



Fall River Police Department

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Annual
Report



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Dedication

The Fall River Police Department 2019 Year End Report is dedicated to all of the men and women who have given their lives to serve the United States.

In 2019, there were 135 police officers killed in the line of duty throughout the United States. This is down from 167 officers killed in the line of duty in 2018. The highest cause of death was gunfire followed by an automobile crash. There were no line of duty deaths reported in the State of Massachusetts during 2019.



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

Awards & Recognition

Swearing In Ceremony

In November of 2019, an awards and recognition gala was held. During this ceremony, the following officers were sworn in:

Officer Matthew D. Gagne
Officer Javier M. Rosa
Officer Rachel A. Silvia
Officer Roberto P. Soares

Officer Christopher Teves
Officer Zachary G. Vorce
Officer Markus Watson

Promotions

The following officers were promoted:

Lieutenant Jason R. Pacheco
Lieutenant Gregory Wiley
Sergeant Kelly A. Furtado

Sergeant Joseph Galvao
Sergeant Nicholas Magan

Retirements

The following 2019 retirees were honored for their many years of dedication to the FRPD:

Detective Lieutenant Paul H. Santos – 33 Years
Detective Sergeant Andrew C. Joseph – 41 Years
Sergeant Warren C. Francis – 29 Years
Officer Marybeth Buglio – 22 Years
Officer Peter J. Cummings – 21 Years
Detective John P. Lapointe – 33 Years

Detective Kenneth A. Machado – 33 Years
Officer Theodore J. Nowicki – 32 Years
Officer David R. Ramunno – 36 Years
Environmental Officer Robert Canito – 34 Years
Emergency Dispatcher Michael C. Dean – 37 Years

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:

Captain Paul Gauvin
Lieutenant Barden Castro
Lieutenant Jay Huard (2)
Retired Lieutenant Paul H. Santos
Sergeant Steven R. Burt
Sergeant Michael Digangi
Detective Sergeant James T. Hoar
Detective Sergeant Kevin Medeiros
Officer Gary K. Atkinson

Officer Eric Bettencourt
Detective Dino Carlozzi
Officer Michael Fogarty
Officer Denis P. Gagne
Officer Derek Pereira
Accounts Manager Celeste M. Camara
Emergency Dispatcher Coleen Medeiros
Emergency Dispatcher Jeffrey Silvia

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:

Retired Lieutenant Paul H. Santos

Retired Officer Peter J. Cummings

Detective Sergeant James T. Hoar

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:

Officer Eric Bettencourt

Officer Jonathan Souza

Officer Thomas J. Roberts

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 Steven R. Burt

Officer Gregory J. Homen

Officer Jose Dapedra

Officer Tyler Paquette

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 2019 was:

Emergency Dispatcher Jeffrey Silvia

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 2019 was:

Detective John Albin

Mission Statement

Service

With sensitivity as we continue to strive to meet the needs of our citizens, while being attuned to identifying those needs and being sensitive as to how to best accomplish the task. We resolve to establish frank and open communication with dialogue that better allows us to provide that which is needed by the citizens that we serve.

Pride

In partnership; to be proud of what we have accomplished together as partners; a new station, a new vision, and an enlightened understanding of each other- the police and the people that we proudly serve. It is our goal that the citizens of Fall River will be proud of their police, and that the police will be proud to serve the citizens.

Commitment

To the compact that exists between the police and the community. There is no police authority without the conferment of that authority through the will of the people. There must exist mutual trust, civility and respect; and both the police and the people must work toward that end. At the same time, we make a commitment to excellence- to do the very best that we can as we serve the community.

2019 Citizen Survey

In 2019 a citizen survey was conducted of the Fall River Police Department. This survey was posted to the FRPD website and the FRPD social media pages. There were a total of 888 responses. The following is a look at the questions asked and the answers given by the citizens.

Overall rating of the FRPD

3.97 stars out of 5

Have you contacted the FRPD in the last twelve months?

532 people who completed the survey responded yes; 356 responded no.

If you have called the FRPD in the last twelve months, was your call answered professionally and politely?

475 people who completed the survey said that their call was answered professionally and politely whereas seventy-one people said their call was not.

During your most recent contact with a member of the FRPD, the employee...

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree Nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Treated me fairly	48.37%	26.32%	15.04%	6.14%	4.64%
Was professional	48.42%	27.87%	14.00%	5.80%	4.41%
Was helpful	45.16%	24.53%	17.23%	7.04%	6.04%
Was responsive to my request and/or needs	43.86%	26.32%	16.67%	7.14%	6.27%
Was courteous	46.79%	27.42%	15.35%	6.29%	4.15%
Was knowledgeable	44.02%	27.86%	18.07%	5.34%	4.83%
Handled my situation in a timely manner	41.56%	25.82%	17.76%	7.05%	8.06%
Resolved and/or addressed my concerns	41.74%	24.59%	18.03%	8.32%	7.82%
Appeared competent and well trained	46.79%	26.67%	16.98%	4.65%	5.16%

Rank the following possible problems in the City of Fall River

	Not a Problem	Somewhat of a Problem	A Big Problem	N/A
Aggressive Driving & Road Rage	9.75%	50.11%	37.64%	2.49%
Gang Violence	3.53%	35.61%	55.97%	4.89%
Gun Violence	6.51%	41.55%	48.29%	3.65%
Alcohol or Drug Impaired Driving	4.20%	34.73%	57.78%	3.29%
Thefts	2.15%	33.33%	62.13%	2.38%
Vandalism	6.48%	50.17%	39.14%	4.21%
Burglary	3.64%	47.67%	44.71%	3.98%
Prostitution	10.64%	49.31%	32.38%	7.76%
Drugs	0.68%	5.32%	92.53%	1.47%
Panhandling	6.94%	22.41%	68.37%	2.28%

Introduction

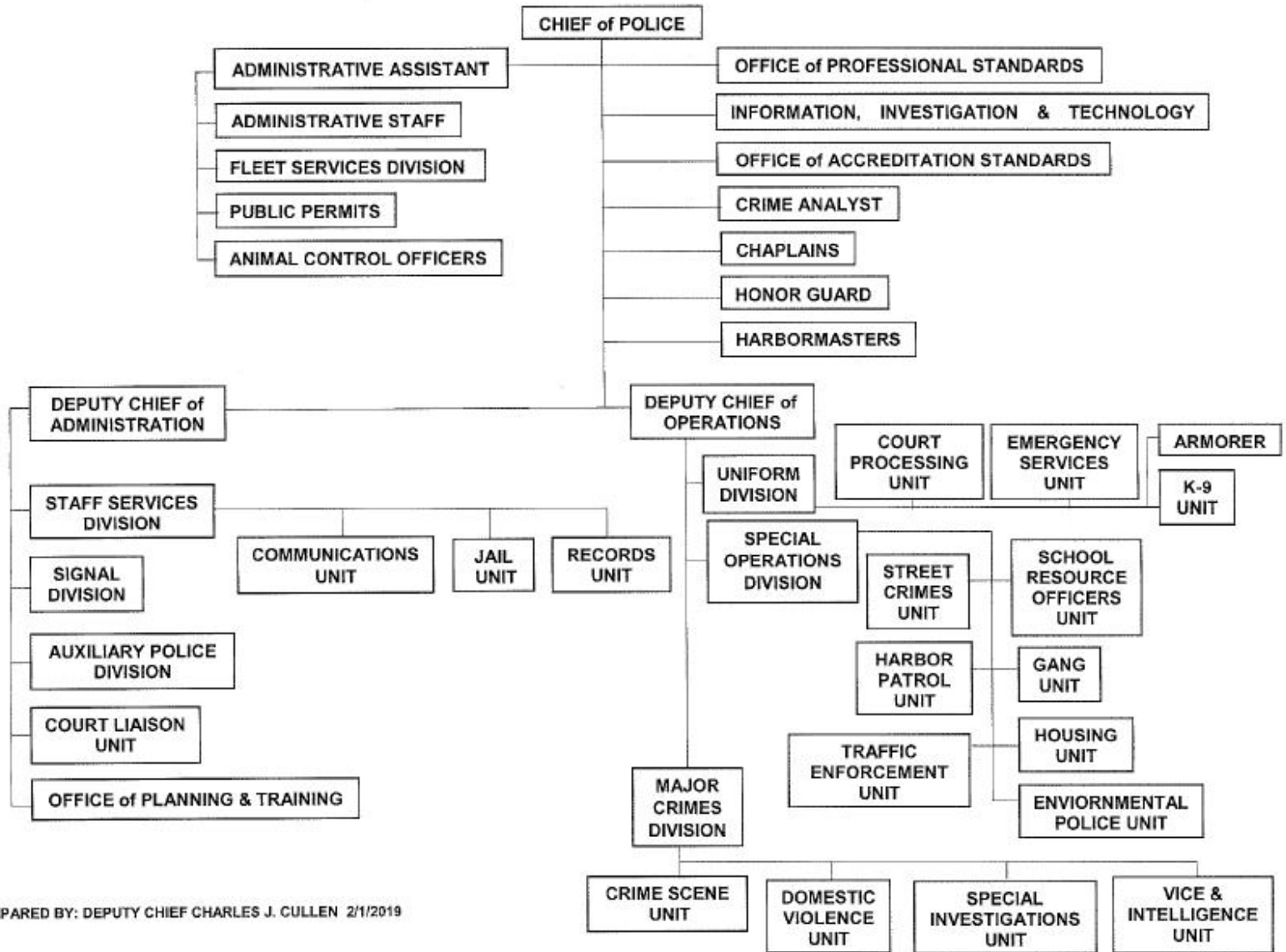
The Fall River Police Department has the enviable distinction of being one of the oldest police departments in the country. Our long and proud tradition dates back to 1854, when the first constable hit the streets to begin his tour of duty. For over 150 years, the people of Fall River have entrusted not only the authority, but also their welfare to the police. We have always endeavored not to abuse that authority and to hold their welfare sacred.

In 2017 the Fall River Police Department hired a Crime & Data Analyst who provides accurate and more detailed data. The numbers in this report for 2018 and 2019 may look drastically different than past years. That is the result of the analyst. Moving forward, the numbers produced will be an accurate depiction of what they are representing.

Contained in this document is the 2019 year end crime report for the Fall River Police Department.

Organizational Chart

CITY of FALL RIVER, MASSACHUSETTS – POLICE DEPARTMENT – ORGANIZATION



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Accreditation



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

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

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

In November of 2009 the FRPD was given the highest accreditation, national accreditation. CALEA gives department's accreditation status for a period of three years and after that the department has to reapply. There are approximately 18,000 police departments in the United States and of those, less than 600 are accredited by CALEA. The FRPD is the largest municipal police agency in New England to obtain accreditation from CALEA.

2019 was a big year for the FRPD and its accreditation status. The FRPD was re-accredited by both the MPAC and CALEA. The department will be up for re-accreditation again by both CALEA and MPAC in 2022.

Overview of 2019 Part A Crimes

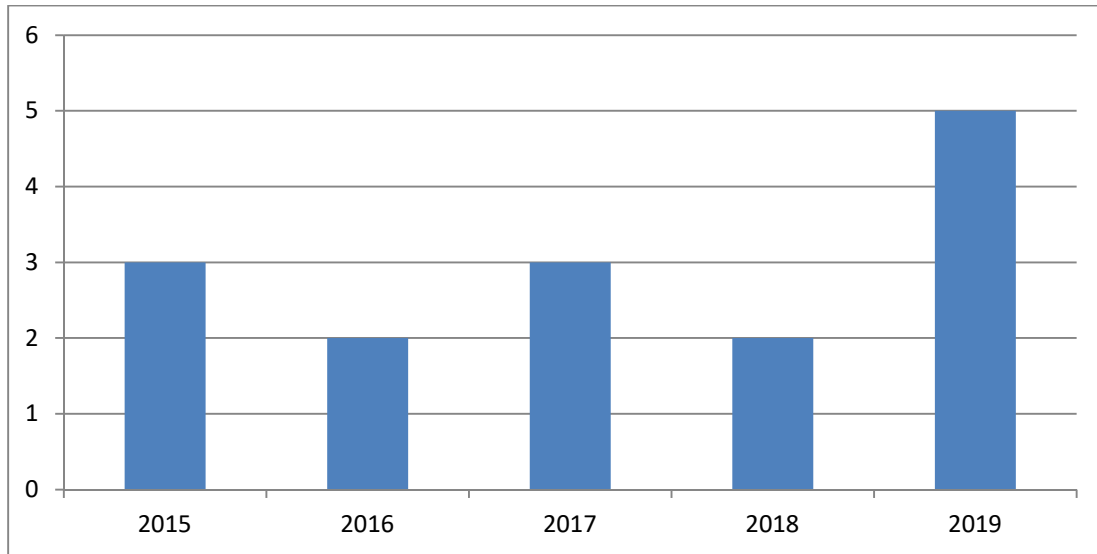
Part A crimes break into two categories; violent and property. Violent part A crimes consist of murder, sexual assault, robbery and aggravated assault. Property part A crimes are burglary, larceny, motor vehicle theft and arson. The following is a breakdown of Fall River's part A crimes committed in 2019.

In 2019, there were 2,462 part A crimes committed in Fall River which is a decrease from 2,558 part A crimes committed during 2018. Violent crimes showed a decrease of 15.15% whereas property crimes showed an increase of 2.13%.

Crime	2018	2019	% Change
Violent:	871	739	-15.15%
Murder	2	5	+150%
Rape	51	52	+1.96%
Robbery	123	112	-8.94%
Aggravated Assault	695	570	-19.99%
Property:	1,687	1,723	+2.13%
Burglary	436	575	+31.88%
Larceny	1009	963	-4.56%
Motor Vehicle Theft	221	163	-26.24%
Arson	21	22	+4.76%
Total:	2,558	2,462	-3.75%

Murder

During 2019, the Fall River Police Department conducted five homicide investigations. For each case, arrests were made and murder charges were filed. The following is a chart that depicts the murder rate for the last five years:



Murder Weapons

	Month	Weapon
2018		
	February	Firearm
	October	Hammer
2019		
	January	Knife
	February	Knife
	September	Firearm
	October	Scissors
	December	Knife

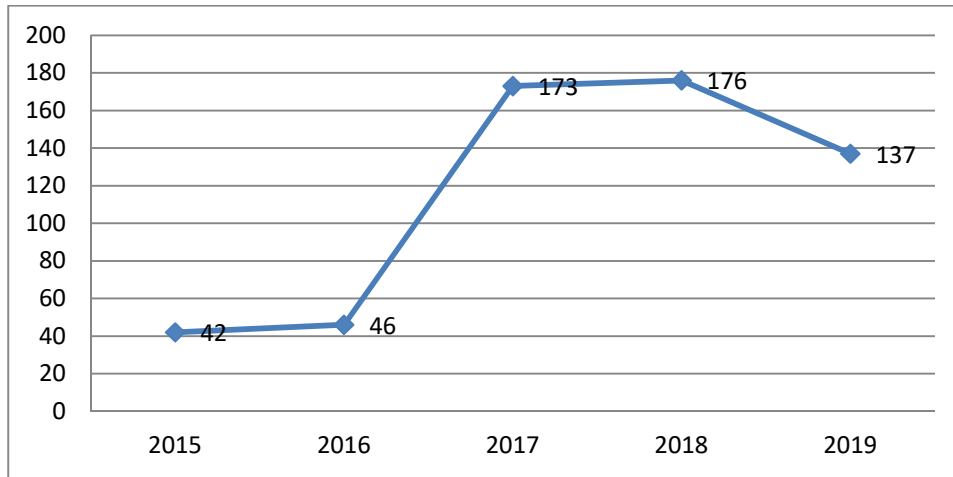
Out of the five murders in 2019, there were two in which the suspect was a juvenile.

