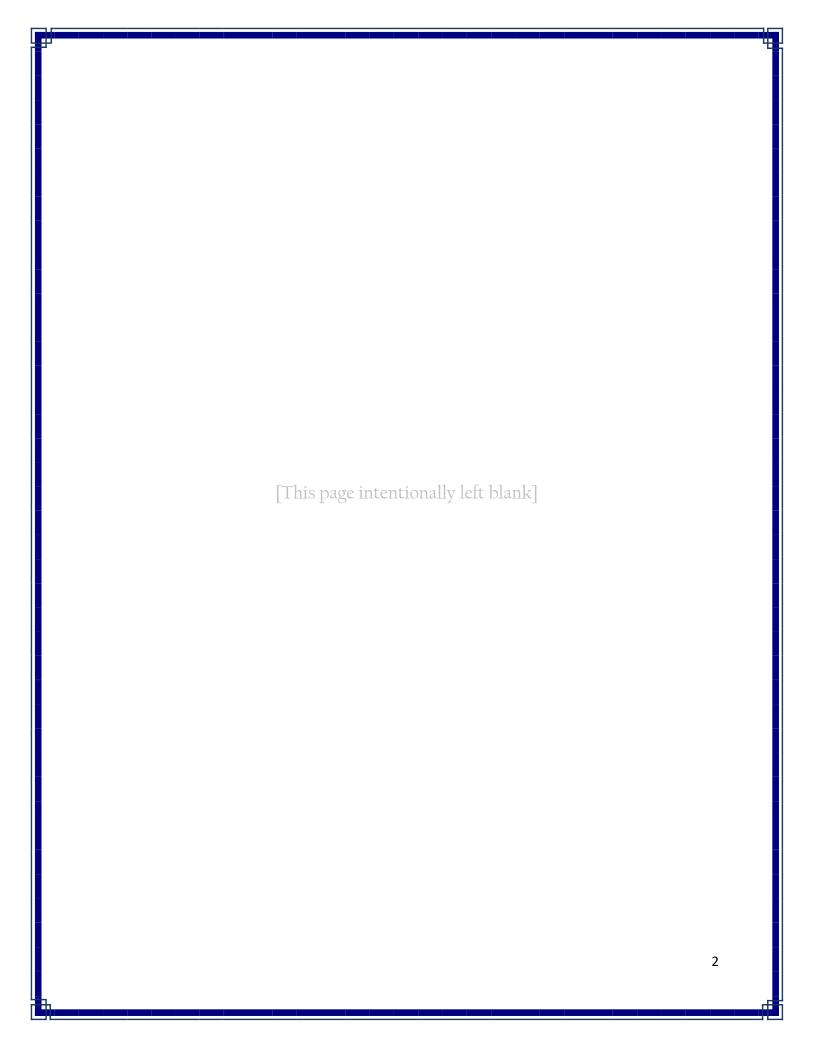
# 2024

# Fall River Police Department Annual Report



Chief Kelly Furtado



## Dedication

The Fall River Police Department 2024 Annual Report is dedicated to all of the men and women who have given their lives while in service of their communities.

In 2024, there were 145 police officers killed in the line of duty throughout the United States. This is up from 136 officers killed in the line of duty in 2023. Massachusetts had two line of duty deaths in 2024. We recognize this officer for making the ultimate sacrifice.



Trooper Enrique Delgado-Garcia Massachusetts State Police End of Watch: Friday, September 13, 2024



Sergeant Ian Taylor Billerica Police Department End of Watch: Friday, April 26, 2024

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

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# Recognitions

#### **New Sworn Officers**

The following officers were appointed in 2024:

Officer Brandon Andrade
Officer Logan Arruda
Officer Zhade Belcher
Officer Matthew Cabral Barboza
Officer Taylor Carreiro
Officer Anyeric Castillo
Officer India Cote
Officer Nicholas Kennedy
Officer Jordon Medeiros
Officer Ronaldo Mendes
Officer Joshua Pelletier
Officer Christopher Rosa
Officer Eder Santos
Officer David Silvia III
Officer Dylan Viera-Owens

#### **Promotions**

The following individuals were promoted in 2024:

Deputy Chief James T. Hoar Captain Gil Costa Captain William Platt Lieutenant Jeffrey Autote **Lieutenant Matthew Mendes** Lieutenant Raymond Morrissette Lieutenant Moses Pereira Lieutenant Jeffrey Richard Sergeant Ross Aubin Sergeant Peter Daluz Lieutenant Luis Duarte Sergeant Paul McGuire Sergeant Brandon Pacheco Sergeant John Ruggiero Sergeant Adam Talbot Sergeant Sakhon Uon

#### **Retirements**

The following is a list of those who retired in 2024:

Deputy Chief Charles Cullen Captain Michael Duarte Lieutenant Anthony Elumba Sergeant James Smith Officer Richard Aguiar Sr Officer Thomas Barboza Officer Allen Correiro Officer Michael DiGangi Officer David Lafleur Officer David A Pacheco

## **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 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 2024 annual crime report for the Fall River Police Department.



#### Organizational Chart CSS Bureau Commander Support Services Burea Communications and Deputy Chief Barden H. Castro Firearms Licensing Unit Volunteer Support Unit Communications Unit Revision Date: 11-08-2024 Records Unit Sergeants Signal Division Animal Control Fleet Services Jail Unit Motor Vehicle Enforcement Unit Public Information Officer MVEU Sergeant **MVEU Officers** Planning, Training & Accreditation Unit Internal Affairs Unit Professional Standards Division Commander Professional Standards Division CAST Detectives Housing Unit Community Action & Suppression Team (CAST) Administrative Staff CAST Commander CAST Sergeants Administrative Project Reconnect Special Services Division Assistant FAST Team Honor Guard Environmental Harbormaster SSD Commander Police Interim Chief of Police Kelly A. Furtado Special Operations & Investigation Bureau (SOIB) SOIB Bureau Commander Information, Investigation & Technology Unit Crime Analyst Public Permits & Special Events Evidence & Property Unit Special Victims Unit Juvenile Division Sergeant School Resource Officers MCD Detectives Juvenile Division CSU Detectives MCD Sergeant Crime Scene Unit CSU Sergeant Major Case Division MCD Commander Deputy Chief J.T. Hoar Patrol Bureau Commander Special Police Officers Neighborhood Engagement & Enforcement Team (NEET) Patrol Bureau Court Liaison Unit Day Division NEET Officers Licutenants A-Division NEET Sergeant Licutenants Lieutenants Scrgcants B-Division Scrgcants Officers Officers Emergency Services Unit Scrgcants Officers Armorer 9

#### 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 has 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. As of 2020, there are approximately 18,000 police departments in the United States and of those, there are only 793 law enforcement agencies accredited by CALEA.

