



City Council - Public Safety Committee

**Thursday, July 23, 2026, 5:30 PM, Remote via Zoom OR In-person at Sharon Bushor
Conference Room, 1st Floor City Hall, 149 Church St, Burlington**

When: Jul 23, 2026 05:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
Topic: Public Safety Committee Meeting

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1. Adopt the Agenda

1.1. Motion to amend/adopt agenda

2. Adopt Minutes

2.1. Motion to adopt draft minutes from June 25, 2026 and July 1, 2026

3. Public Forum

Subject	3.1. Verbal Comments
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Category 3. Public Forum

Department

Type

4. Chiefs' Reports

Subject 4.1. Fire

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Category 4. Chiefs' Reports

Department

Type

Recommended Action

Subject 4.2. Police

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Category 4. Chiefs' Reports

Department

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Recommended Action

5. Appeal of Trespass Order/Hearing

Subject 5.1. In re: Matter of Todd Deluca

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Category 5. Appeal of Trespass Order/Hearing

Department Council and Board

Type

Recommended Action

6. Appeal Hearing Proceedings Discussion

Subject 6.1. A committee discussion on how to better formalize the appeal hearing process

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Department	Council and Board
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7. Adjournment

Subject	7.1. Motion to adjourn
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Category	7. Adjournment
Department	Council and Board
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Recommended Action	

8. Informational and Non-Discrimination Statements

Subject	8.1. This agenda is available in alternative formats upon request. For more information on access, call Lori Olberg, Licensing, Voting and Records Coordinator (802-865-7136)(TTY 802-865-7142). Persons with disabilities who require assistance or special arrangements to participate are encouraged to contact 802-865-7000 (voice) or 802-865-7142 (TTY) at least 72 hours in advance so that proper arrangements can be made. The City of Burlington will not tolerate unlawful harassment or discrimination on the basis of political or religious affiliation, race, color, national origin, place of birth, ancestry, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, veteran status, disability, HIV positive status, crime victim status or genetic information.
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Category	8. Informational and Non-Discrimination Statements
Department	Council and Board
Type	

Public Safety Committee
Wednesday, July 1, 2026
Remote via Zoom/In-Person in Sharon Bushor Conference Room, 1s Floor, City Hall,
Burlington, Vermont
DRAFT MINUTES

Members Present: Buddy Singh (Chair), Melo Grant, Evan Litwin, Laura Sanchez-Parkinson

Staff Present: Hayley McClenahan (Assistant City Attorney), Jessica Brown (City Attorney)

Public Present: Todd Deluca, Eric Gravel, Robyn Tolin

Meeting called to order at 5:31 PM by Councilor Singh.

1. Adopt the Agenda
1.01 Adopt the Agenda

Motion to Adopt Agenda as written.

Motion by Councilor Litwin, Seconded by Councilor Sanchez-Parkinson
Final Resolution: Motion Passes
Yes: Unanimous

2. Public Forum
2.01 Verbal Comments

Todd Deluca expressed support for appellant Eric Gravel.

Public Forum closed at 5:35 PM.

3. Appeal of Trespass Order/Hearing
3.01 In re: Matter of Eric Gravel

The Committee heard from Eric Gravel as well as Robyn Tolin of Chocolate Thunder, represented by City Attorney Jessica Brown. The Committee had the opportunity to ask questions of both parties before moving to Deliberative Session.

10. Adjournment
10.01 Motion to Adjourn

Motion to adjourn the public portion of the meeting and move into Deliberative Session.

Motion by Councilor Litwin, Seconded by Councilor Grant
Final Resolution: Motion Passes
Yes: Unanimous

The meeting was adjourned at 6:39 PM.

DRAFT

**Public Safety Committee
Thursday, June 25, 2026
Remote via Zoom/In-Person in Sharon Bushor Conference Room, 1s Floor, City Hall,
Burlington, Vermont
DRAFT MINUTES**

Members Present: Buddy Singh (Chair), Melo Grant, Evan Litwin

Staff Present: Hayley McClenahan (Assistant City Attorney), Troy Ruggles (BFD Deputy Chief), Shawn Burke (BPD Chief)

Public Present: Sam Donnelly, Paul Decelles (Howard Center)

Meeting called to order at 5:34 PM by Councilor Singh.

**1. Adopt the Agenda
1.01 Adopt the Agenda**

Motion to Adopt Agenda as amended, postponing Items #4 and #8.