2019 Murder Map



Sexual Assault

During 2019, the Fall River Police Department responded to 137 sexual assault calls which is a decrease from 2018 by 22.16%. The following is a chart depicting the increase of sexual assault calls over the last few years.



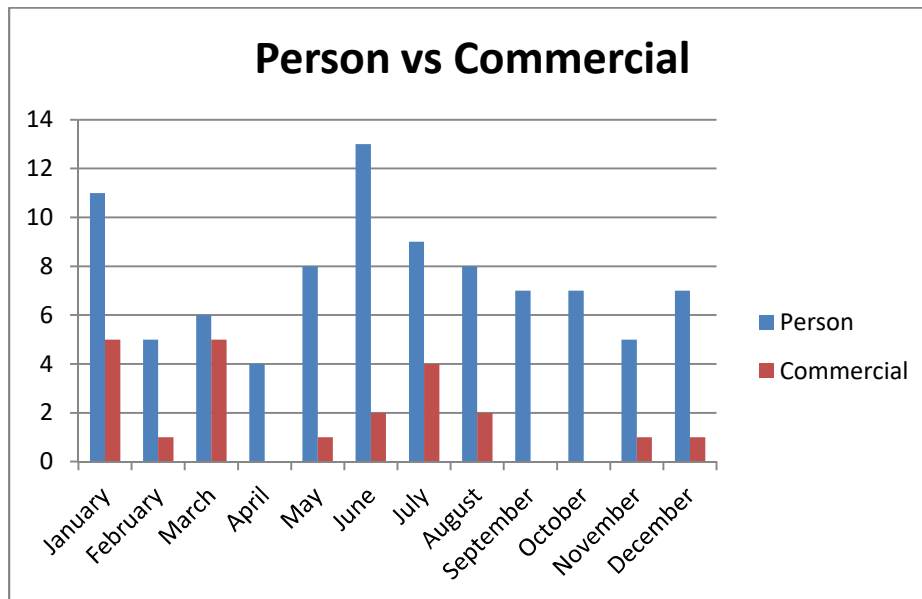
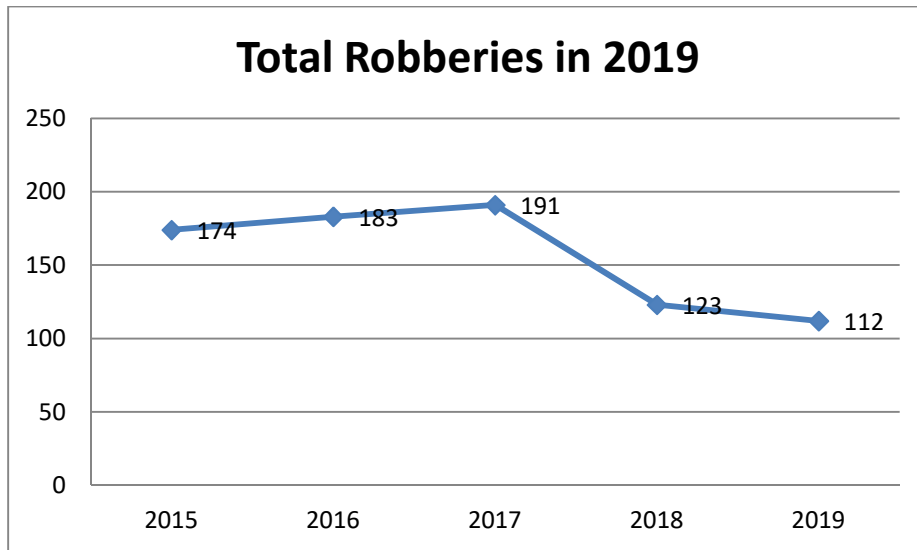
From 2015, sexual assault calls have gone up 226.19%.

Sexual assault reporting is on the rise not only in Fall River but across the nation. There are many contributing factors as awareness has risen; social media and even the recent Hollywood investigations have all shed light on the situation.

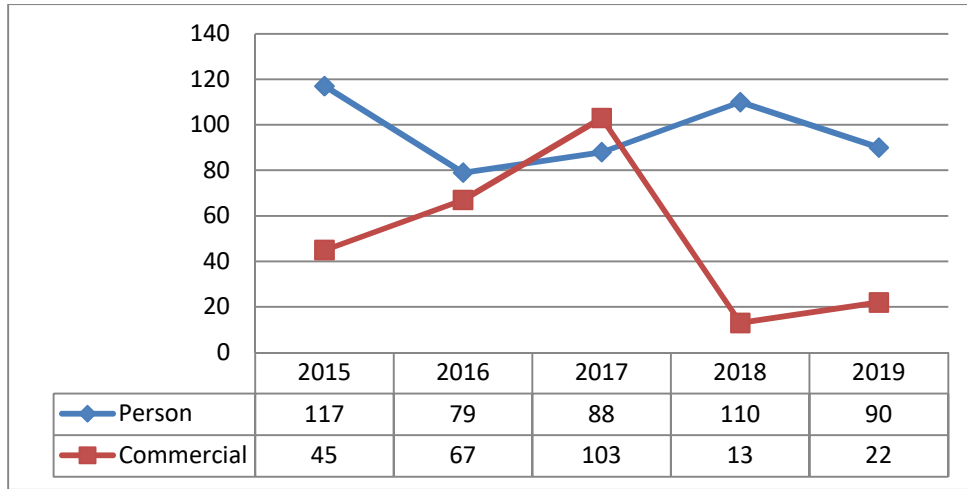
Robbery

During 2019, the Fall River Police Department investigated 112 robberies. This shows an 8.94% decrease from the prior year. Of the 112 robberies, there were ninety where the robbery committed was person to person whereas there were twenty-two robberies of a commercial business. Fifty-two robberies were committed while armed and sixty committed while unarmed. This shows a decrease of 24.64% in armed robberies and an increase of 13.21% in unarmed robberies.

It has been found by the FRPD that most of the personal robberies that happen in the city of Fall River occur during drug transactions.



The following is a chart depicting the change of person and commercial robberies between 2015 and 2019.

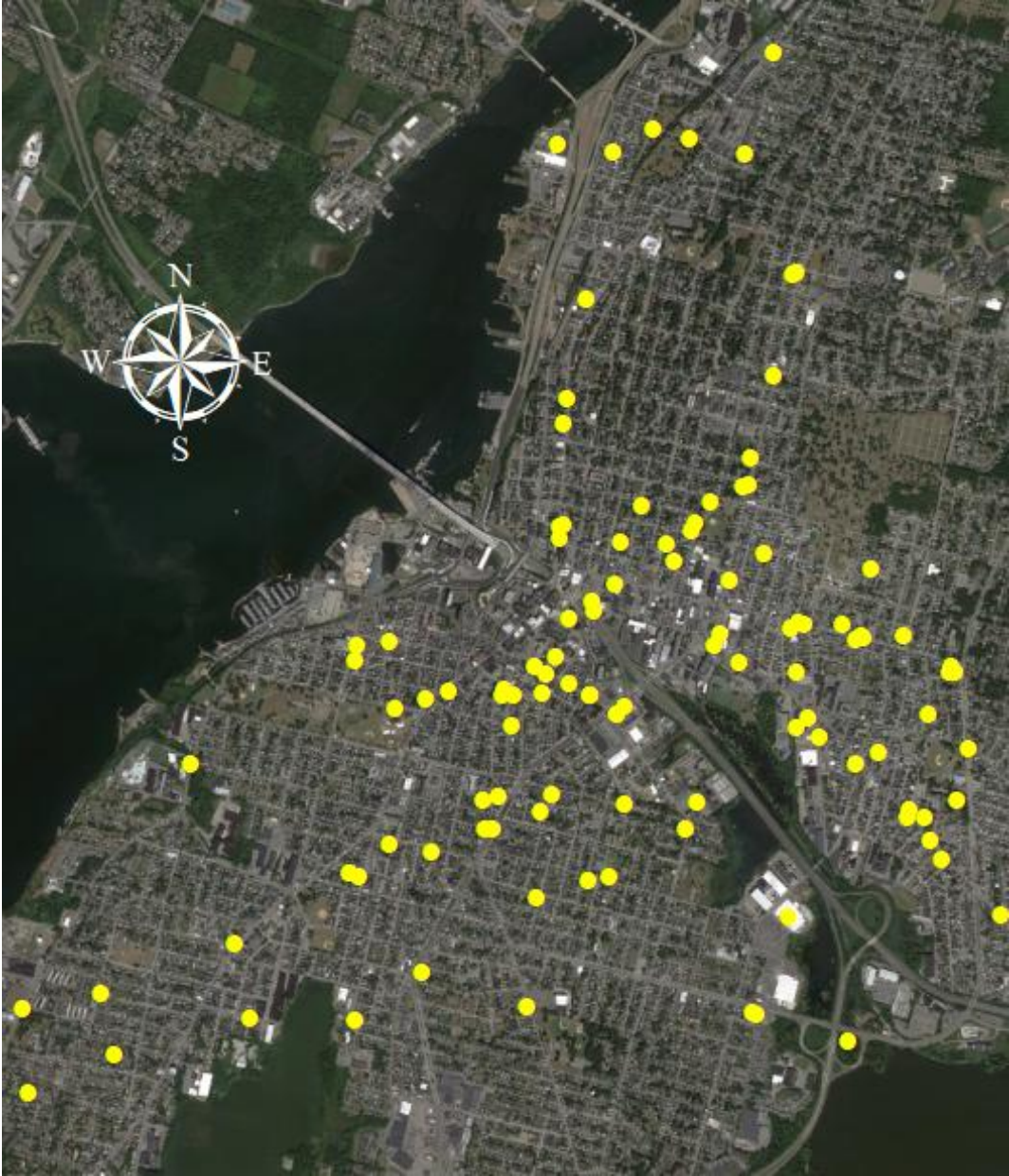


Commercial robberies occur in banks, convenience stores, gas stations, restaurants, as well as other businesses. Of the twenty-two commercial robberies, there were twelve bank robberies.

The following is a breakdown of the different weapons used during the armed robberies. Some robberies had more than one weapon used. The top two weapons used by suspects in armed robberies were firearms and knives.

Type	Total
Firearm	22
Knife	17
Unknown	5
Hammer	4
Other (Taser, crow bar, etc)	3
Bat	2
Brass Knuckles	1
Explosives (Threat of)	1

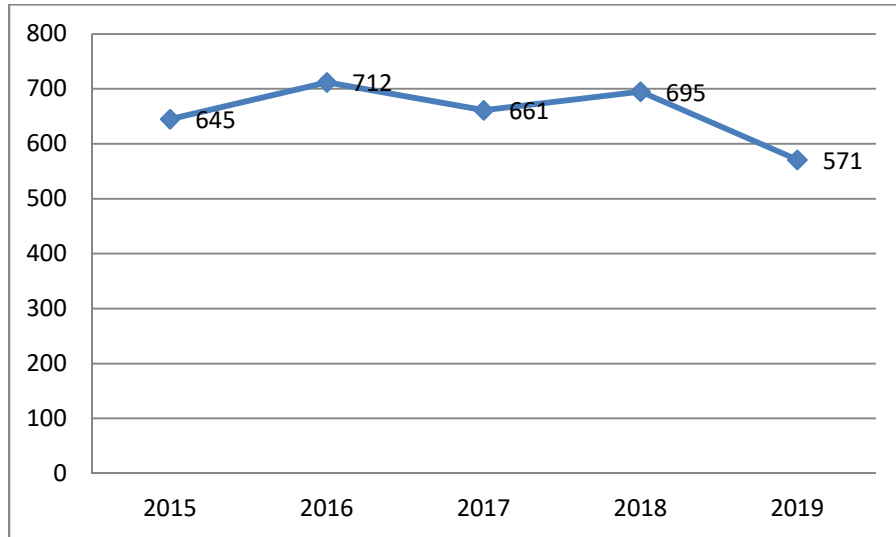
2019 Robbery Map



Assault

In 2019, the Fall River Police Department responded to 571 incidents that resulted in at least one aggravated assault charge. This shows a 17.84% decrease from 2018. The following is a chart depicting the total number of aggravated assaults for 2015-2019.

2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
645	712	661	695	571



The following is a table depicting the total number of assaults that were committed in each month. The table will also show how many of them were aggravated and how many of the aggravated assaults were results of domestic violence.

	Total	Aggravated	% of Total - Aggravated	Aggravated & Domestic	% of Total - Aggravated & Domestic	% of Aggravated – Aggravated & Domestic
January	114	42	36.84%	16	14.04%	38.10%
February	121	43	35.54%	26	21.49%	60.47%
March	118	47	39.83%	27	22.88%	57.45%
April	130	43	33.08%	27	20.77%	62.79%
May	142	52	36.62%	31	21.83%	59.62%
June	139	51	36.69%	31	22.30%	60.78%
July	146	53	36.30%	33	22.60%	62.26%
August	141	54	38.30%	29	20.57%	53.70%
September	123	45	36.59%	26	21.14%	57.78%
October	126	55	43.65%	31	24.60%	56.36%
November	99	43	43.43%	20	20.20%	46.51%
December	110	43	39.09%	27	24.55%	62.79%
Total	1509	571	37.84%	324	21.47%	56.74%

The table on the previous page shows that 37.84% of all assaults include at least one aggravated assault charge. This is a ratio of 571 aggravated assaults to a total of 1,509 total assaults. The table on the previous page also shows that of the total assaults, 21.47% are both aggravated assaults as well as charges resulting from a domestic disturbance. Of the total aggravated assaults (571), 324 are both aggravated and domestic (56.74% of aggravated assaults).