The FRPD was re-accredited by MPAC in 2022 and by CALEA in 2023. The FRPD is undergoing re-accreditation through MPAC in 2025.

## Overview of 2024 Part A Crimes

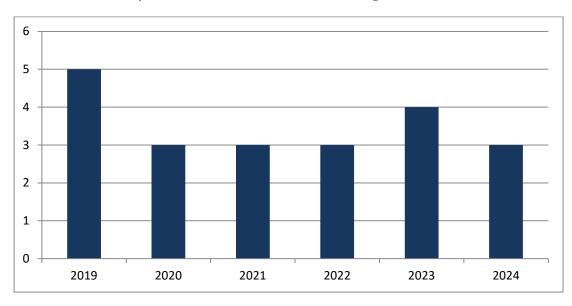
Part A crimes fall into two categories: violent and property. Violent Part A crimes consist of: murder, rape, robbery and aggravated assault. Property Part A crimes are: burglary, larceny, motor vehicle theft and arson. The following is a breakdown of Fall River's Part A crimes committed in 2024 as compared to Part A crimes committed from 2019-2023.

In 2024, there were 2,082 Part A crimes committed in Fall River which is a decrease from 2,100 Part A crimes committed in 2023. This represents a 0.86% decrease in part A crimes from 2023 to 2024.

Crime	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Average of 2019- 2023	Normal Range	2024	% Change Average - 2024	% Change 2023- 2024
Violent	739	673	810	890	791	780.6	708-853	598	-23.39%	-24.40%
Murder	5	2	3	3	4	3.4	2-4	3	-11.76%	-25.00%
Rape	52	41	43	48	46	46	42-50	57	+23.91%	+23.91%
Robbery	112	88	92	106	81	95.8	84-107	91	-5.01%	+12.35%
Aggravated Assault	570	542	672	733	660	635.4	565-705	447	-29.65%	-32.27%
Property	1,723	1,570	1,464	1,842	1,309	1,581.6	1,394- 1,769	1,484	-6.17%	+13.37%
Burglary	575	456	494	582	203	462	324-600	231	-50.00%	+13.79%
Larceny	963	892	837	1,048	918	931.6	861-1003	1,072	+15.07%	+16.78%
MV Theft	163	190	120	204	173	170	141-199	167	-1.76%	-3.47%
Arson	22	32	13	8	15	18	10-26	14	-22.22%	-6.67%
Total	2,462	2,243	2,274	2,732	2,100	2,362.2	2,144- 2,580	2,082	-11.86%	-0.86%

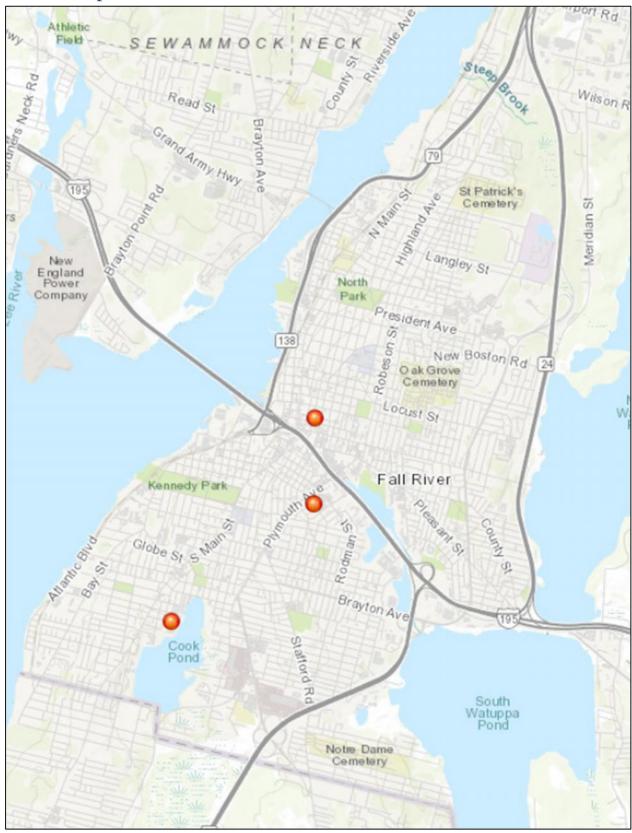
# Murder

In 2024, the Fall River Police Department conducted six homicide/manslaughter investigations. In one of the cases, the investigation resulted in the incident being determined to be a justifiable homicide. Two cases were determined to be negligent manslaughter by motor vehicle The following chart depicts the murder rate for the last ten years where at least one homicides charge was filed:



	Average of 2019-2023	Normal Range of 2019-2023	2023	2024	% Change Average – 2024	% Change 2023 – 2024
Murder	3.4	2-4	4	3	-11.76%	-25.00%

# Murder Map

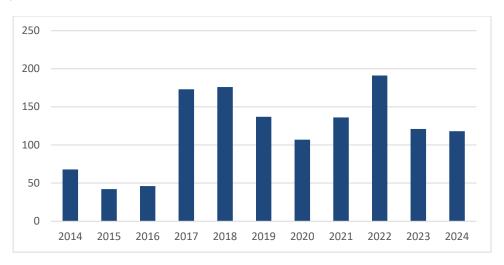


## Sexual Assault Calls for Service

In 2024, the Fall River Police Department responded to 118 calls for service regarding sexual assault(s) which is a decrease from 2023 by 2.48%. 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.