Motion by Councilor Litwin, Seconded by Councilor Grant

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: Unanimous

**2. Adopt Minutes
2.01 Motion to Adopt Draft Minutes from May 28, 2026**

Motion to Adopt Draft Minutes from May 28, 2026.

Motion by Councilor Grant, Seconded by Councilor Litwin

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: Unanimous

**3. Public Forum
3.01 Verbal Comments**

Sam Donnelly, Executive Director of Building Burlington's Future, commented on the progress of the police chief search and encouraged the Committee to push it further, share the results of the IACP community survey with the public, and for the City to provide a way for the public to remain engaged through the duration of the search and appointment process.

Public Forum closed at 5:37 PM.

**4. Appeal of Trespass Order/Hearing
—4.01 In re: Matter of Todd Deluca**

This item was postponed to a future meeting.

5. Chiefs' Reports

5.01 Fire

DC Ruggles presented on BFD's latest incident, response, and personnel data. No action was taken.

5.01 Police

Chief Burke presented on BPD's latest incident, response, and personnel data. No action was taken.

6. State's Attorney Report

6.01 State's Attorney Report

Councilor noted the Committee is coordinating with SA George to have a Howard Center screener attend July's meeting to supplement the State's Attorney's report. No action was taken.

7. City Hall Park Challenges with Warmer Weather

7.01 City Hall Park Challenges with Warmer Weather

Paul Decelles with the Howard Center Street Outreach Team briefed the Committee on activity in City Hall Park and challenges in housing. No action was taken.

8. ~~Recommendations on Problem Animal (Moose)~~

~~8.01 Recommendations on Problem Animal (Moose)~~

This item was postponed to a future meeting.

9. Recruitment and Chief Search Updates

9.01 Recruitment and Chief Search Updates

Councilor Singh provided an update on the search for a new Chief of Police and BPD's general recruitment progress. No action was taken.

10. Adjournment

10.01 Motion to Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned with no objection at 7:22 PM.



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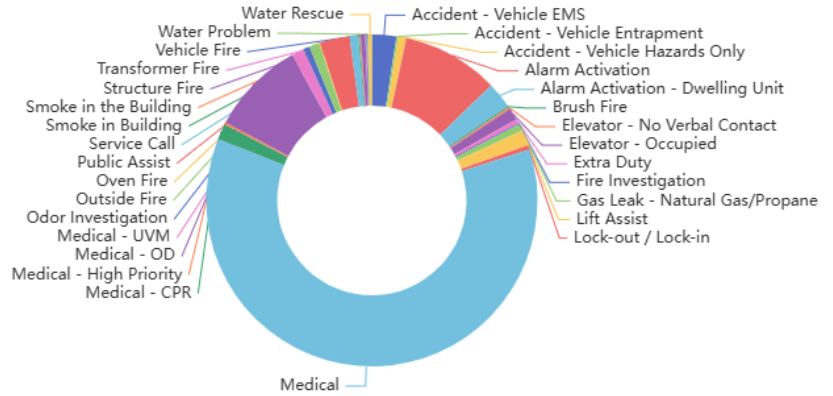
Chief's Report to the Public Safety Committee: June Data Points July 23, 2026

Call Volume & Activity Summary:

Total Incidents for the month of June: **929**

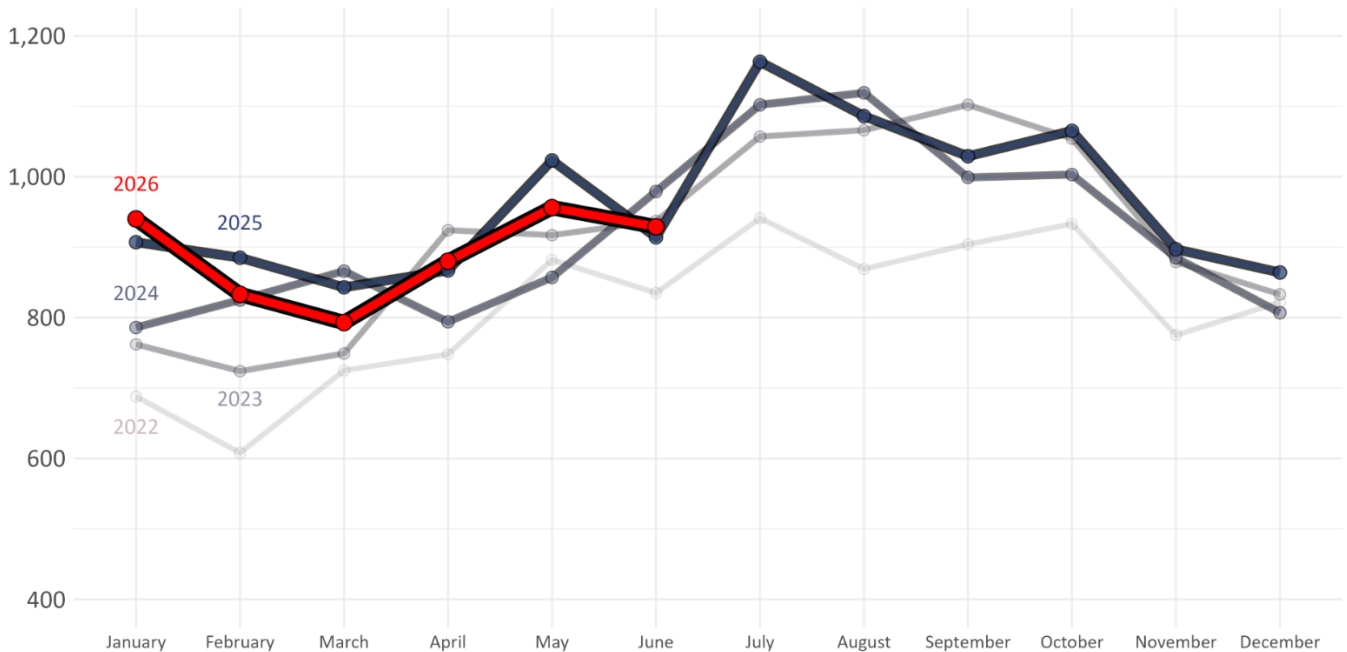
Total Incidents: (As of 7/1/26) **5,468**

- Fire Incidents: **137**
- EMS: **680**
- Hazmat: **6**
- Technical Rescue: **18**
- Significant Incidents:
 1. 6/6/26 2nd Alarm 71 Archibald St
 2. 6/14/26 1st Alarm Winooski Automatic Aid
 3. 6/16/26 Water Rescue Rock Point



During the same period in 2025 we responded to **914** incidents, a **1.6%** increase from last year.