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

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Totals
0000-0059	15	7	9	8	8	13	11	71
0100-0159	11	3	7	8	5	8	18	60
0200-0259	17	3	3	4	3	8	11	49
0300-0359	5	3	4	2	5	3	7	29
0400-0459	10	2	1	1	2	3	1	20
0500-0559	3	4	2	1	2	3	5	20
0600-0659	1	0	2	1	0	4	1	9
0700-0759	6	7	8	3	5	8	4	41
0800-0859	5	7	7	9	8	9	5	50
0900-0959	5	6	5	5	6	7	10	44
1000-1059	10	3	6	13	3	8	7	50
1100-1159	6	8	11	6	7	6	4	48
1200-1259	9	13	12	13	13	18	11	89
1300-1359	12	9	4	11	8	10	8	62
1400-1459	12	10	12	12	10	8	6	70
1500-1559	10	9	12	16	12	7	8	74
1600-1659	11	12	9	8	13	12	19	84
1700-1759	11	17	9	13	18	15	9	92
1800-1859	8	9	12	12	19	16	20	96
1900-1959	19	8	16	16	14	11	10	94
2000-2059	17	10	15	12	17	14	17	102
2100-2159	19	10	10	15	20	13	12	99
2200-2259	19	11	11	15	11	11	15	93
2300-2359	8	6	6	6	8	10	19	63
Totals	249	177	193	210	217	225	238	1509

Most common day of week (highest to lowest):

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

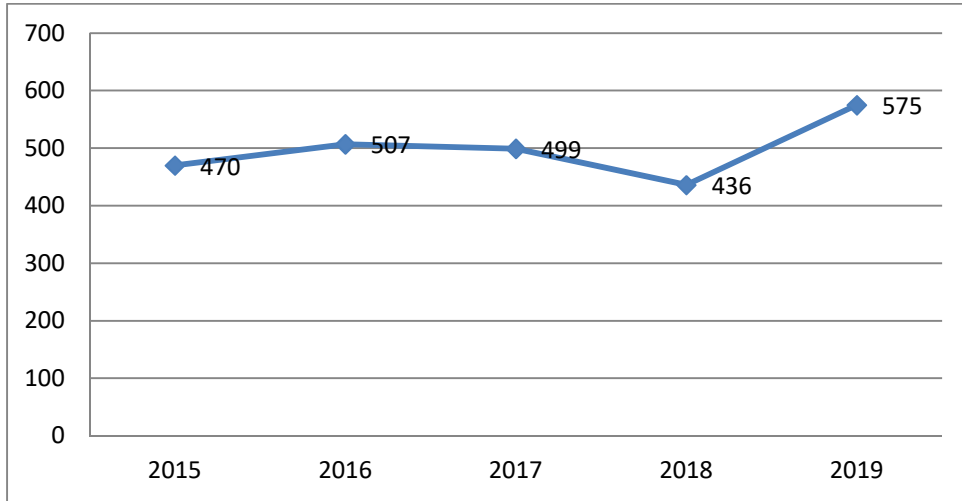
Most common hour (top 7 – highest to lowest):

2000 – 2100 – 1800 – 1900 – 2200 – 1700 – 1200

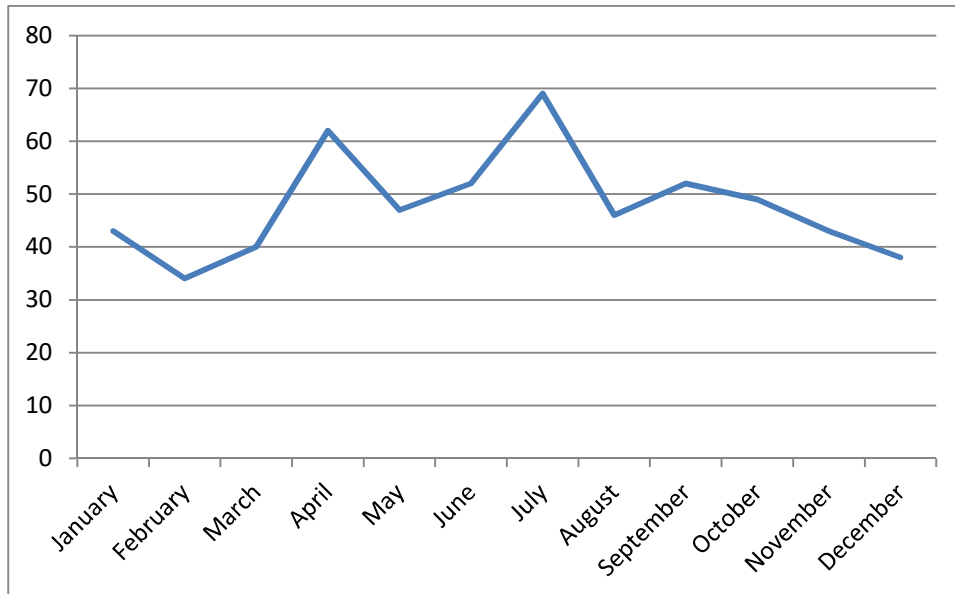
Burglary

The burglary rate has showed a decrease over the last few years; however it has gone up from 2018 to 2019. During 2019, the Fall River Police Department investigated 575 burglaries which is a 31.88% increase from 2018.

From 2015 to 2019, burglaries have gone up 22.34%.



The following is a chart depicting burglaries by month.



The following is a 2019 monthly breakdown of burglaries by type of location targeted. These locations will be categorized as:

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

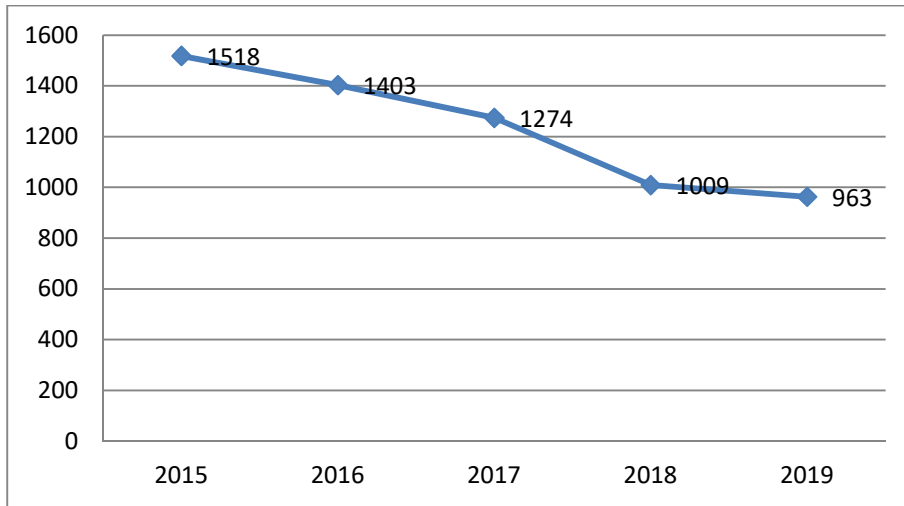
	Total	Vehicle	Residence	Business
January	43	12	22	9
February	34	14	16	4
March	40	22	12	6
April	62	31	23	8
May	47	18	20	9
June	52	25	23	4
July	69	47	17	5
August	46	17	28	1
September	52	28	17	7
October	49	26	17	6
November	43	28	11	4
December	38	19	13	6
Totals	575	287	219	69

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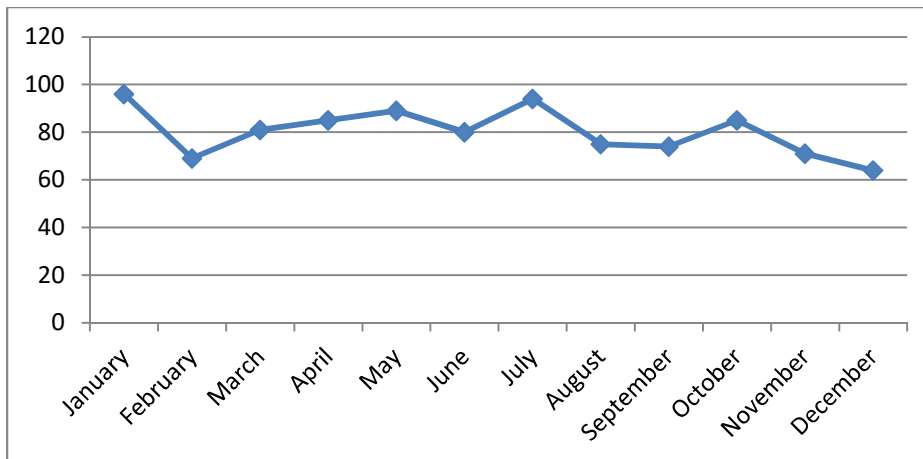
-) Top three highest months for all burglaries – July, April, June/September
-) Top three highest months for vehicle burglaries – July, April, September/November
-) Top three highest months for residential burglaries – August, April/June, January
-) Top three highest months for business burglaries – January/May, April, September

Larceny

In the last five years the rate of larcenies has continued to go down. From 2015, larcenies have gone down 36.56%. From 2018 to 2019 alone the larceny rate went down 4.56%. The following is a chart depicting larcenies from the last five years:



The following is a chart depicting larcenies by month.



The following is a 2019 monthly breakdown of larcenies by type of location targeted. These locations will be categorized as:

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

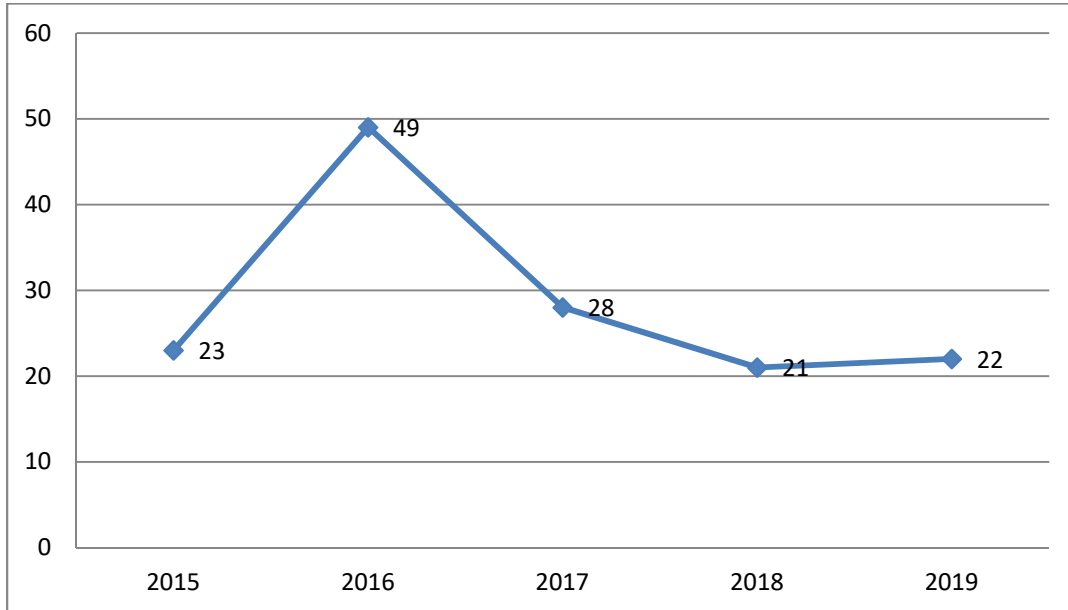
	Total	Vehicle	Residence	Business	Person	Other
January	96	12	26	43	14	1
February	69	5	25	30	6	3
March	81	12	22	29	16	2
April	85	24	26	29	6	0
May	89	15	27	32	6	9
June	80	23	20	25	8	4
July	94	33	18	27	13	3
August	75	22	19	24	10	0
September	74	20	20	21	12	1
October	85	25	19	32	9	0
November	71	22	18	22	7	2
December	64	19	18	16	11	0
Totals	963	232	258	330	118	25

This table shows that the following:

-) Top three highest months for all larcenies – January, July, May
-) Top three highest months for vehicle larcenies – July, October, April
-) Top three highest months for residential larcenies – May, January/April, February
-) Top three highest months for business larcenies – January, May/October, February
-) Top three highest months for person larcenies – March, January, July

Arson

In 2019, there were a total of twenty-two fire cases that resulted in an arson charge. This shows a 4.76% increase from the previous year.

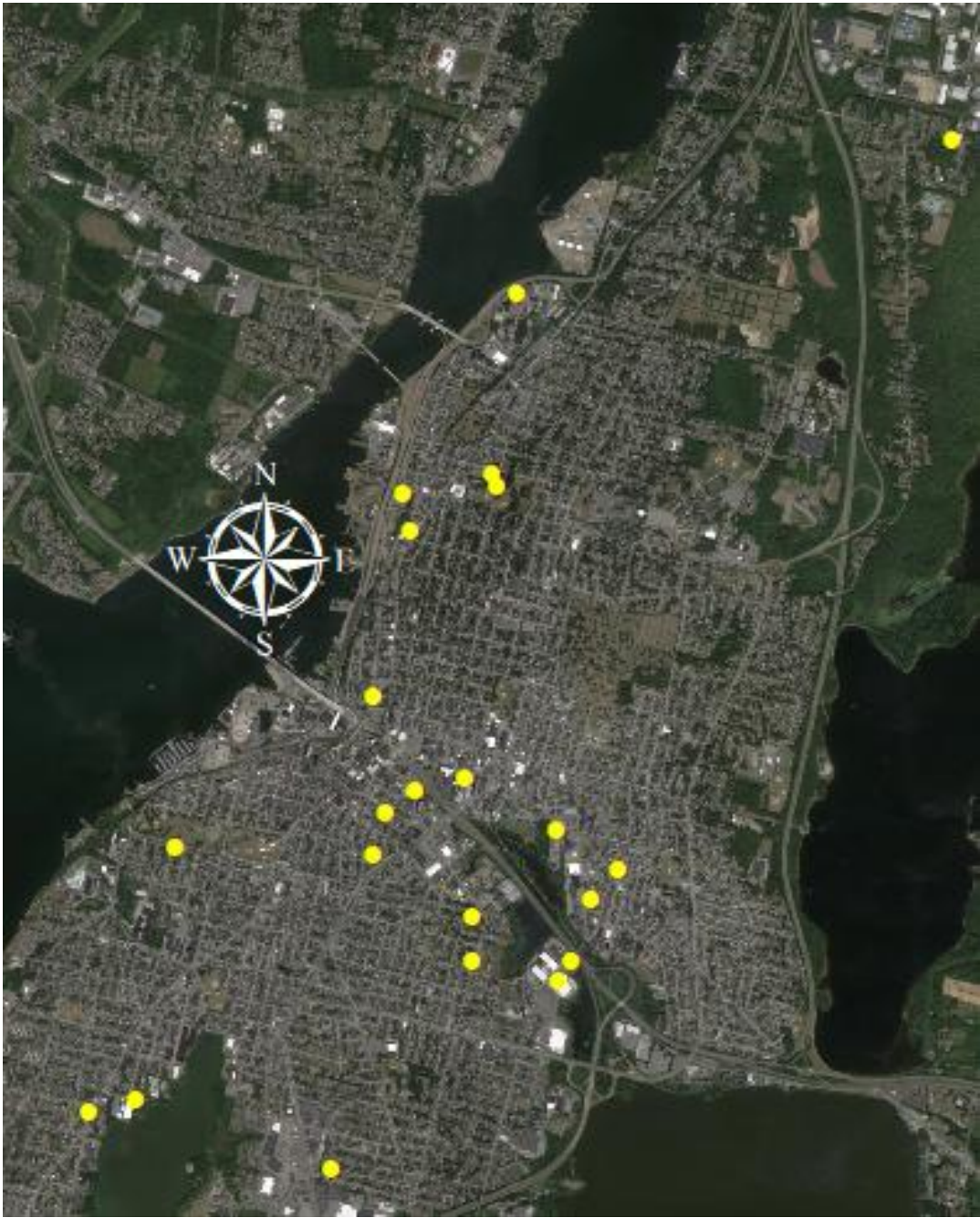


	2018	2019	% Change
Sunday	1	2	+100.00%
Monday	2	3	+50.00%
Tuesday	7	3	-57.00%
Wednesday	5	3	-40.00%
Thursday	1	4	+300.00%
Friday	2	2	0.00%
Saturday	2	4	+100.00%
Unknown	1	1	0.00%
Totals	21	22	+4.76%