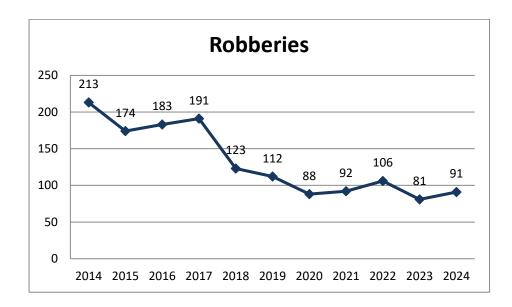
The following is a chart depicting the increase of sexual assault calls for service in 2024 as compared to the last ten years.



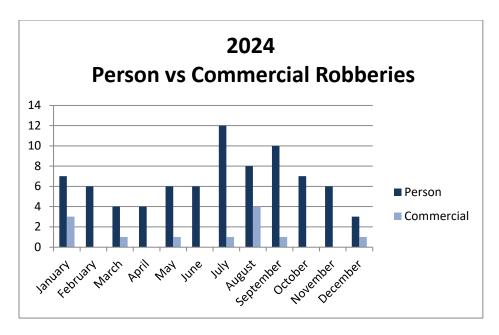
	Average of 2014-2023	Normal Range of 2014-2023	2023	2024	% Change Average – 2024	% Change 2023 – 2024
Sexual Assault Calls for Service	119.70	69-171	121	118	-1.42%	-2.48%

# Robbery

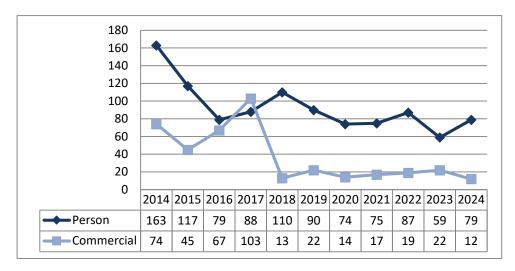
In 2024, the Fall River Police Department investigated 91 robberies. This represents a 12.35% increase from 2023. Of the 91 robberies, there were 79 where the robbery committed was person to person and there were 12 robberies of a commercial business. Thirty-three robberies were committed while armed and 58 were committed while unarmed. This represents a decrease of 5.71% in armed robberies and an increase of 26.09% in unarmed robberies when compared to 2023.



	Average of 2014-2023	Normal Range of 2014-2023	2023	2024	% Change Average – 2024	% Change 2023 – 2024
Robbery	136.3	90-183	81	91	-33.24%	+12.35%



The following is a chart depicting the change of person on person and commercial robberies between 2014 and 2024.

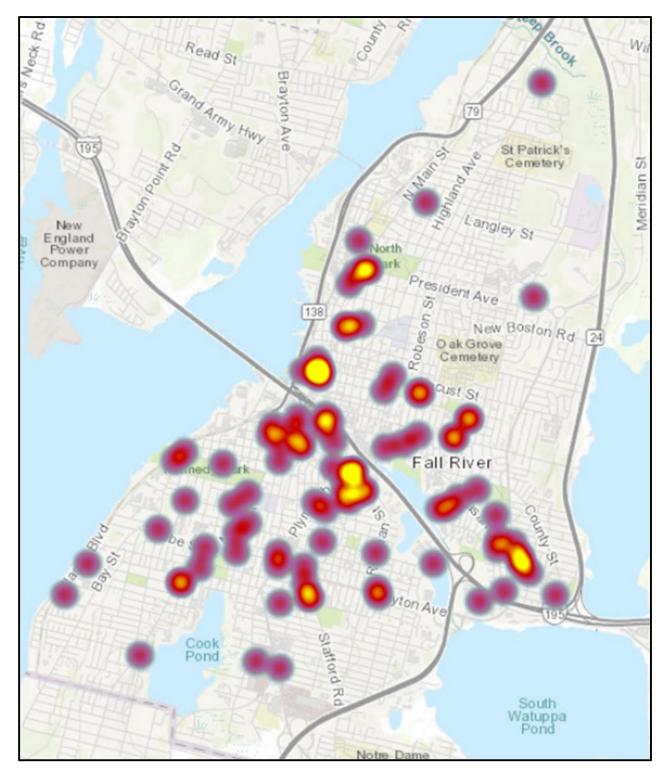


Commercial robberies occur in banks, convenience stores, gas stations, restaurants, as well as other businesses.

The following is a breakdown of the different weapons used during the armed robberies of 2024. The top two weapons used by suspects in armed robberies were firearms and knives.

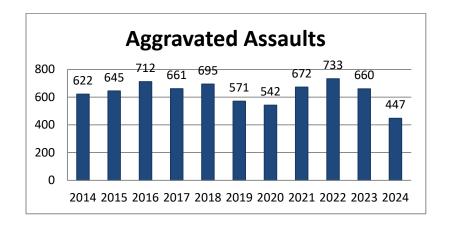
Туре	Total
Firearm	14
Knife/Cutting Instrument	14
Other	5

# Robbery Map



# Assault

In 2024, the Fall River Police Department responded to 447 incidents that resulted in at least one aggravated assault charge. This represents a 32.27% decrease from 2023. The following is a chart depicting the total number of aggravated assaults for 2014-2024.



	Average of 2014-2024	Normal Range of 2014-2024	2023	2024	% Change Average – 2024	% Change 2023 – 2024
Aggravated Assaults	635.6	566-705	660	447	-29.67%	-32.27%

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

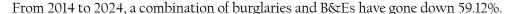
	Total	Aggravated	% of Total -	Simple	% of Total -
	Assaults		Aggravated		Simple
January	139	32	23.02%	107	76.98%
February	125	29	23.20%	96	76.80%
March	174	47	27.01%	127	72.99%
April	131	24	18.32%	107	81.68%
May	150	36	24.00%	114	76.00%
June	152	54	35.53%	98	64.47%
July	156	50	32.05%	106	67.95%
August	158	39	24.68%	119	75.32%
September	171	38	22.22%	133	77.78%
October	159	28	17.61%	131	82.39%
November	141	31	21.99%	110	78.01%
December	147	39	26.53%	108	73.47%
Total	1,803	447	24.79%	1,356	75.21%

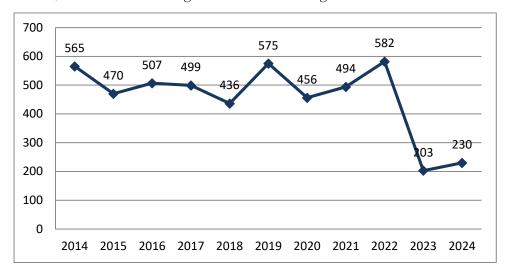
In the above table, aggravated totals include any case that has at least one aggravated assault charge. These could also include aggravated assaults as well as simple assaults in the same incident. The simple assault totals include incidents where ONLY a simple assault occurred. The table shows that 24.79% of all assaults include at least one aggravated assault charge. This is a ratio of 447 aggravated assaults to a total of 1,803 total assaults.