Fire Department Monthly Response Totals, 2022 - 2026
Source: First Due



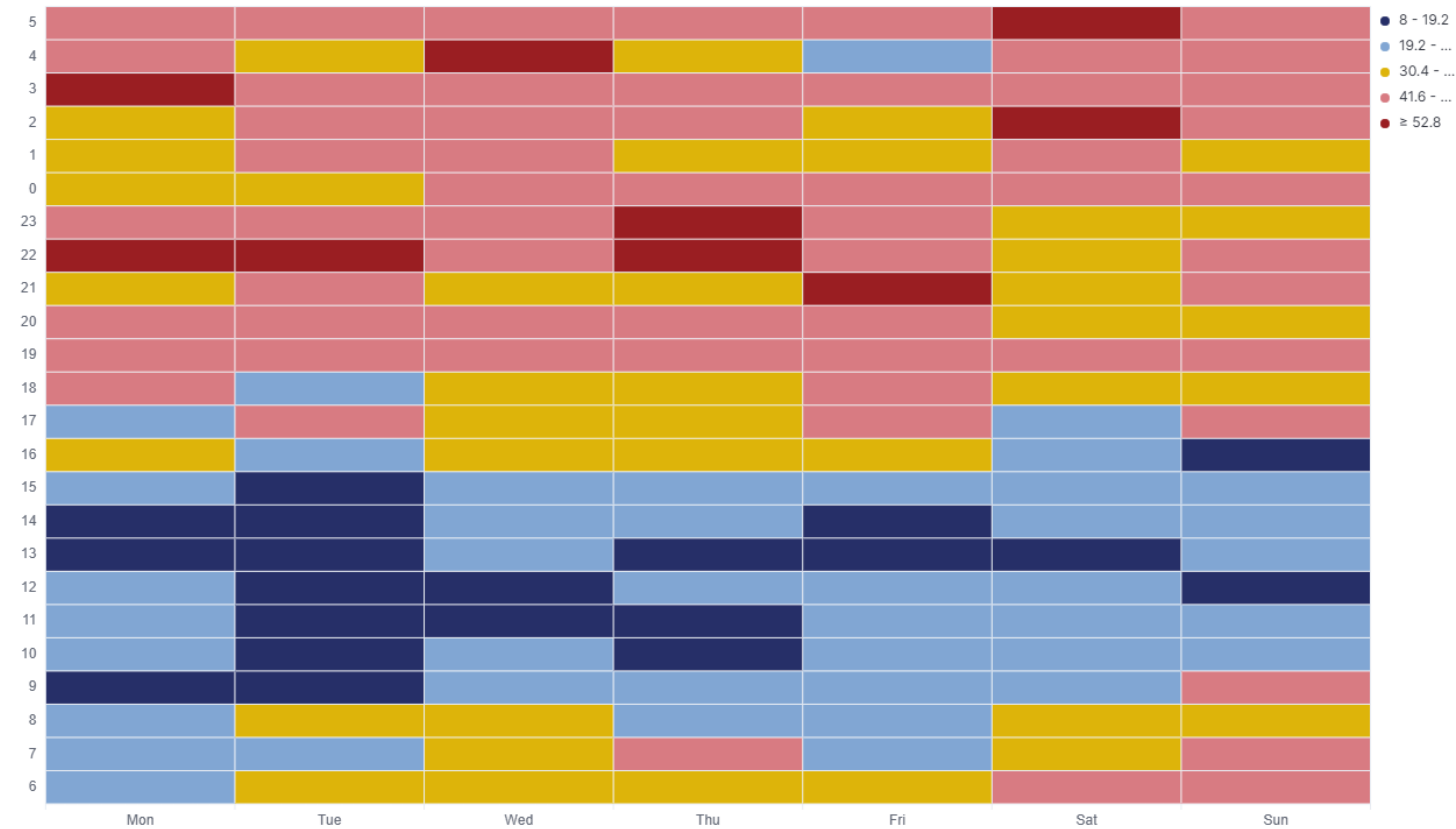
Data through 6/30/2026



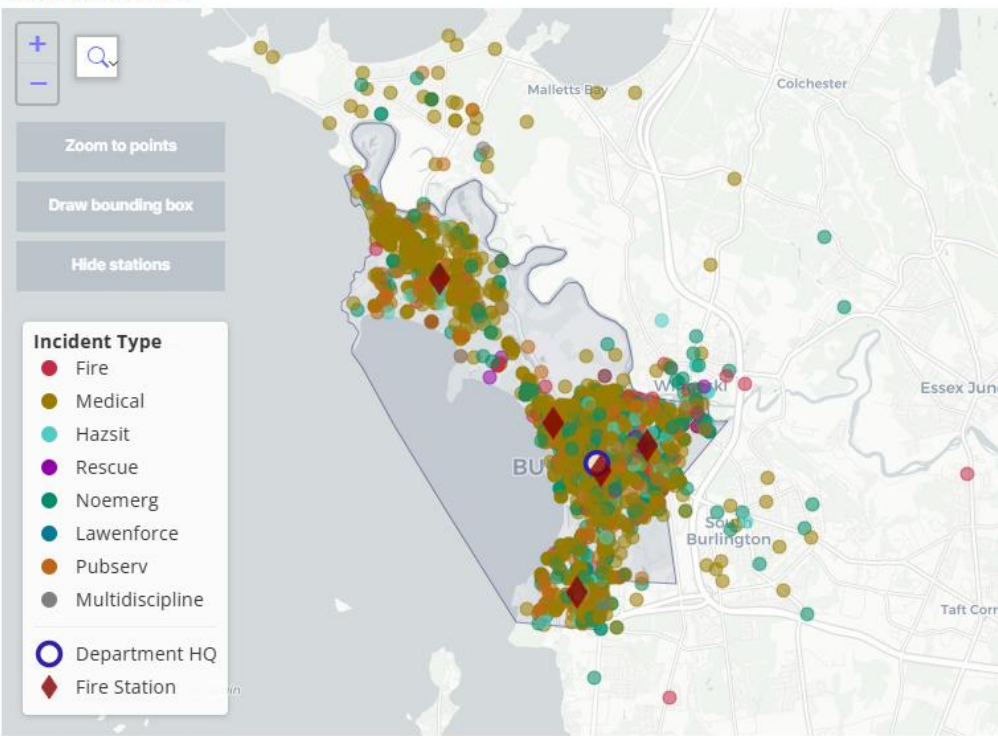
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Incident Count by Hour and Day ⓘ