Time	2018 Total	2019 Total	% Change	Time	2018 Total	2019 Total	% Change	Time	2018 Total	2019 Total	% Change
0000-0059	1	0	-100.00%	0800-0859	0	0	0.00%	1600-1659	1	1	0.00%
0100-0159	3	2	-33.33%	0900-0959	0	0	0.00%	1700-1759	1	4	+300.00%
0200-0259	3	1	-66.66%	1000-1059	2	1	-50.00%	1800-1859	1	4	+300.00%
0300-0359	1	0	-100.00%	1100-1159	0	0	0.00%	1900-1959	0	1	+100.00%
0400-0459	0	0	0.00%	1200-1259	0	1	+100.00%	2000-2059	0	0	0.00%
0500-0559	0	0	0.00%	1300-1359	2	1	-50.00%	2100-2159	0	1	+100.00%
0600-0659	0	0	0.00%	1400-1459	0	0	0.00%	2200-2259	1	1	0.00%
0700-0759	1	1	0.00%	1500-1559	2	2	0.00%	2300-2359	1	0	-100.00%

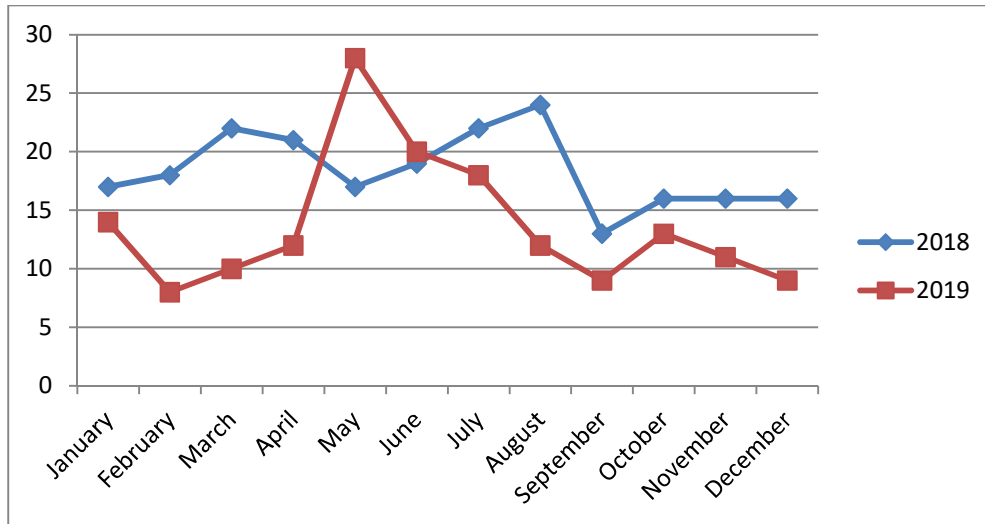
*There was one arson in 2018 and one in 2019 where the possible time the fire was set is a range. This case is not included in the breakdown of arsons by hour or the breakdown of arsons by day of the week.

2019 Arson Map



Motor Vehicle Theft

During 2019, the Fall River Police Department responded to 164 calls for service regarding a motor vehicle theft. 2019 motor vehicle thefts are down from 2018 by 25.79%. The following is a chart showing the rate of motor vehicle theft in Fall River by month compared to the rate of motor vehicle theft last year.



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

2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
180	244	247	221	164

There are two charges that encompass MV theft – Larceny of a MV and Use of a MV without authority. In 2019, there were a total of 154 charges of larceny of a motor vehicle and eleven charges of use of a motor vehicle without authority. There is one report that included a charge of both. Therefore, these numbers when combined are one more than the total number of MV thefts for 2019. The following 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	14	14	100.00%	0	0.00%
February	8	6	75.00%	2	25.00%
March	10	9	90.00%	1	10.00%
April	12	12	100.00%	0	0.00%
May	28	27	96.43%	2	3.57%
June	20	18	90.00%	2	10.00%
July	18	18	100.00%	0	0.00%
August	12	11	91.67%	1	8.33%
September	9	8	88.89%	1	11.11%
October	13	12	92.31%	1	7.69%
November	11	10	90.91%	1	9.09%
December	9	9	100.00%	0	0.00%
Total	164	154	93.90%	11	6.10%

* There is one report that included a charge of both in May. Therefore, these numbers when combined are one more than the total number of MV thefts for 2019.

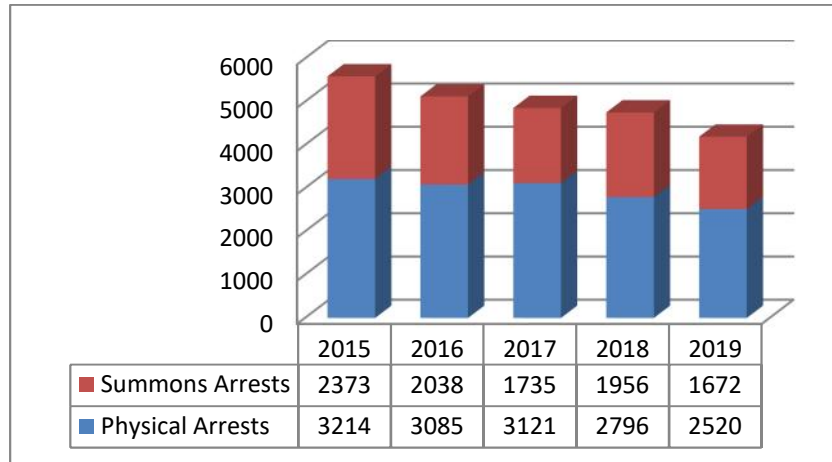
The following is a breakdown of motor vehicle thefts by make and year of the vehicle.

Make	Total	Make	Total
Acura	6	Lexus	1
BMW	4	Mazda	3
Cadillac	2	Mercury	1
Chevrolet	12	Mitsubishi	1
Chrysler	1	Moped/Scooter	23
Dodge	5	Nissan	8
Ford	13	Other	4
GMC	7	Pontiac	2
Harley	1	Saturn	1
Honda	14	Subaru	1
Hyundai	7	Suzuki	8
Jeep	1	Toyota	13
Kawasaki	5	Volkswagen	3
Kia	2	Volvo	2
Land Rover	1	Yamaha	3

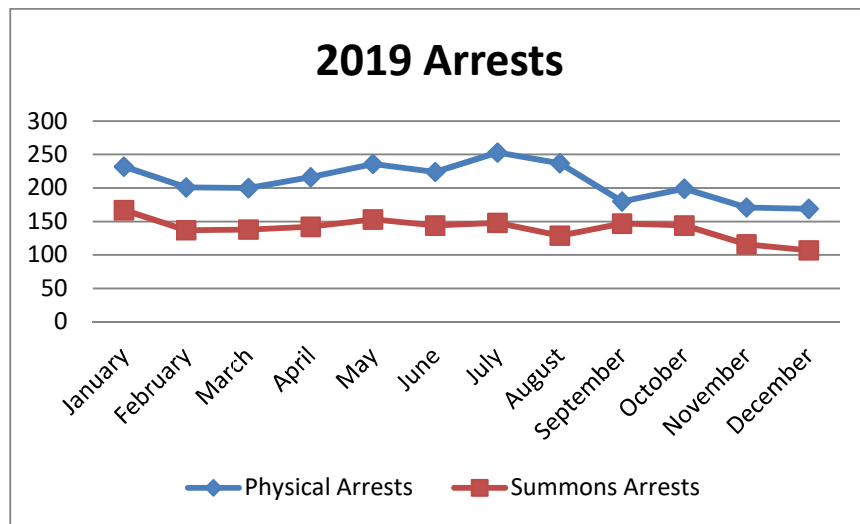
Year	Total	Year	Total
1986	1	2008	10
1988	1	2009	4
1991	1	2010	1
1992	1	2011	5
1994	1	2012	6
1997	2	2013	3
1999	1	2014	4
2000	5	2015	9
2001	4	2016	5
2002	11	2017	12
2003	7	2018	17
2004	9	2019	4
2005	12	2020	2
2006	8	Unknown	4
2007	8		

Arrests

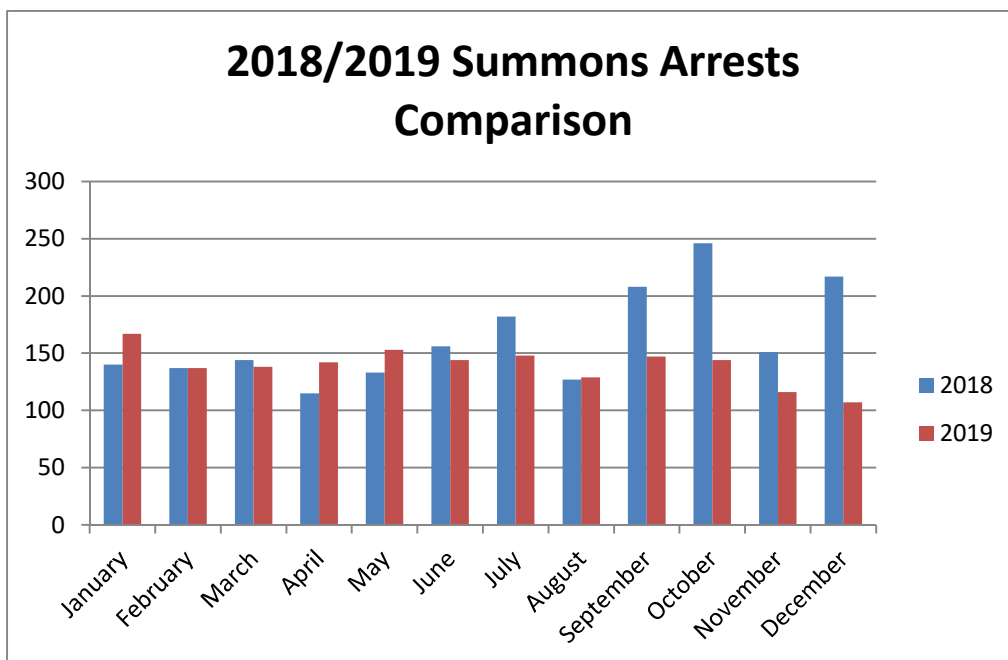
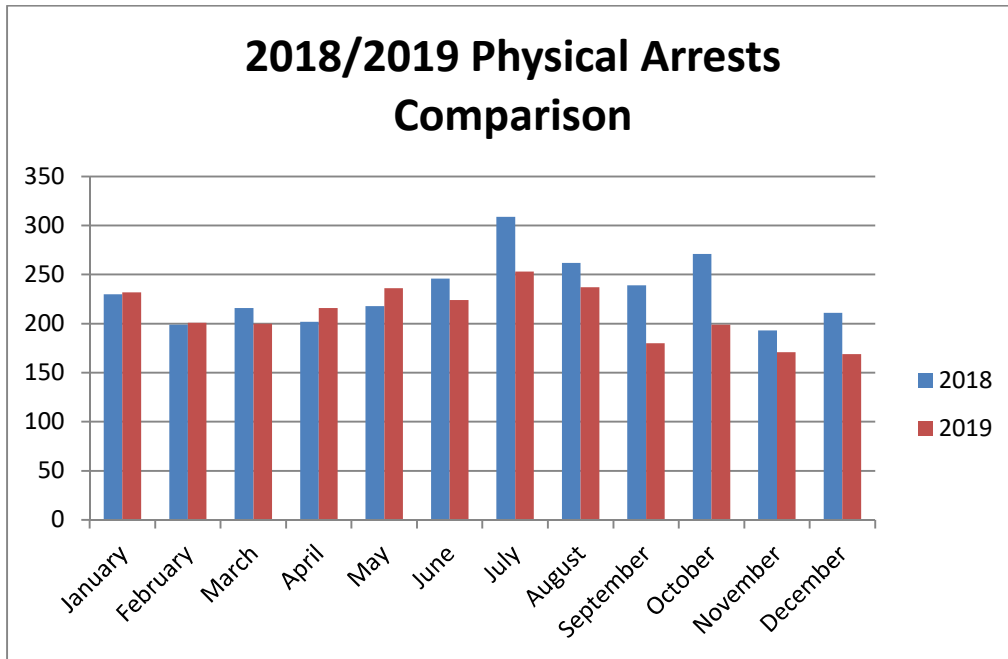
Physical arrests made by the Fall River Police Department have gone down from 2015 to 2019 by a total of 22.65%. Summons arrests have decreased from 2018 to 2019 by 14.65%. Overall arrests (physical and summons) have gone down from 5587 to 4192 which is a 24.97% drop. The following is a chart depicting the drop for each year from 2015.