#### Burglary & B&Es

In 2024, the Fall River Police Department investigated 230 burglaries and B&Es which is a 13.30% increase from 2023. 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.



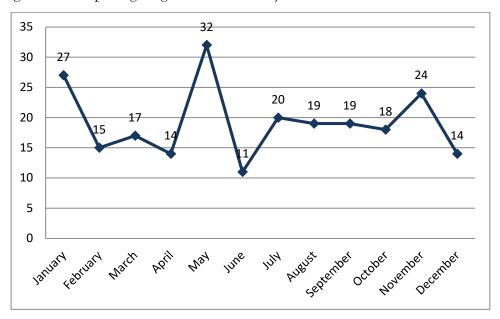


	Average of 2014-2023	Normal Range of 2014-2023	2023	2024	% Change Average – 2024	% Change 2023 – 2024
Burglary/B&E	462	324-600	203	230	-50.22%	+13.30%

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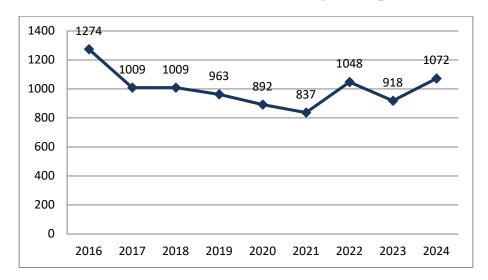
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The following is a chart depicting burglaries and B&Es by month.



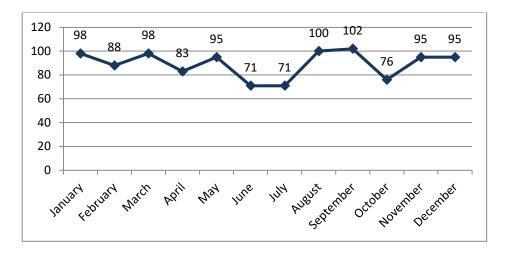
# Larceny

In 2024, larcenies have increased 16.78% from 2023. The following chart depicts larcenies since 2019:



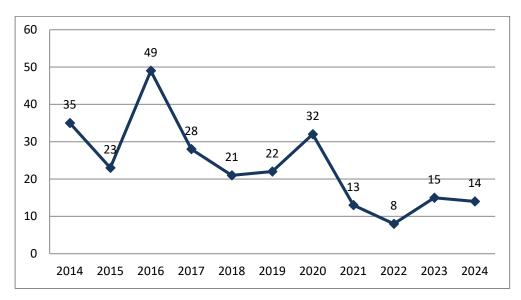
	Average of 2019-2023	Normal Range of 2019-2023	2023	2024	% Change Average – 2024	% Change 2023 – 2024
Larceny	931.6	861-1,003	918	1,072	+15.07%	+16.78%

The following is a chart depicting 2024 larcenies by month.



# Arson

In 2024, there were a total of 14 incidents that resulted in at least one arson charge. This represents a decrease of 6.67% from 2023.



	Average of 2014-2023	Normal Range of 2014-2023	2023	2024	% Change Average – 2024	% Change 2023 – 2024
Arson	24.6	13-36	15	14	-43.09%	-6.67%

	2023	2024	% Change
Sunday	2	4	+100.00%
Monday	2	1	-50.00%
Tuesday	3	2	-33.33%
Wednesday	1	0	-100.00%
Thursday	3	2	-33.33%
Friday	3	2	-33.33%
Saturday	1	3	+200.00%
Totals	15	14	-6.67%

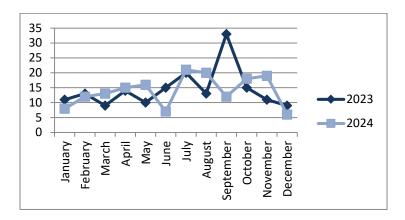
# Arson Map



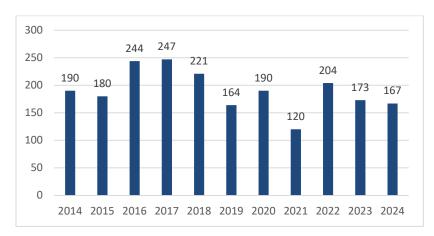
# Motor Vehicle Theft

In 2024, the Fall River Police Department investigated 167 motor vehicle thefts. 2024 motor vehicle thefts decreased from 2023 by 3.47%.

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 2014:

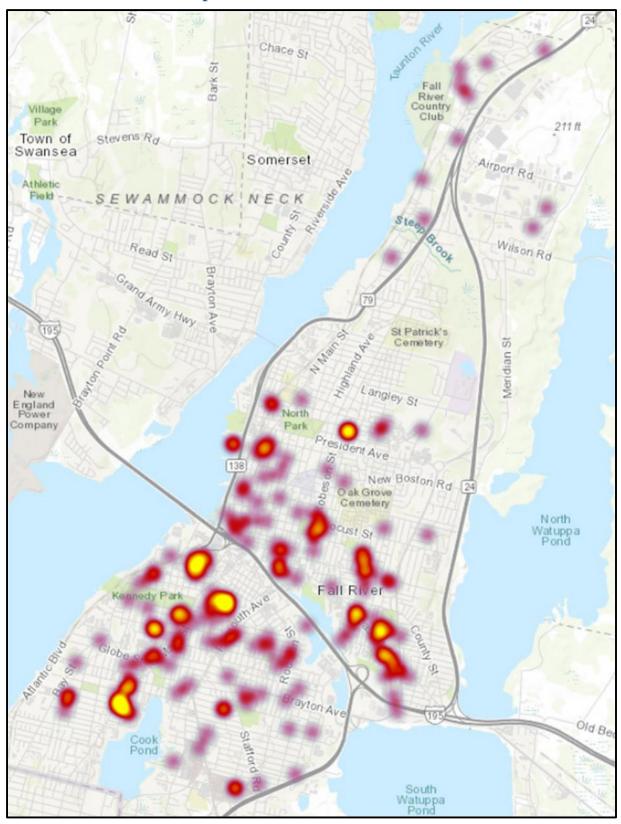


	Average of 2014-2023	Normal Range of 2014-2023	2023	2024	% Change Average – 2024	% Change 2023 – 2024
Motor Vehicle Theft	170	141-199	173	167	-1.76%	-3.47%

There are two charges that encompass motor vehicle (MV) theft – Larceny of a MV and Use of a MV Without Authority. In 2024, there were a total of 143 charges of Larceny of a Motor Vehicle and 24 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.

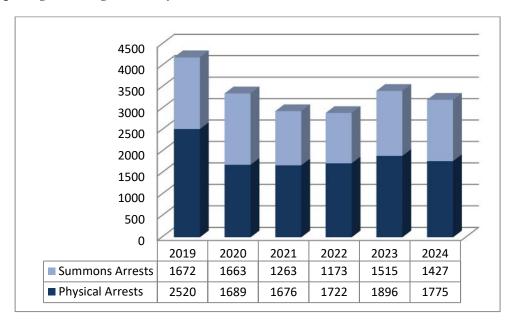
	Total MV Thefts	Total – Larceny of a MV	% of Total – Larceny of a MV	Total – Use of a MV w/o Authority	% of Total – Use of a MV w/o Authority
January	8	8	100.00%	0	0.00%
February	11	10	90.91%	1	9.09%
March	13	12	92.31%	1	7.69%
April	15	14	93.33%	1	6.67%
May	15	13	86.67%	2	13.33%
June	8	7	87.50%	1	12.50%
July	21	17	80.95%	4	19.05%
August	21	16	76.19%	5	23.81%
September	12	11	91.67%	1	8.33%
October	18	13	72.22%	5	27.78%
November	19	16	84.21%	3	15.79%
December	6	6	100.00%	0	0.00%
Total	167	143	85.63%	24	14.37%

# Motor Vehicle Theft Map



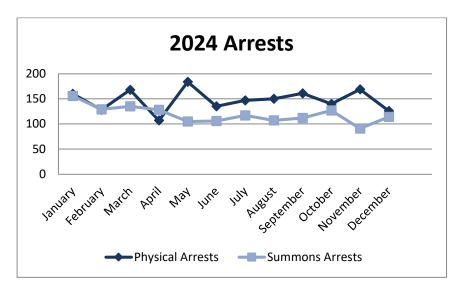
#### Arrests

Physical arrests made by the Fall River Police Department have gone down from 2023 to 2024 by 6.38%. Summons arrests have also decreased from 2023 to 2024 by 5.81%. Overall arrests (physical and summons) have gone down from 3,411 (2023) to 3,202 (2024) which is a 6.13% decrease. The following is a chart depicting the change for each year since 2019:

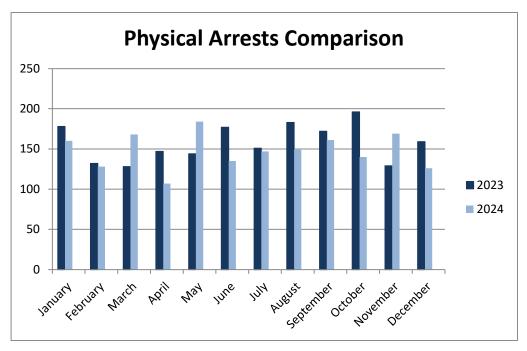


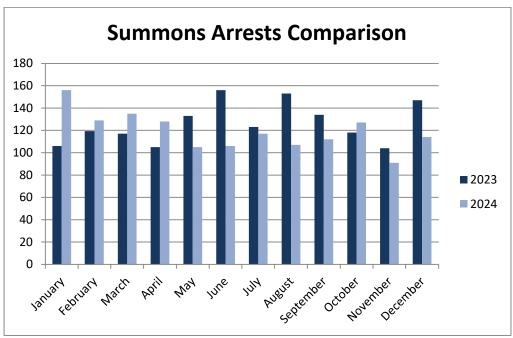
	Average of 2019-2023	Normal Range of 2019-2023	2023	2024	% Change Average – 2024	% Change 2023 – 2024
Physical Arrests	1,879.67	1,581-2,220	1,896	1,775	-5.57%	-6.38%
Summons Arrests	1,452.17	1,252-1,662	1,515	1,427	-1.73%	-5.81%
Total Arrests	3,331.83	2,891-3,824	3,411	3,202	-3.90%	-6.13%

The following is a representation of the physical and summons arrests made by the FRPD in 2024 by month.

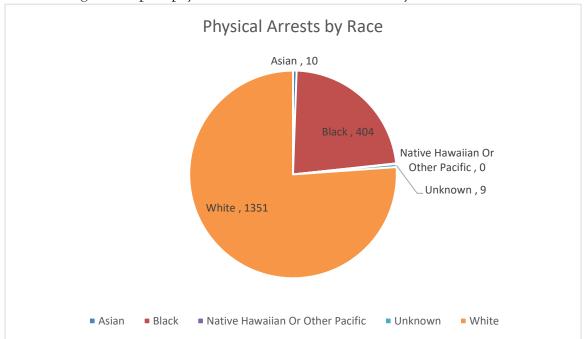


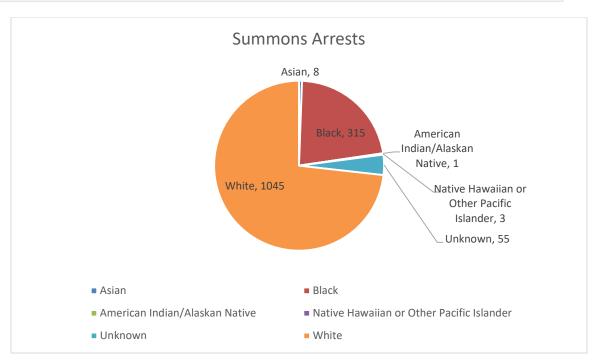
In comparing the 2024 arrests by month to the 2023 arrests by month, physical arrests went down in 2024 for January, February, April, June, July, August, September, October, and December. Physical arrests went up in 2024 for March, May, and November. In comparing the summons arrests in 2024 to those in 2023, summons arrests went up in January, February, March, April, and October. Summons arrests went down in 2024 for May, June, July, August, September, November, and December. The following tables show the comparison between 2023 and 2024 for both physical arrests and summons arrests.





