

FALL RIVER POLICE
DEPARTMENT



2026 MID-YEAR REPORT



PEOPLE

POSITIVITY

PURPOSE



MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

One of my priorities is to ensure that the Fall River Police Department is transparent, accountable, and informative in how we communicate with our community. To further that commitment, I am pleased to introduce our first-ever Mid-Year Public Safety Report.

Traditionally, our department has published an Annual Report that provides a comprehensive review of the previous year's activities. While that report remains an important part of our commitment to transparency, we also recognize the value of providing more timely information. This mid-year report is intended to give residents, businesses, and community partners a "pulse check" on public safety in Fall River through the first six months of the year.

This report focuses on many of the key indicators that help measure public safety, including crime trends, shootings, arrests, traffic enforcement, firearm seizures, and calls for service. It is not intended to replace our Annual Report, nor does it include every statistic or operational metric that we track throughout the year. Instead, it highlights the data we believe provides the clearest snapshot of where we are today and how public safety trends are evolving within our city.

Data is important because it helps us move beyond perception and focus on facts. While no single statistic tells the entire story, taken together these numbers help illustrate the challenges we continue to face, the progress we are making, and the work that still lies ahead. They also reinforce our commitment to using data to guide our policing strategies, deploy resources effectively, and remain accountable to the community we serve.

I hope this report provides meaningful insight into the current state of public safety in Fall River. Perception is important, but policy should be driven by facts. Our goal is to acknowledge how people feel while being transparent about what the data tells us.

As always, I want to thank the dedicated men and women of the Fall River Police Department for their professionalism and commitment, and I thank our residents and community partners for their continued trust and support.



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Fall River Police Department

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All data reflected is from the period of January 1 to June 30, 2026

PART A CRIMES

FBI's standardized categories of the most serious violent and property crimes used to measure crime trends and compare public safety data across jurisdictions.

VIOLENT CRIMES			
	2025	2026	% Change
Murder	1	4**	+300%
Rape	35	38	+8.6%
Robbery	59	32	-45.7%
Aggravated Assault	254	236	-7.1%
Total	349	310	-11.2%

** 2026 reflects two separate incidents which there were two murder victims

PROPERTY CRIMES			
	2025	2026	% Change
Burglary - B&E	95	90	-5.3%
Larceny	553	518	-6.3%
Arson	7	8	+14.3%
MV Theft	68	49	-27.9%
Total	723	665	-8.0%

TOTAL PART A CRIMES			
Total	1072	975	-9.1%

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CONFIRMED SHOOTINGS – SHOTS FIRED

Shooting data includes only incidents where officers locate evidence confirming a shooting occurred (e.g., shell casings, bullet damage, or other ballistic evidence). Reports of shots fired without corroborating evidence are excluded. YTD we have seen a 12.5% reduction in Shootings and a 50% increase in firearm seizures.

CONFIRMED SHOOTINGS			
	2025	2026	% Change
Fatal	1	2*	+100%
Fatal – Self Inflicted	1	1	N/C
Non-Fatal	2	2	N/C
Non-Fatal Accidental	1	1	N/C
Property Damage Only	5	6	+20%
Casings Located No Damage or Injury	6	2	-66.7%
Total	16	14	-12.5%

*one of these shooting incidents had 2 victims

FIREARM SEIZURES			
	2025	2026	% Change
Total	26	39	+50%

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CALLS FOR SERVICE			
	2025	2026	% Change
Total	21,818	22,379	+2.6%

CFS Number reflects any calls received that resulted in a Police Response

ARRESTS			
	2025	2026	% Change
Physical	987	1,060	+7.4%
Summons	652	957	+46.8%
Total	1,639	2,017	+23.1%

MV TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT			
	2025	2026	% Change
Traffic Stops	968	1,120	+15.7%
Citations Issued	2,742	3,944	+43.8%
MV Crash Calls	2,458	2,771	+12.7%
MV Crash Reports	1,373	1,545	+12.5%