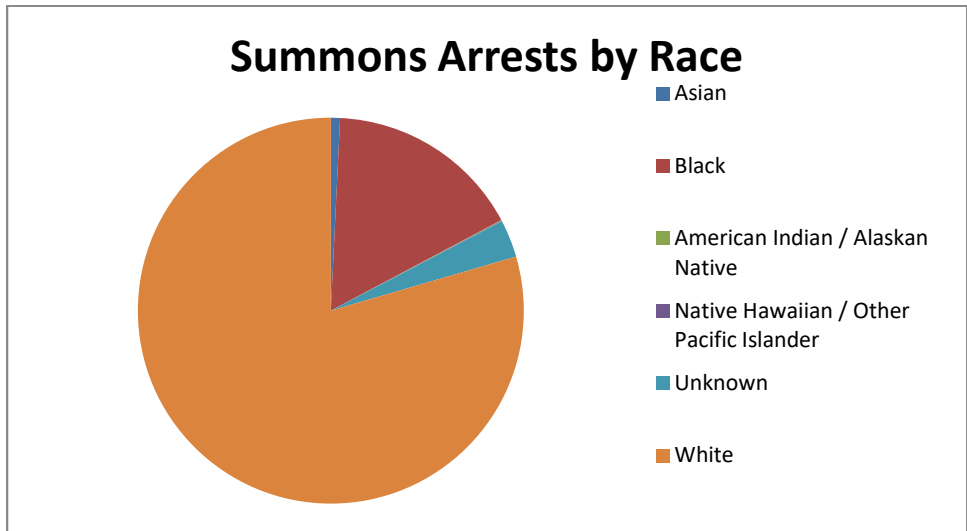
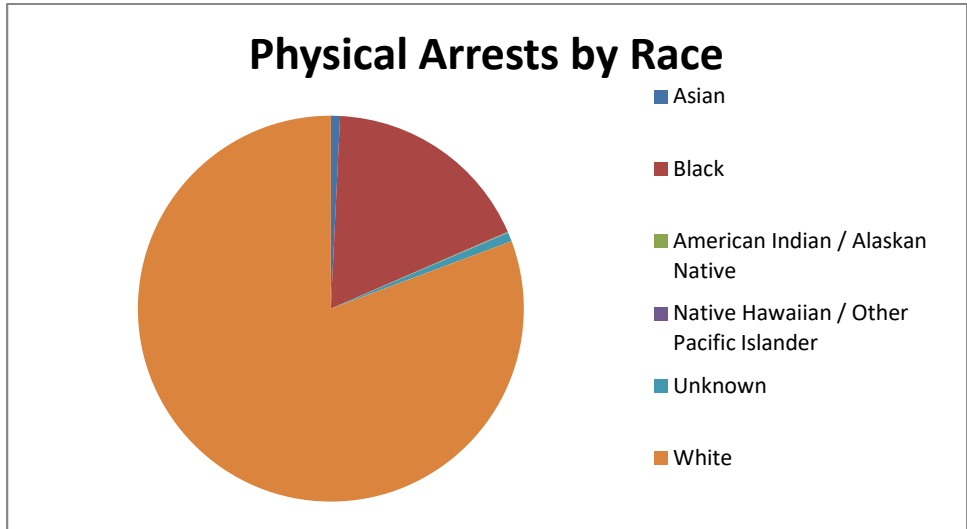
The following is a depiction of the physical and summons arrests made by the FRPD in 2019 by month. The chart shows that the busiest time for the department with arrestable offenses is from July to August.



In comparing the 2019 arrests by month to the 2018 arrests by month, it is shown that physical arrests went up in 2019 in the following months: January, February, April, and May. In comparing the summons arrests in 2019 to those in 2018, it is shown that the following months went up: January, April, May, and August. Summons arrests stayed the same in February from 2018 to 2019. The following tables show the comparison between 2018 and 2019 for both physical arrests and summons arrests.



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



In comparing the 2019 arrests by race to the 2018 arrests by race, it is shown that physical arrests of the following races went up: Asian, American Indian/Alaskan Native, and Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander. In comparing summons arrests in 2019 to those in 2018, it is shown that the following races went up: American Indian/Alaskan Native and unknown race. Summons arrests stayed the same for those of the Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander race from 2018 to 2019.

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

	Physical Arrests	Summons Arrests
2018	409	273
2019	375	281
% Change	-8.31%	+2.93%

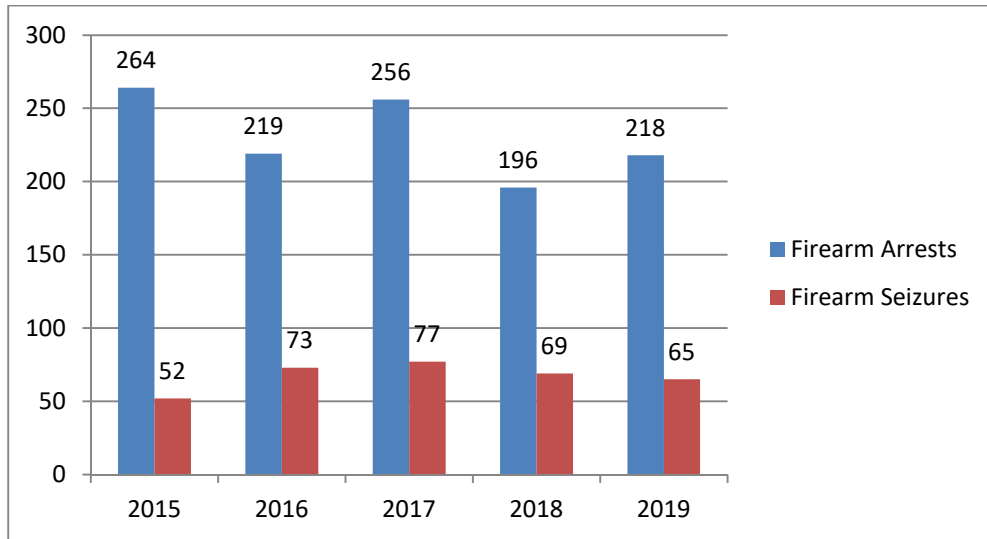
The following is a breakdown of all arrests (physical and summons) broken down by day and hour.

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Total
0000-0059	13	8	18	8	18	14	25	104
0100-0159	21	19	19	9	19	13	20	120
0200-0259	23	20	18	13	23	23	20	140
0300-0359	31	29	18	18	24	24	25	169
0400-0459	23	14	2	13	7	8	21	86
0500-0559	11	7	5	5	9	2	7	46
0600-0659	4	6	2	6	7	10	7	42
0700-0759	8	6	10	14	16	18	11	83
0800-0859	16	17	24	25	20	26	19	147
0900-0959	18	38	44	53	48	51	23	275
1000-1059	29	30	42	34	50	65	33	283
1100-1159	29	41	43	35	54	42	33	277
1200-1259	23	38	37	38	41	32	28	237
1300-1359	17	29	44	29	46	31	20	216
1400-1459	25	24	46	37	40	40	30	242
1500-1559	23	16	43	39	56	36	21	234
1600-1659	19	24	38	30	23	27	26	187
1700-1759	21	32	32	38	28	24	28	203
1800-1859	30	32	29	31	32	29	22	205
1900-1959	15	25	27	42	33	28	21	191
2000-2059	31	25	31	35	27	24	25	198
2100-2159	24	27	25	40	29	30	26	201
2200-2259	19	22	18	30	25	32	23	169
2300-2359	18	23	21	24	14	21	16	137
Total	491	552	636	644	689	650	530	4192

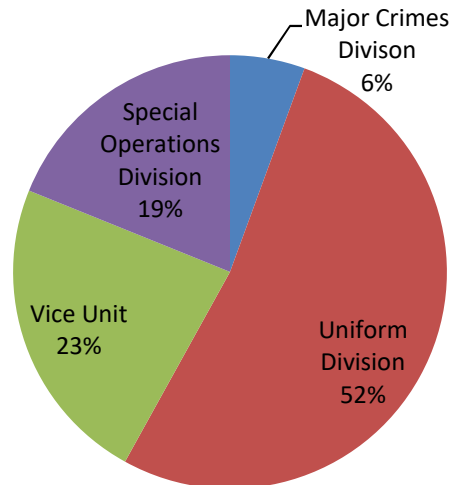
Firearm Arrests & Seizures

In 2019, the Fall River Police Department arrested 218 individuals that resulted in a firearm related charge. This is an increase of 11.22% from 2018 which had 196 firearm arrests. During 2019, there were 65 firearms seized which is a decrease of 5.80% from 2018 where 69 firearms were seized.

The following is a chart depicting firearm arrests and seizures for 2015 through 2019.

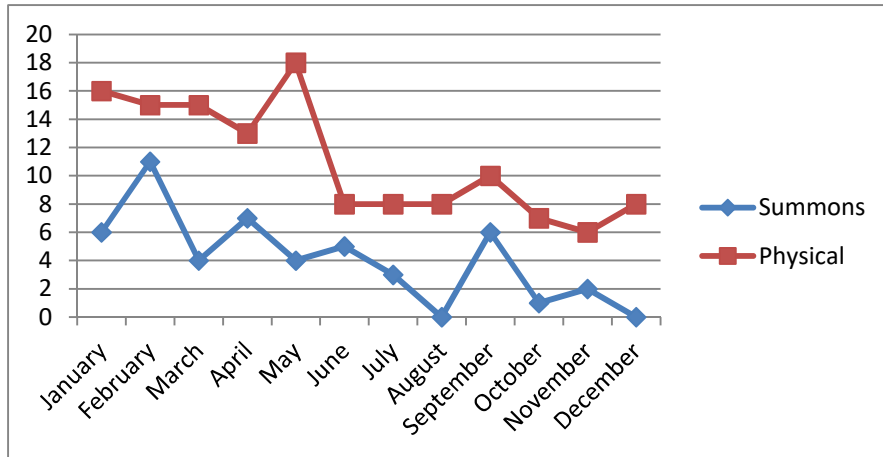


In 2019, the majority of firearm arrests came from the Uniform Division followed by the Vice Unit. The following is a breakdown of firearm arrests by unit.

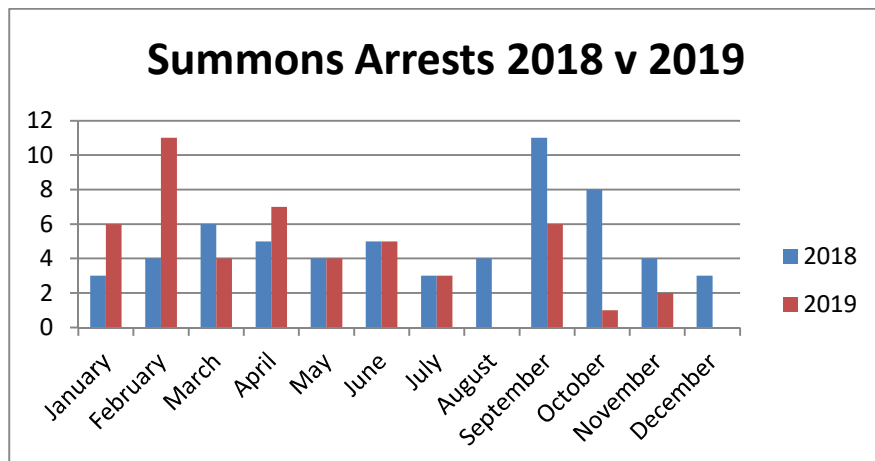
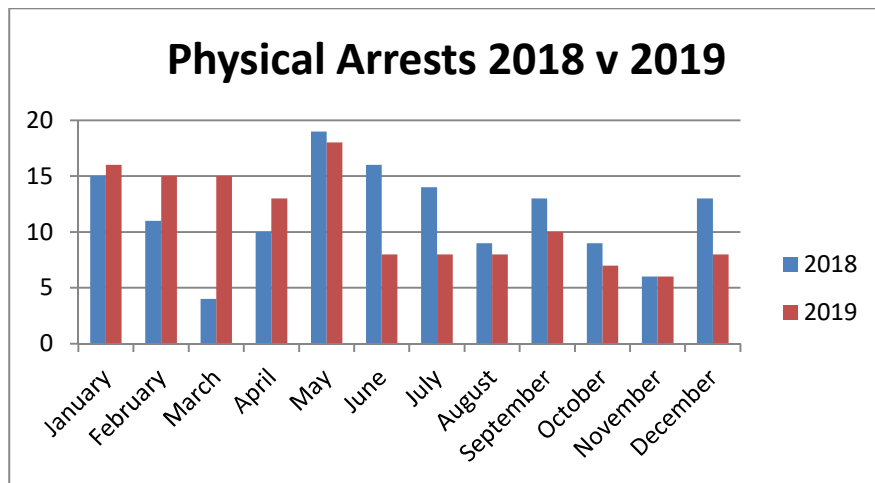


Gang Member Arrests

In 2019, the Fall River Police Department completed 181 arrests where the defendant was a gang member. The following is a chart comparing summons arrests to physical arrest in each month during 2019.



The following is a comparison of physical arrests and summons arrests between 2018 and 2019.



Below is a table of the gangs in which members have been arrested in the City of Fall River. The table will display the total number of classified members in that gang as well as how many classified members reside in the City of Fall River.

Gang	Total Classified Members per FRPD	Total Living in Fall River	% of members living in the city compared to total classified members per FRPD
18 th Street	1	1	100.00%
300 Block	1	1	100.00%
360 Crip	3	3	100.00%
40BLOCC	21	19	90.48%
7 Hills Riderz	6	5	7.46%
Asian Boyz	67	55	82.09%
Black Hand Syndicate	9	7	77.78%
Black Panthers	1	1	100.00%
Bloods	91	80	87.91%
Bounty Hunter Bloods	1	0	0.00%
Cameron	1	1	100.00%
Crazy White Boyz	4	1	25.00%
Crips	58	48	82.76%
Death Dealers MC	1	0	0.00%
Demons Within MC	11	8	72.73%
Dover Boys	8	8	100.00%
Flint Boys	1	1	100.00%
Folks	9	9	100.00%
Full Tilt Riders	8	6	75.00%
Gangster Disciples	124	97	78.23%
Get Money Mafia	1	1	100.00%
H-Block	2	1	50.00%
Hells Angels MC	7	2	28.57%
Insane Clown Posse	6	5	83.33%
Insane Gangster Disciples	3	3	100.00%
Jugallos	7	5	71.43%
Knights of Sin MC	5	1	20.00%
La Familia	1	1	100.00%
Latin Kings	45	32	71.11%
Leigion of Doom	6	6	100.00%
Mafioso	47	43	91.49%
Magnolia Steelers	1	1	100.00%
Maniac Latin Disciple	3	1	33.33%
NETA	7	4	57.14%
Nine Trey Gangsta - Bloods	8	6	75.00%
Outlaws MC	5	4	80.00%
Pagans MC	8	6	75.00%
Rollin 20s Crips	1	1	100.00%
Ruth Street	1	0	0.00%
Shotgun Crips	20	10	50.00%

Gang	Total Classified Members per FRPD	Total Living in Fall River	% of members living in the city compared to total classified members per FRPD
Shotgun Gangster Disciples	1	1	100.00%
Sidewinders MC	61	32	52.46%
Sons of No One MC	5	4	80.00%
South First	2	0	0.00%
Star Riders MC	3	0	0.00%
Thetford Ave Buffalos	42	6	14.29%
Tiny Rascals Gang	2	2	100.00%
Trinitario	1	1	100.00%
Vice Lord	1	1	100.00%
White Supremacy	14	9	64.29%
Wreckless Crew	2	2	100.00%

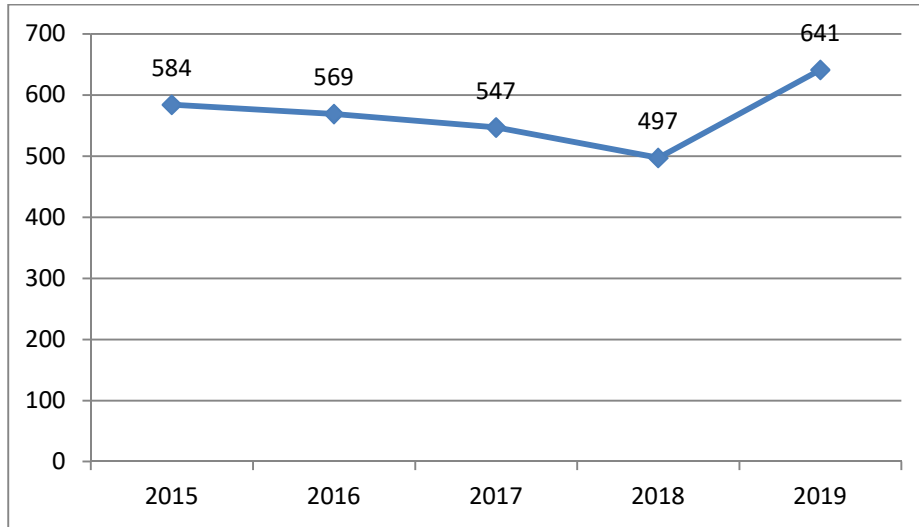
The following is a breakdown of the type of charges brought against Fall River’s classified gang members. This is separated by drug charges, firearm charges, assault (includes assault, assault DW, A&B, A&B DW), Domestic A&B (includes A&B and A&B DW domestic charges), and warrants. In one arrest, a gang member can be charged with all of these categories. The charges listed are also not the total number of charges per category – rather it is the total number of arrests where at least one of the charges is brought up against the gang member. Not all charges are categorized in the table.