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





In comparing the 2024 arrests by race to the 2023 arrests by race, physical arrests went up for individuals who are American Indian/Alaskan Native. Physical arrests went down for individuals who are Asian, Black, Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, and White. There was no change in individuals who have an unknown race. In comparing summons arrests in 2024 to those in 2023, it is shown that individuals who are Asian, American Indian/Alaskan Native, Native Hawaiian Or Other Pacific Islander, and Unknown were summonsed more. Summons arrests went down for the following races: Black and White.

Physical	Asian	Black	American Indian/Alaskan Native	Native Hawaiian Or Other Pacific Islander	Unknown	White
2023	15	447	0	3	9	1422
2024	10	404	1	0	9	1351
% Change	-33.33%	-9.62%	+∞	-100.00%	0.00%	-4.99%

Summons	Asian	Black	American Indian/Alaskan Native	Native Hawaiian Or Other Pacific Islander	Unknown	White
2023	6	348	0	0	39	1122
2024	8	315	1	3	55	1045
% Change	+33.33%	-9.48%	+∞	+∞	+41.03%	-6.86%

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

	Physical Arrests	Summons Arrests
2023	353	326
2024	368	295
% Change	+4.25%	-9.51%

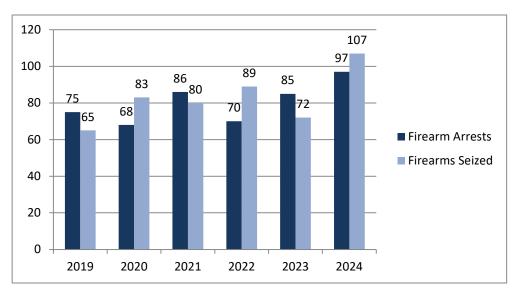
The following is a breakdown of all arrests (physical and summons) broken down by day and hour.

Hour	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Total
00	25	12	16	18	13	16	17	117
01	23	7	11	10	12	22	13	98
02	17	7	7	5	13	7	13	69
03	13	1	4	4	5	3	17	47
04	6	0	2	1	5	3	10	27
05	8	0	3	3	8	3	3	28
06	3	10	9	5	13	3	3	46
07	5	6	16	7	6	9	10	59
08	18	24	21	25	18	16	8	130
09	22	22	17	21	20	26	23	151
10	19	32	24	30	45	27	17	194
11	31	21	28	22	24	12	15	153
12	28	23	22	29	36	23	18	179
13	14	23	37	25	25	27	21	172
14	7	30	18	18	32	24	21	150
15	17	24	25	29	31	20	14	160
16	26	35	30	35	34	30	27	217
17	36	29	36	27	37	24	21	210
18	40	41	38	29	31	21	37	237
19	29	38	18	25	38	19	17	184
20	31	23	30	30	16	26	28	184
21	19	21	27	25	26	12	21	151
22	12	20	17	14	35	17	22	137
23	10	16	8	12	23	18	15	102
Total	459	465	464	449	546	408	411	3202

## Firearm Arrests & Seizures

In 2024, the Fall River Police Department arrested 97 individuals for firearms related offenses. This is an increase of 14.12% from 2023 which had 85 firearm arrests. In 2024, there were 107 firearms seized which is an increase of 48.61% from 2023 where 72 firearms were seized.

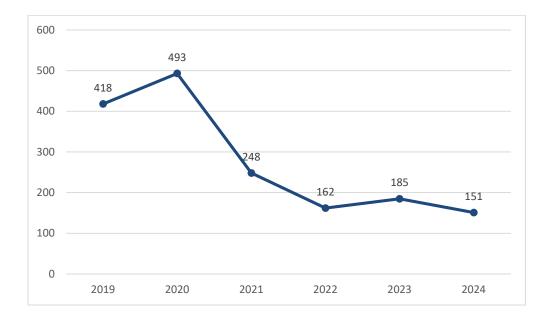
The following is a chart depicting firearm arrests and seizures for 2019 through 2024.



# Drug Arrests

In 2024, the FRPD arrested 151 individuals on at least one drug charge.

The following is a chart showing the drug arrests over 2024 and the previous five years. This chart represents the total number of arrests rather than the total number of drug charges.

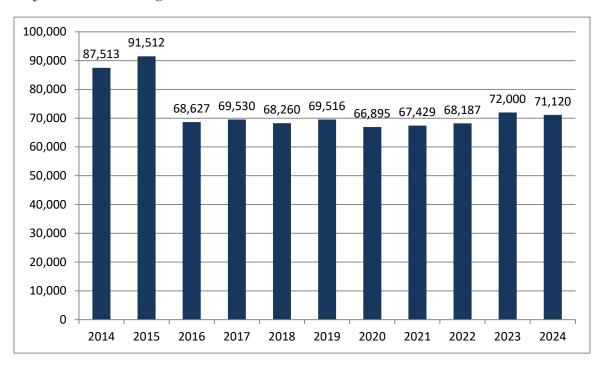


#### Calls for Service

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 a decrease in calls for service in 2024 when compared to 2023 by 1.22%.