	Drugs	Firearms	Assault	Domestic	Warrants
January	4	4	2	2	11
February	6	2	1	0	8
March	4	3	3	2	5
April	3	1	4	3	5
May	5	1	3	1	10
June	1	0	3	2	3
July	2	1	6	2	4
August	2	2	4	1	3
September	3	0	2	1	7
October	3	1	0	0	4
November	1	0	0	0	4
December	0	2	3	3	3
Total	34	17	31	17	67

Drug Arrests

This year the FRPD arrested 641 individuals on a drug charge which is a drastic increase of 28.97% from 2018. This is attributed to an increase in detectives assigned to the Vice & Intelligence Unit.

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

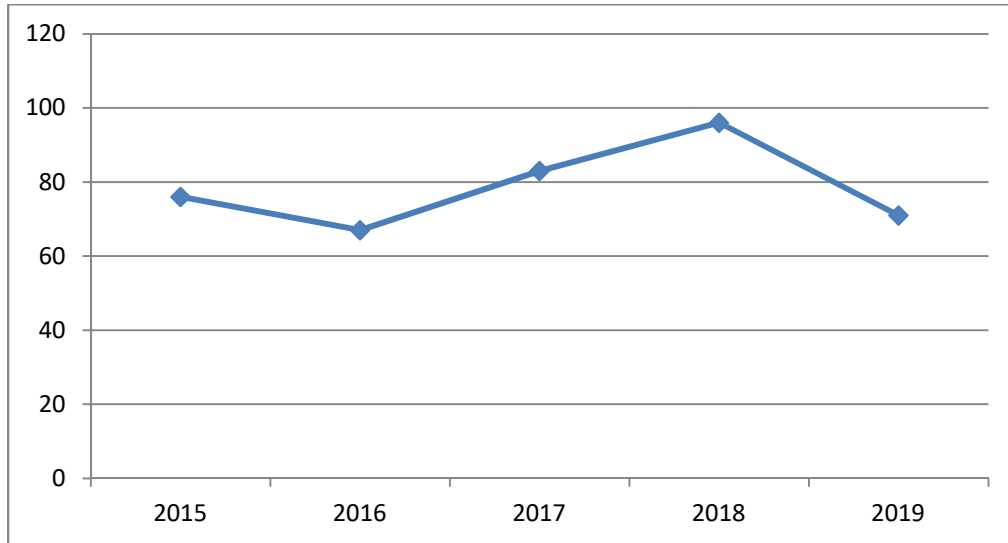


There were a total of 641 drug related arrests. Of the 641 arrests, 339 individuals were arrested by the VICE & Intelligence Unit, 148 by the Uniform Division, eighty-eight by the Special Operations Division, and four by the Major Crimes Division.

Prostitution Arrests

This year the FRPD arrested seventy-one individuals on a prostitution charge which is a decrease of 26.04% from 2018 (ninety-six arrests in 2018).

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



There were a total of seventy-one prostitution arrests. Of the seventy-one arrests, forty-nine individuals were arrested by the VICE & Intelligence Unit, fifteen by the Uniform Division, and seven by the Special Operations Division.

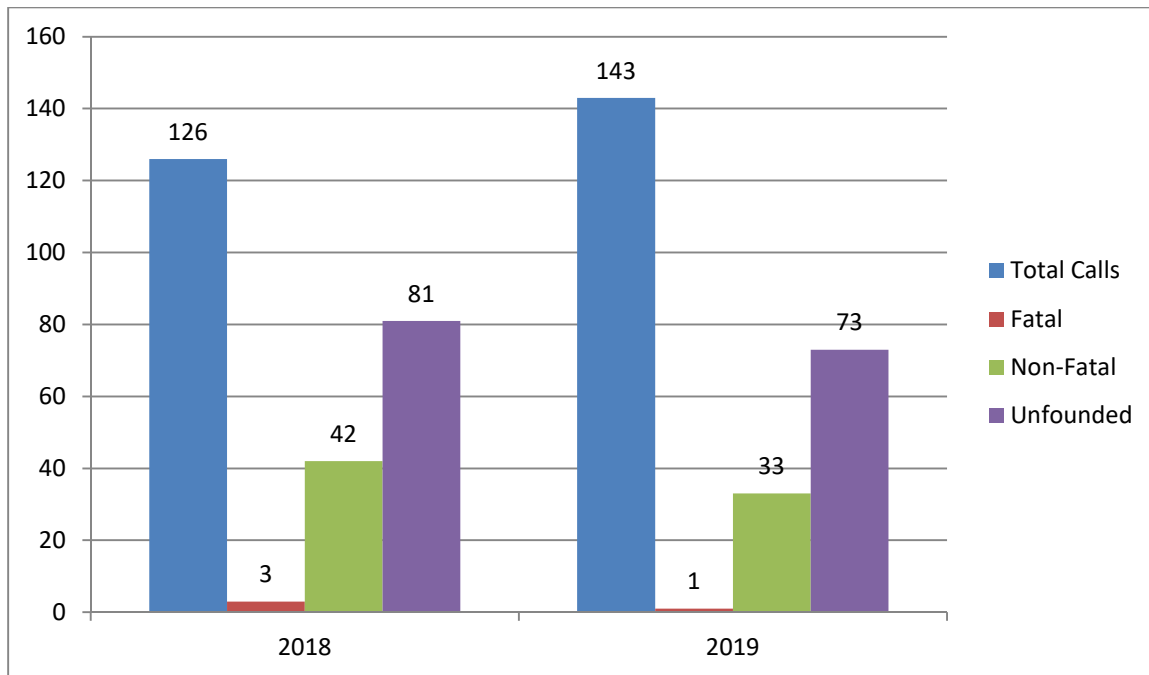
Shots Fired

During 2019, the Fall River Police Department responded to the following shots fired related calls and incidents.

Total Calls	143
Fatal	1
Non-Fatal	33 *2-BB's & 1-accidental
Unfounded	73
Confirmed No Shots	33

2019 showed an increase of 13.49% for total shots fired calls from the previous year. Fatal shots fired calls are down 66.67% from 2018. Non-fatal shots fired calls have decreased 21.43% from 2018.

The following is a chart showing the change in calls from 2018 to 2019.



*Fatal shots fired calls include any self-inflicted fatal wounds

**Non fatal-Includes people hit who did not die, property hit, or nothing hit but spent casings found

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

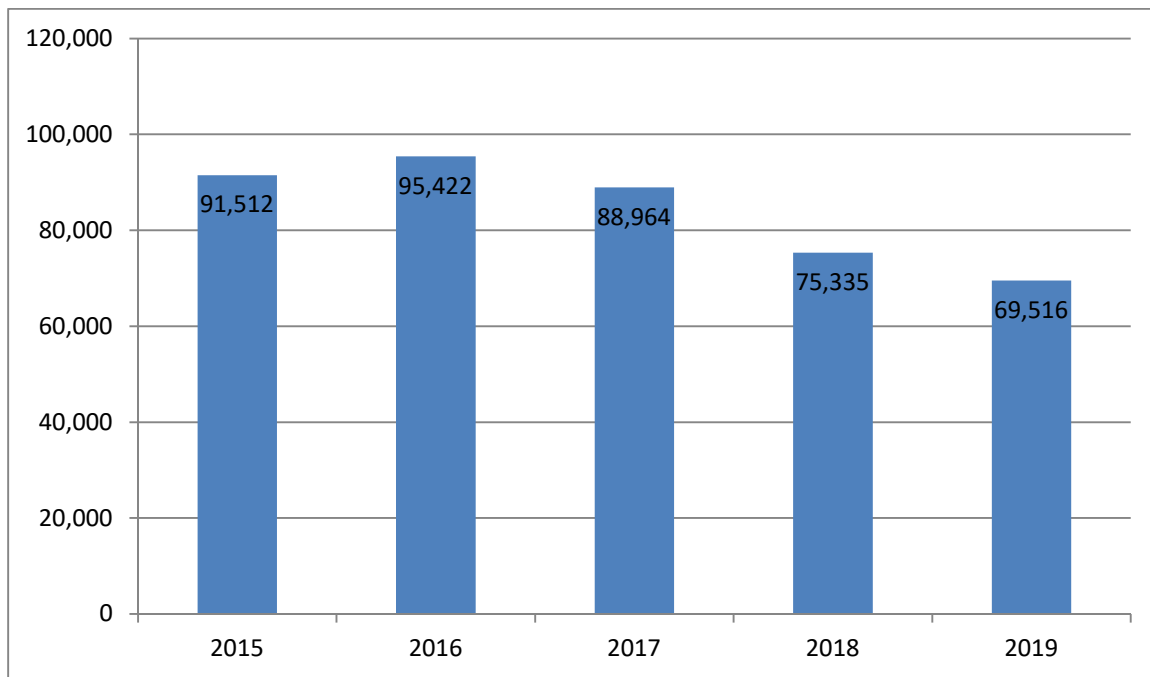
The following are the calibers of firearms used during shots fired incidents: 40MM (4), 9MM (5), .357 revolver (1), .38 special +p (1), 7.62x39 (1), and unknown (3).

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 their patrol they are flagged down by a citizen requesting assistance. Calls can also come in through the routine line, 9-1-1 and walk-ins.

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

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

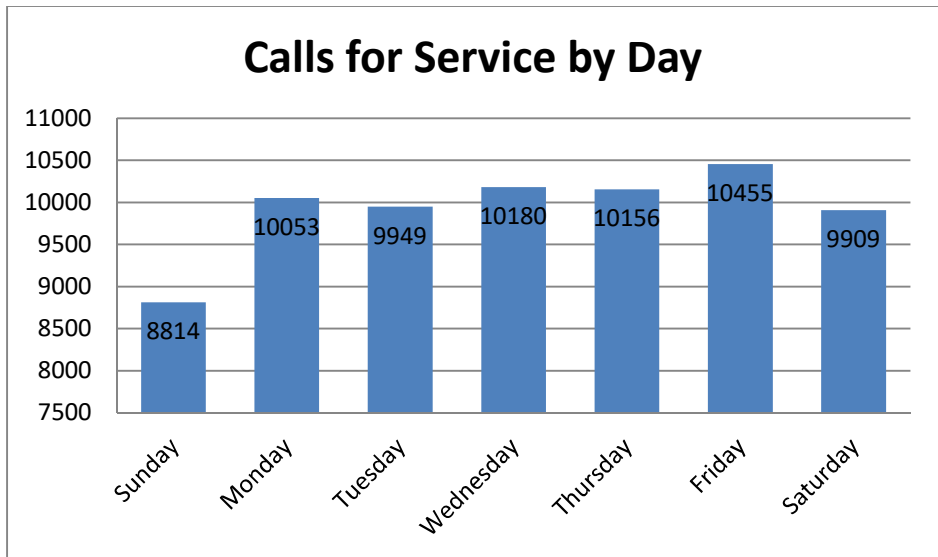
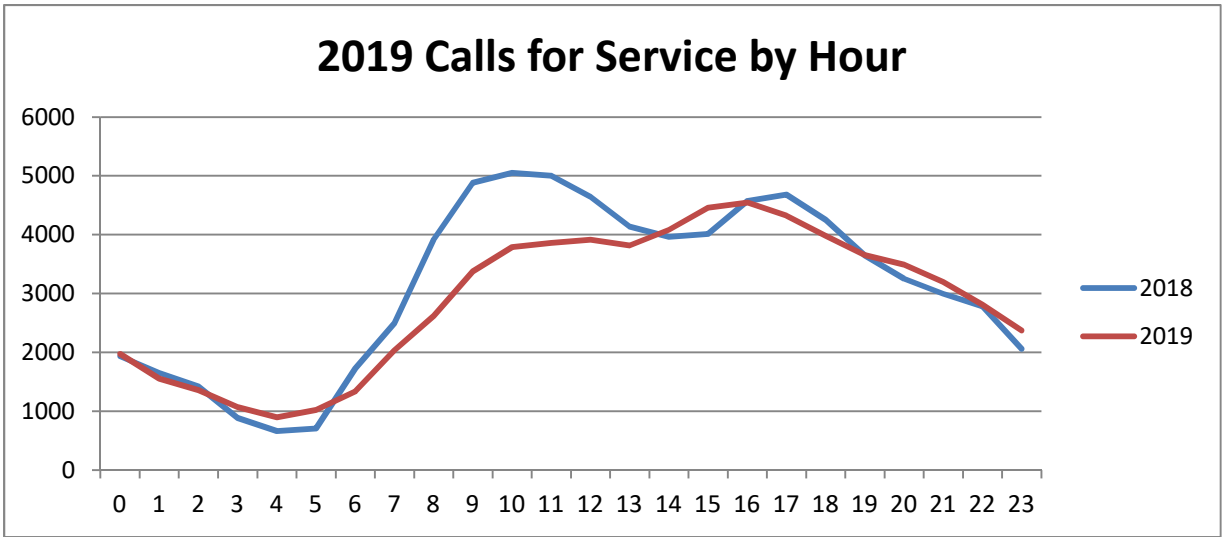


The FRPD saw a decrease in calls for service throughout the year by 7.72%.

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

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

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Last Watch	13,914	14,629	13,504	11,474	11,237
Day Watch	43,535	45,638	42,412	35,621	28,365
First Watch	34,063	35,155	33,048	28,240	29,914

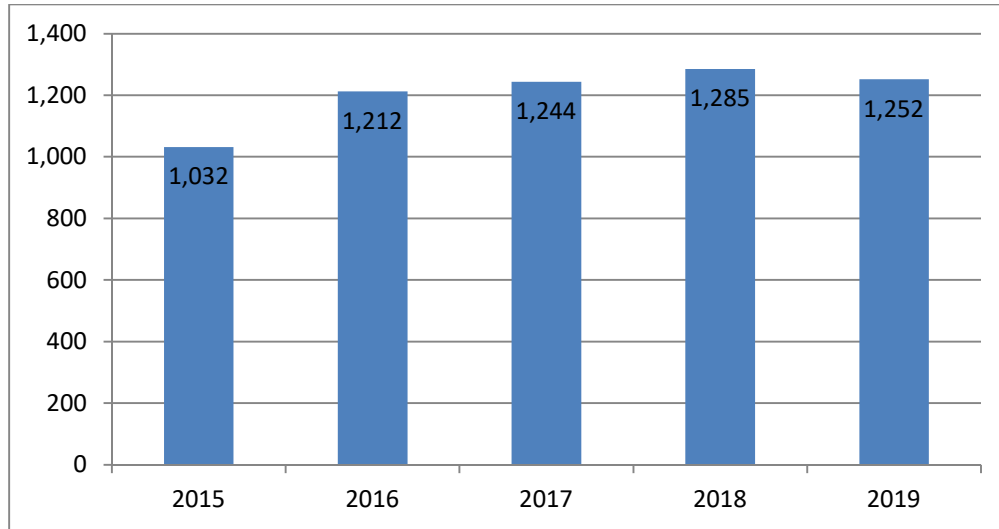


The following table depicts calls for service by hour and day of the week.

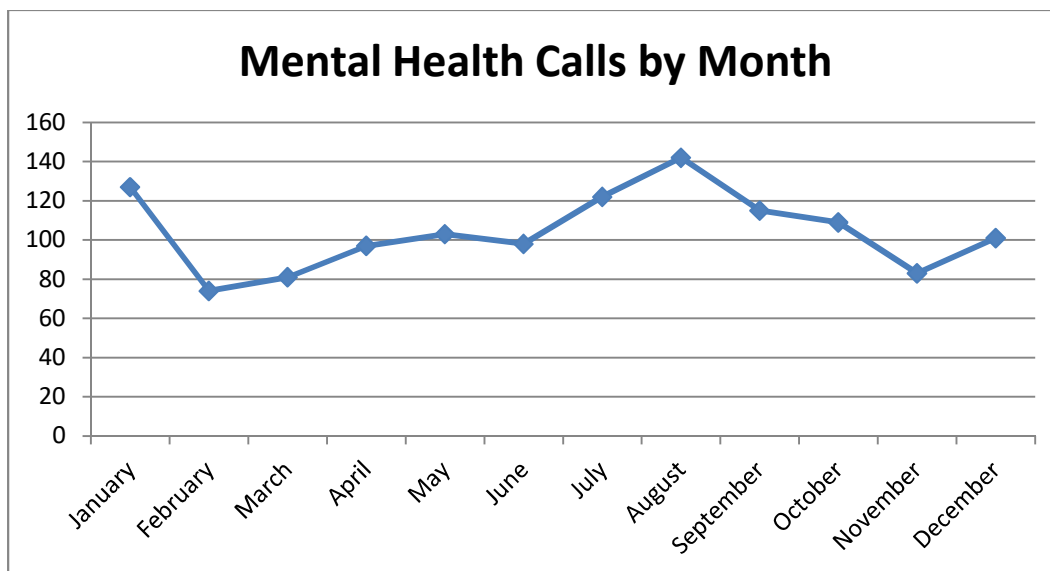
	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Total
0000-0059	393	244	229	245	258	266	339	1974
0100-0159	331	193	156	197	199	198	278	1552
0200-0259	307	147	159	137	155	187	267	1359
0300-0359	196	130	141	122	129	159	191	1068
0400-0459	147	100	139	112	123	125	148	894
0500-0559	139	154	152	128	124	151	174	1022
0600-0659	155	218	222	201	184	193	163	1336
0700-0759	180	308	332	363	342	290	217	2032
0800-0859	256	420	415	397	403	400	327	2618
0900-0959	358	487	455	544	496	574	461	3375
1000-1059	442	590	538	616	544	563	494	3787
1100-1159	458	606	573	541	578	545	557	3858
1200-1259	461	562	567	573	593	584	574	3914
1300-1359	436	567	590	603	530	614	479	3819
1400-1459	440	613	634	578	619	639	559	4082
1500-1559	493	674	659	687	746	649	553	4461
1600-1659	523	661	652	679	766	684	582	4547
1700-1759	513	631	672	650	648	656	551	4321
1800-1859	524	638	533	588	593	576	529	3981
1900-1959	479	512	487	529	543	565	537	3652
2000-2059	460	478	496	522	489	522	523	3490
2100-2159	440	455	460	447	424	469	500	3195
2200-2259	383	363	393	377	375	456	465	2812
2300-2359	300	302	295	344	295	390	441	2367
Total	8814	10053	9949	10180	10156	10455	9909	69516

Mental Health

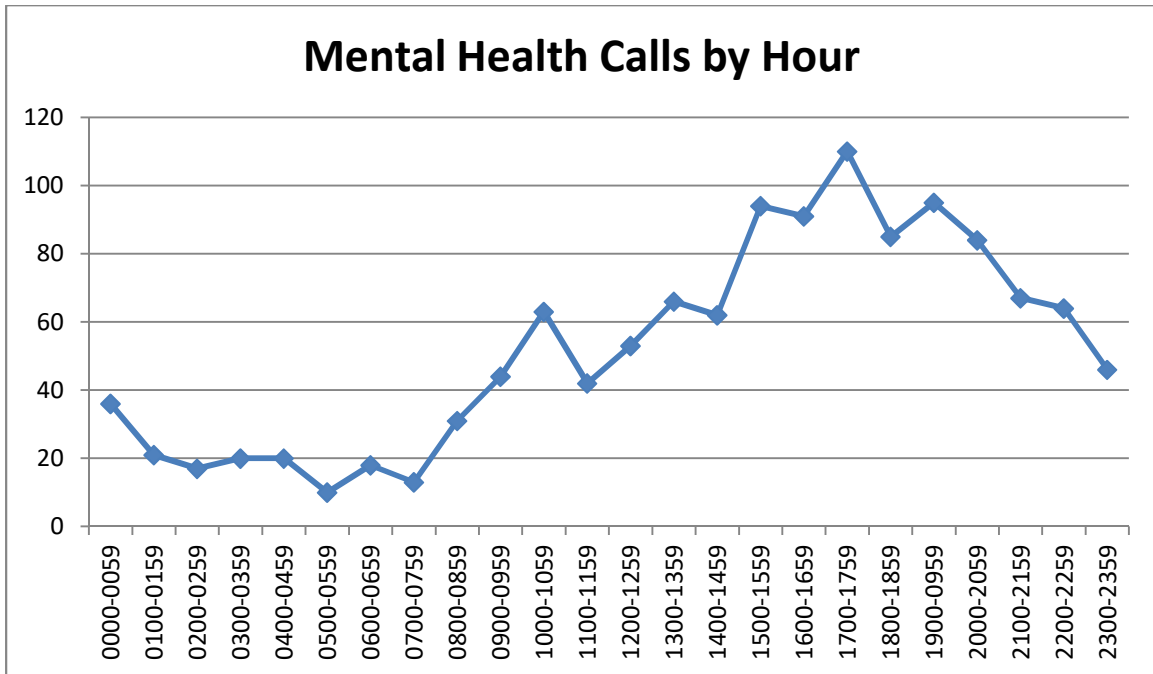
The Communications Division received a total of 1,252 calls for service due to a citizen having a mental health crisis in 2019. This is a slight decrease of 2.57% from 2018. From 2015, the rate of mental health calls has gone up drastically at 21.32%. The following is a table chart depicting the calls that were received while someone was having a mental health crisis for the last five years.



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



The police department receives the most calls regarding mental health between 1500hrs – 1900hrs. The following is a chart depicting mental health calls for service received by the communication division in 2019.



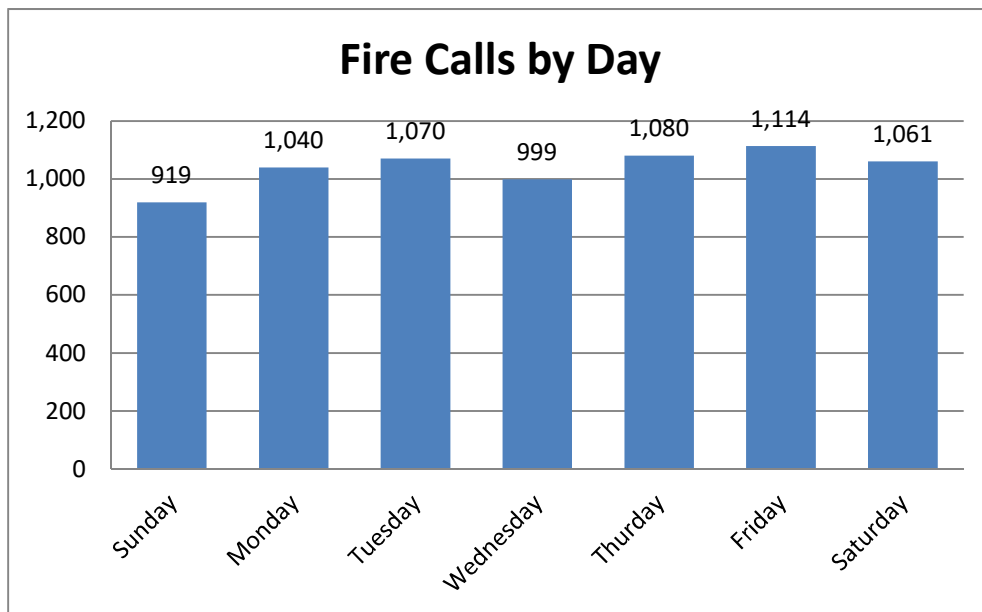
Communications Division-Fire Calls

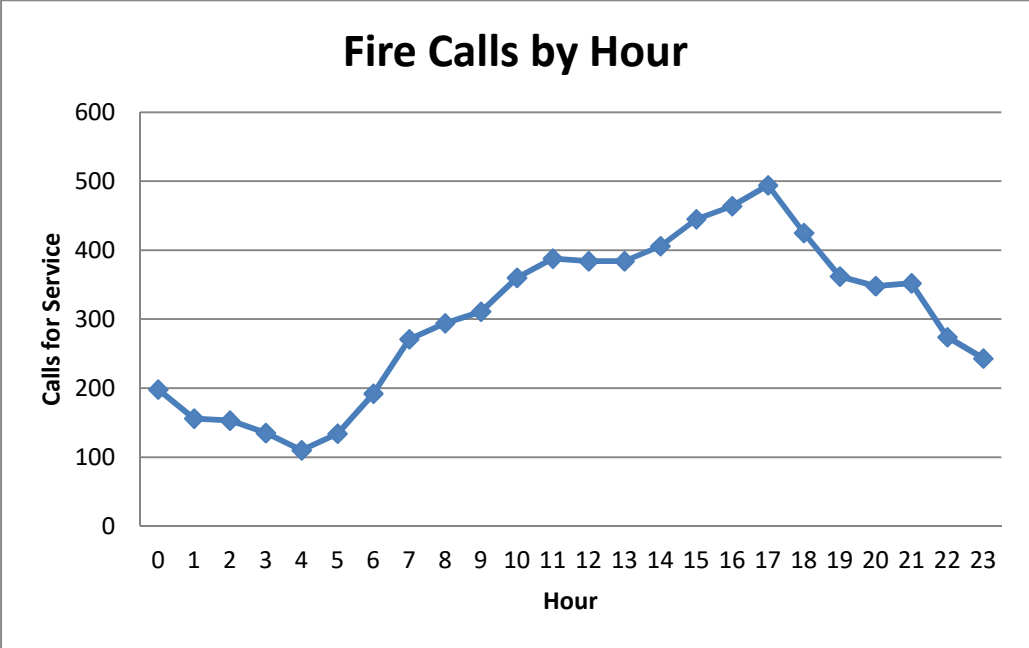
The Communications Division runs a similar schedule as sworn officers, day watch, first watch and last watch. The difference between the Communications Division and the sworn officers is the hours. Day watch runs from 0700 hours to 1459 hours, first watch from 1500 hours to 2259 hours and the last watch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

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

The FRPD Communications Division received 7,283 calls for service where a fire response was needed. This is a decrease from 2018 by 8.38% and an increase in the last five years by 9.90%. The following is a chart depicting the fire calls received by the FRPD Communications Division for the last five years:

2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
6,627	7,753	7,633	7,949	7,283



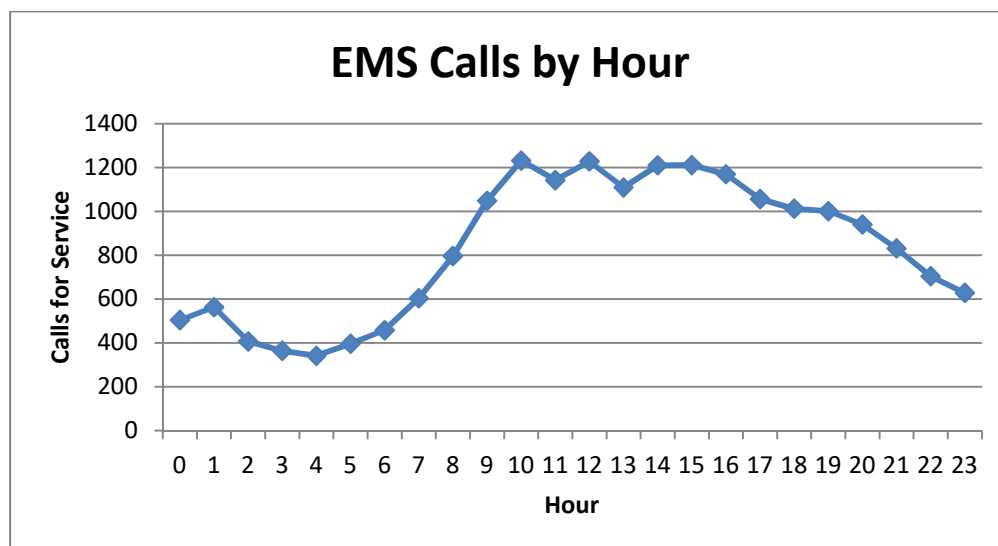
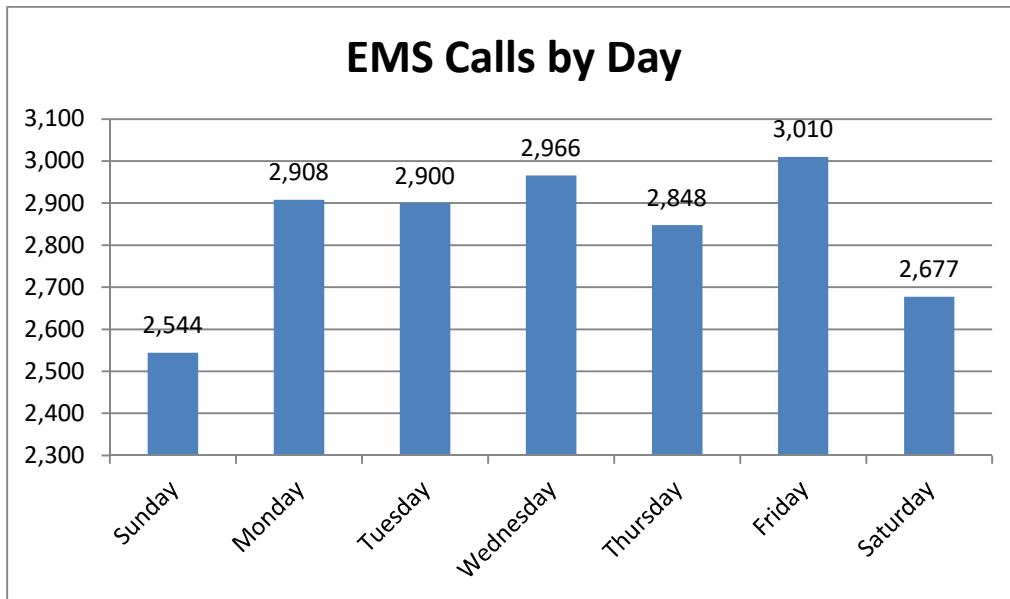


Communications Division- EMS Calls

The FRPD Communications Division received and dispatched 19,852 calls for service where an EMS response was needed. This is an increase from 2018 by 3.87%. 2019 calls for service that requested an EMS response is up 15.48% in the last five years. The following is a chart depicting the EMS calls received by the FRPD Communications Division for the last five years:

2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
17,191	17,865	18,889	19,112	19,852

The following is a breakdown of EMS calls for service by day of the week and by hour for 2019.