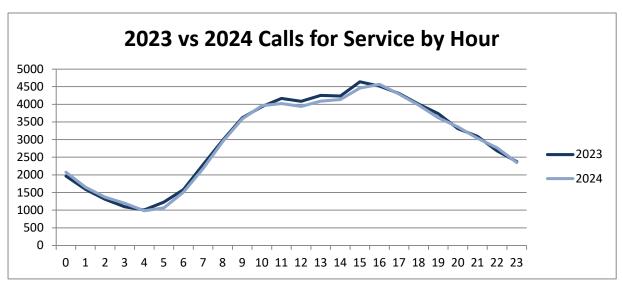
Of the 71,120 calls for service, the police department responded to 45,126 calls for service.

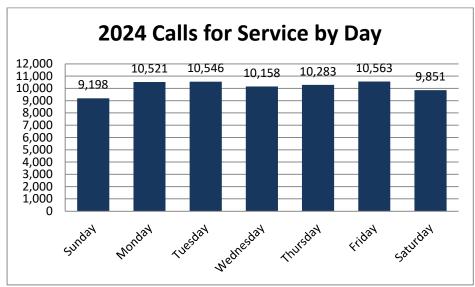
	Average of 2014-2023	Normal Range of 2014-2023	2023	2024	% Change Average – 2024	% Change 2023 – 2024
Calls for Service	72,947	64,512-81,382	72,000	71,120	-2.50%	-1.22%

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	2024
Day Watch	28,365	27,272	28,993	29,406	31,913	31,135
First Watch	29,914	28,741	27,083	27,230	28,016	27,955
Last Watch	11,237	10,882	11,353	11,551	12,071	12,030





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

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Total
0000-0059	371	259	267	290	300	265	326	2078
0100-0159	344	223	211	209	195	209	258	1649
0200-0259	297	184	150	169	154	184	231	1369
0300-0359	215	149	150	149	177	170	186	1196
0400-0459	161	158	124	120	122	135	163	983
0500-0559	133	165	158	137	147	151	174	1065
0600-0659	166	222	234	237	213	207	231	1510
0700-0759	236	370	344	313	332	319	266	2180
0800-0859	304	453	464	454	449	457	366	2947
0900-0959	412	514	531	536	572	539	481	3585
1000-1059	470	599	596	550	619	623	506	3963
1100-1159	479	646	619	591	589	586	509	4019
1200-1259	508	569	612	599	569	569	512	3938
1300-1359	483	618	646	609	609	601	522	4088
1400-1459	476	621	610	648	596	668	516	4135
1500-1559	498	726	728	664	672	652	520	4460
1600-1659	551	703	720	692	624	726	552	4568
1700-1759	540	706	656	578	651	634	523	4288
1800-1859	534	610	618	571	533	573	536	3975
1900-1959	502	545	518	511	512	531	498	3617
2000-2059	469	426	490	462	490	501	523	3361
2100-2159	399	395	423	435	449	452	482	3035
2200-2259	368	369	348	333	379	428	540	2765
2300-2359	282	291	329	301	330	383	430	2346
Total	9198	10521	10546	10158	10283	10563	9851	71120

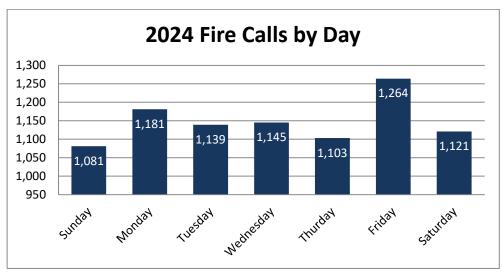
### Communications Division-Fire Calls

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 8,034 calls for service where a fire response was requested. This is an increase from 2023 by 10.51% and also an increase since 2019 by 10.31%.

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	2024
7,283	6,713	7,085	7,181	7,270	8,034



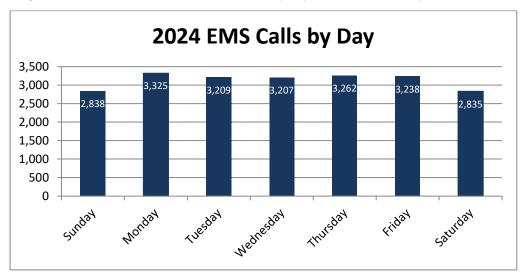


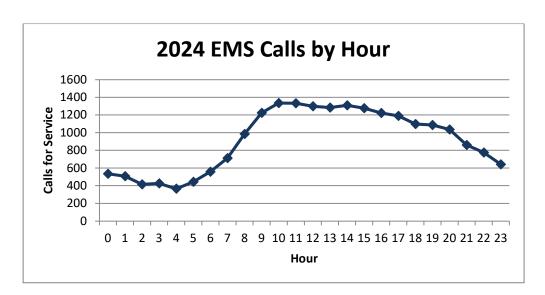
#### Communications Division - EMS Calls

The FRPD Communications Division received and dispatched 21,914 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 2023 of 0.20%. 2024 calls for service that requested an EMS response is up 10.39% since 2019. The following is a chart depicting the EMS calls received by the FRPD Communications Division for 2024 and the previous five years:

2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
19,852	18,924	21,238	21,839	21,870	21,914

The following is a breakdown of EMS calls for service by day of the week and by hour for 2024.





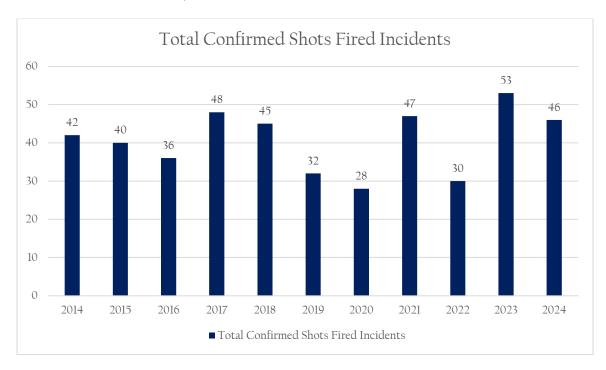
# Confirmed Shots Fired Calls for Service

In 2024, the Fall River Police Department responded to the following shots fired calls and incidents.