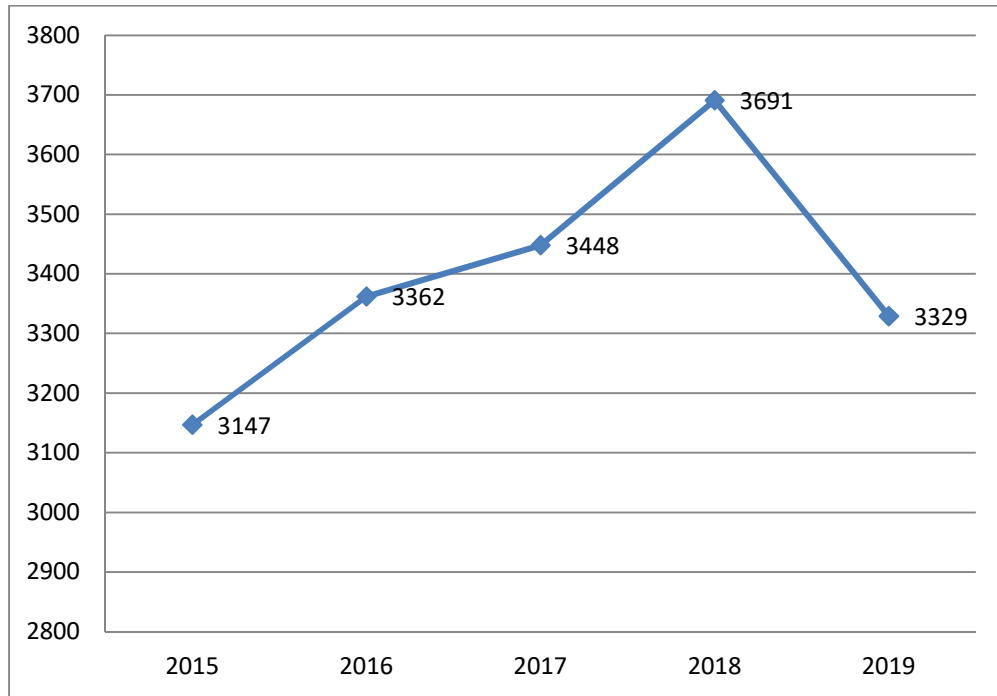


The FRFD EMS Division operates multiple medical rescue units. Twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, there are five rescue units on duty in Fall River (Rescue 2, 3, 4, 5, 6). There is also “Squad 11” which is the EMS Lieutenant and firefighter for the shift to act as a quick response vehicle. In August, the EMS Division gained another medical rescue, “Rescue 9”. “Rescue 9” runs Monday through Friday from 0800 hours – 1800 hours. The EMS Division gained another rescue in December, “Rescue 10”. “Rescue 10” runs Monday – Friday 1200 hours – 2200 hours). Due to the high number of medical rescue calls to Prima Care, since April there has been a paramedic stationed at the location. The following is a breakdown of EMS runs by medical rescue.

Unit	Hours of Operation	Total Runs
Medical Rescue 2	24/7	3,946
Medical Rescue 3	24/7	3,952
Medical Rescue 4	24/7	4,489
Medical Rescue 5	24/7	3,346
Medical Rescue 6	24/7	3,648
Medical Rescue 9	Monday – Friday 0800 – 1800 *Since August	836
Medical Rescue 10	Monday – Friday 1200 – 2200 *Since December	36
Squad 11	24/7	4,518
Prime Care Paramedic	Since April	327

Domestic Violence

The number of domestic violence calls for service increased yearly peaking in 2018 with 3,691 domestic violence calls. However, in 2019 there were a total of 3,329 domestic violence calls for service, which represents a 9.1% decrease from the previous year.



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
2015	3089	58
2016	3292	70
2017	3380	68
2018	3616	75
2019	3269	60

The following is a breakdown of the domestic violence calls (46VL and 50GD) by hour over 2019.

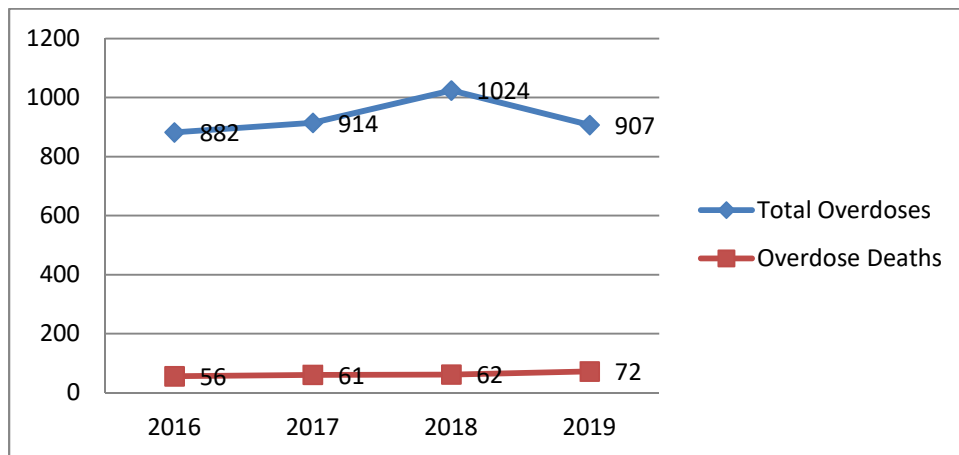
Time	# of DV Calls
0000hrs – 0059hrs	173
0100hrs – 0159hrs	105
0200hrs – 0259hrs	93
0300hrs – 0359hrs	68
0400hrs – 0459hrs	47
0500hrs – 0559hrs	41
0600hrs – 0659hrs	40
0700hrs – 0759hrs	71
0800hrs – 0859hrs	67
0900hrs – 0959hrs	83
1000hrs – 1059hrs	113
1100hrs – 1159hrs	101
1200hrs – 1259hrs	134
1300hrs – 1359hrs	127
1400hrs – 1459hrs	132
1500hrs – 1559hrs	178
1600hrs – 1659hrs	194
1700hrs – 1759hrs	211
1800hrs – 1859hrs	231
1900hrs – 1959hrs	240
2000hrs – 2059hrs	243
2100hrs – 2159hrs	238
2200hrs – 2259hrs	205
2300hrs – 2359hrs	194

Overdoses

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

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

In 2016, there were a total of 882 overdoses including fifty-six fatal overdoses. In 2017, there were 914 overdoses with sixty-one fatal overdoses. Between 2016 and 2017 there was a 3.63% increase in overdoses. 2018 showed a steeper increase of 12.04% which represents 1024 overdoses including sixty-two fatal overdoses. In 2019, there were a total of 907 overdoses including seventy-two fatal overdoses. The 2019 numbers represent an 11.43% decrease from 2018 for total overdoses and a 16.13% increase in overdose deaths.



Numerous departments and cities around the country are developing programs to help those who need assistance in dropping the habit. In Fall River, “Project Reconnect” was developed. Project Reconnect operates with assistance from the FRPD, FREMS, FR City Hall, Bristol County D.A.’s Office, SSTAR, Seven Hills Foundation, Recover Fall River, Treatment Development Corporation, BOLD Coalition, St. Anne’s Hospital and Charlton Memorial Hospital.

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

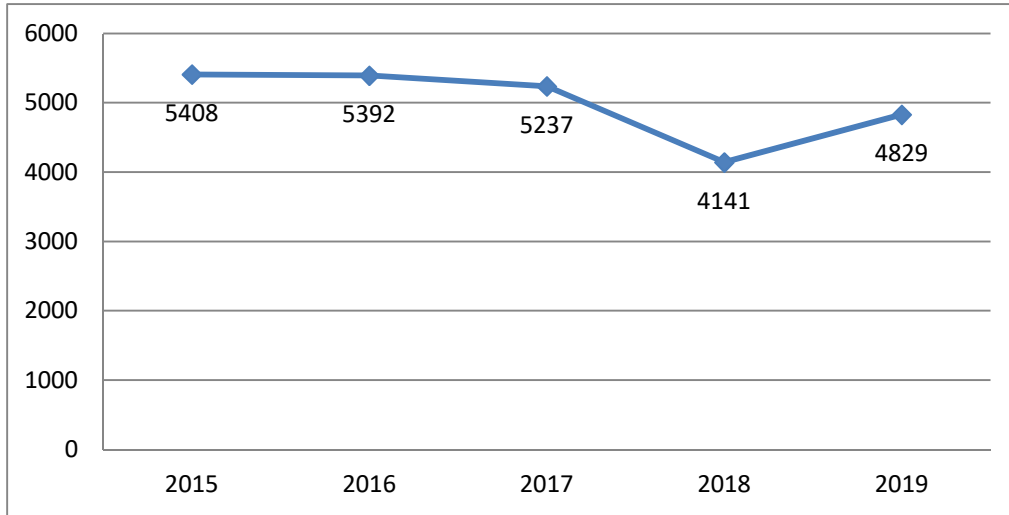
The volunteers involved in Project Reconnect reach out to individuals after an overdose and try to offer assistance to them and their families.

For more information regarding Project Reconnect, you can visit c-o-p-e.org/project-reconnect.html.

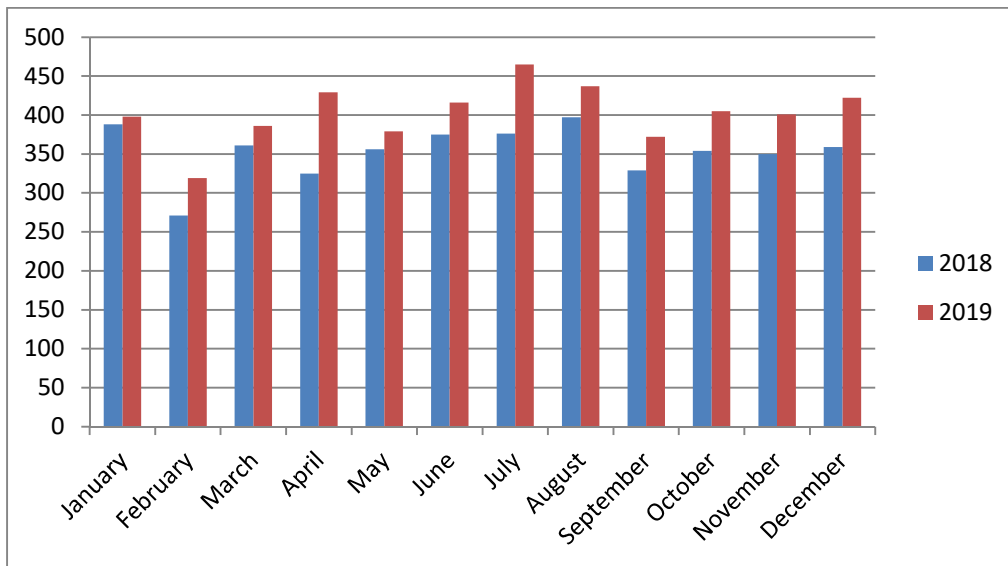
*Mission Statement gathered from c-o-p-e.org/project-reconnect.html

Motor Vehicle Accidents

In 2019, the FRPD responded to 4,829 motor vehicle accidents which is up from 4,141 motor vehicle accidents in 2018. This represents an increase of 16.61%. The number of citations issued due to motor vehicle accidents has also increased as did the number of accidents with injuries.



The following is a breakdown of the 2018 and 2019 motor vehicle accident data by month.



As illustrated above, the top three months for accidents in the city of Fall River in 2019 are July, August and April. This is a slight change from 2018 where the top three months would be August, January and July.

The following chart depicts the number of motor vehicle accidents broken down by day of the week. In 2019, Tuesdays and Fridays had the highest number of motor vehicle accidents.

Day of the Week	Total # of MVAs
Sunday	478
Monday	660
Tuesday	772
Wednesday	706
Thursday	745
Friday	761
Saturday	707

The following table depicts the total number of motor vehicle accidents, total number of citations given due to a motor vehicle accident, and the total number of motor vehicle accidents with injuries for 2019 broken down by month. This data is separated further throughout the rest of this section.

	Total # of MVAs	Total # of Citations	Total # of MVAs w/ Injuries
January	398	162	59
February	319	150	56
March	386	169	52
April	429	206	58
May	379	166	64
June	416	188	58
July	465	203	81
August	437	183	63
September	372	166	67
October	405	183	50
November	401	163	61
December	422	185	70
Totals	4829	2124	739

The number of citations issued due to a motor vehicle accident increased by 3.66% from 2018 to 2019. The number of citations issued went up from 2015 to 2016 and then again in 2017 to 2018. There was a decrease in citations from 2016 to 2017. There is an increase of citations issued due to a motor vehicle accident of 8.26% from 2015 to 2019.

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
# of Citations	1962	1996	1923	2049	2124

The number of accidents that result in injuries has shown a similar trend as the citations. The number of accidents resulting in injuries has increased 1.79% since 2018 and has increased 15.29% since 2015. The number of citations had a drop from 2016 to 2017 however; the total number of accidents resulting in injuries did not drop at any point between 2015 and 2019.

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
# of Injuries	641	655	674	726	739