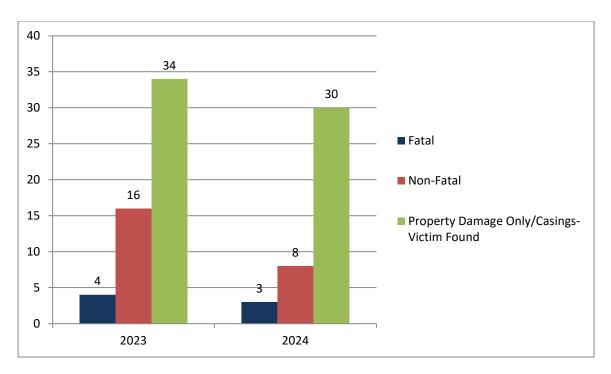
Total Calls	46
Fatal *1 Suicide	4
*1 Justifiable Homicide	
Non-Fatal	8
Accidental Discharge	4
Casings/Victim Located	10
Property Damage Only	20

<sup>\*</sup>Total calls is 44 when looking at it without the suicide and justifiable homicide.

2024 showed a decrease of 13.21% for total shots fired incidents from 2023.



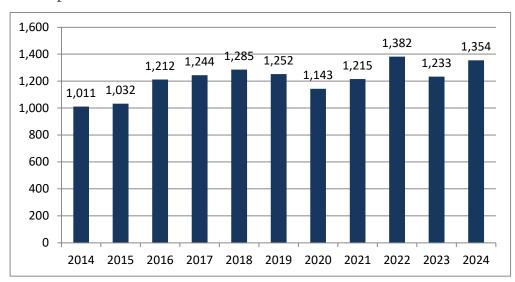
	Average of 2014-2023	Normal Range of 2014-2023	2023	2024	% Change Average – 2024	% Change 2023 – 2024
Confirmed Shots Fired Incidents	40.1	32-48	53	46	+14.71%	-13.21%



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

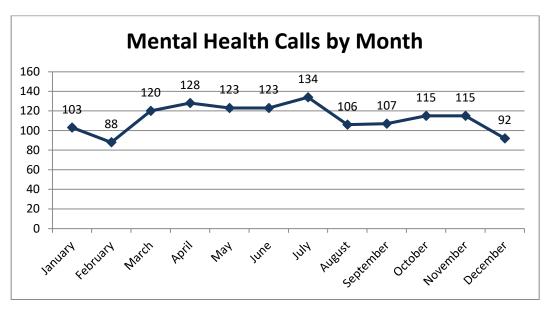
## Mental Health

The Communications Division received a total of 1,354 calls for service due to a citizen having a mental health crisis in 2024. This is an increase of 9.81% from 2023. 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 2024. \*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.

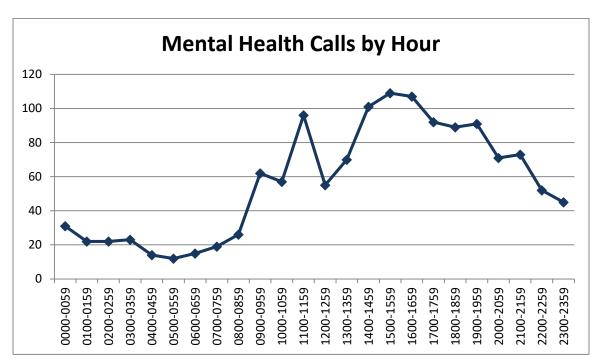


	Average of 2014-2023	Normal Range of 2014-2023	2023	2024	% Change Average – 2024	% Change 2023 – 2024
Mental Health Calls for Service	1,201	1,094-1,307	1,233	1,354	+12.74%	+9.81%

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

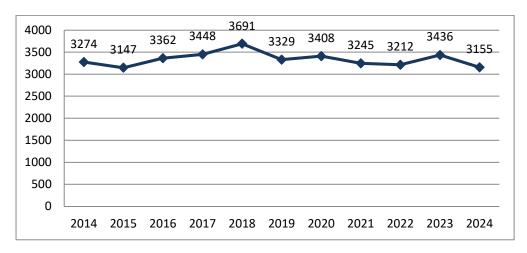


The police department receives the most calls regarding a mental health crisis between 1400 hrs and 1900 hrs. The following is a chart depicting mental health calls for service received by the communication division in 2024.



### Domestic Violence

The number of domestic violence calls for service decreased from 2023 to 2024 by 8.18%. In 2024 there were a total of 3,155 domestic violence calls for service.



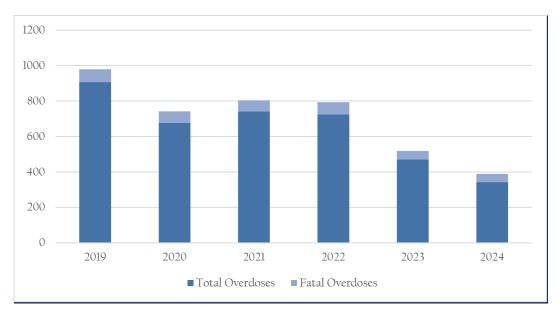
	Average of 2014-2023	Normal Range of 2014-2023	2023	2024	% Change Average – 2024	% Change 2023 – 2024
Domestic Violence Calls for Service	3,355.2	3,209-3,501	3,436	3,155	-5.97%	-8.18%

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
2024	3,089	66

#### **Overdoses**

In 2024, there were a total of 343 overdoses including 46 fatal overdoses. The 2024 numbers represent a 27.18% decrease from 2023 for total overdoses and a 4.17% decrease in overdose deaths. The fatal total is subject to change pending reports from the Medical Examiner's Office.



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."

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,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> \*Mission Statement gathered from c-o-p-e.org/project-reconnect.html

empowering individuals to navigate towards recovery and reclaim agency over their lives. Together, this 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.

Most recently the FAST Response Team was awarded a DOJ grant, "Connect and Protect 2024." This will add another clinician and a mental health certified peer specialist to the team. It also includes funding for additional training and resources for first responders and key community organizations.

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 2023 to 2024 by 12.39%. In 2024 there were a total of 820 missing persons calls for service, which represents a 22.77% decrease compared to the average of the previous five years. The data on this page includes runaways.