Incident Locations ⓘ



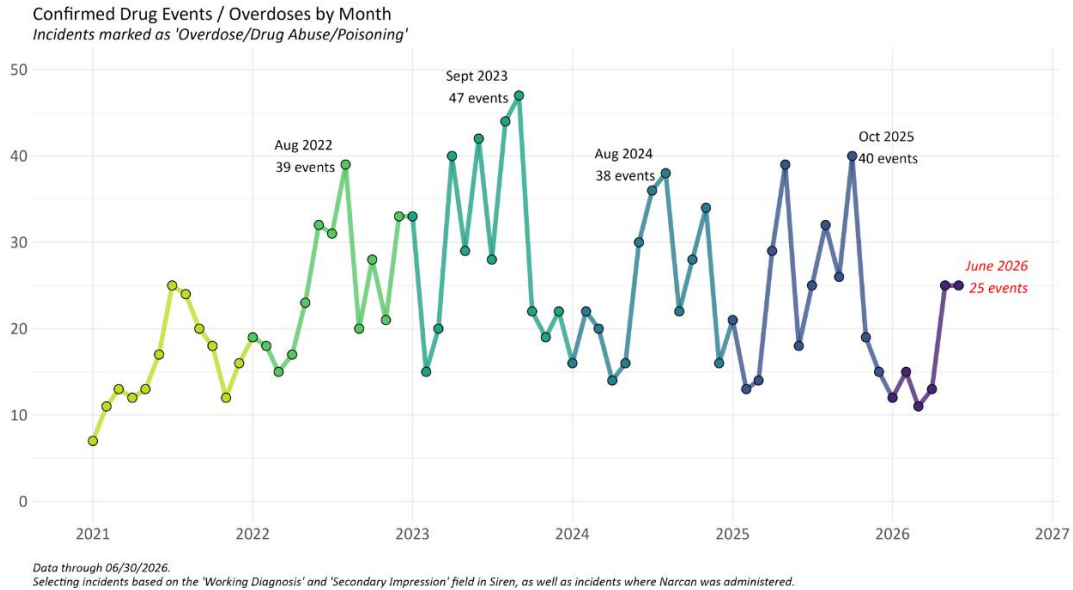


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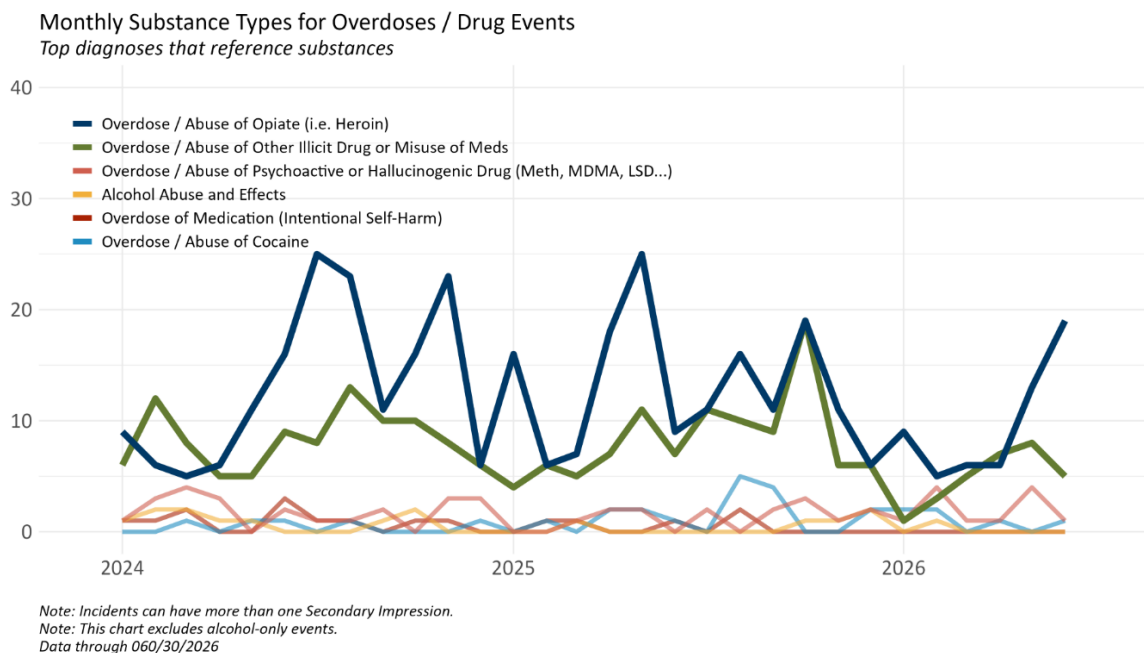
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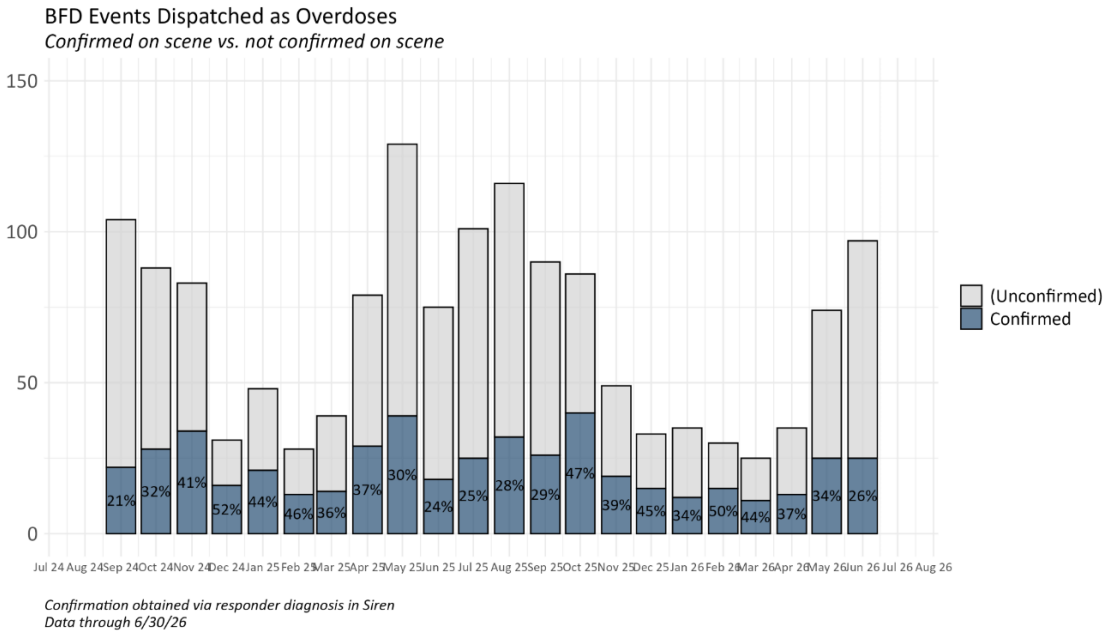
Confirmed drug overdose events have fluctuated significantly over the past five years, with monthly totals ranging from a low of 7 events in January 2021 to a peak of 47 events in September 2023. Following elevated activity during 2022–2024, overdose incidents generally declined through late 2025 and early 2026. June 2026 recorded 25 confirmed overdose events and ties the highest monthly total recorded so far in 2026.





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This chart shows the number of BFD calls that were dispatched as overdoses each month, compared to how many were actually confirmed as overdoses once crews arrived on scene. While the total number of overdose-dispatched calls rises and falls over time, only a portion of those calls are ultimately confirmed by responders. In most months, confirmed overdoses make up roughly 20–40% of the total, with some variation.

CRT Data for June 2026:

Staffed 6 days for the month of June

Total Contacts	Narcan Kits	Wound Care Kits	Comfort Care Kit	Referrals
19	0	0	0	1





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Personnel & Staffing

Total Department Staff: Uniformed Members **92** / Authorized **95 (5 recruits started 5/26)**

- ❖ *Tanner Studlack resigned 6/30/26 to pursue a career with New Britain, CT. Fire Department. We wish him the best of luck.*
- ❖ *June 1st members attend the LODD funeral of Bob Kilduff of Rescue 2 Boston Fire Department. 11 members paid their respects. Bob Kilduff ran Burlington’s LODD back in 2010.*



- Minimum Daily Staffing: **22**
- Vacancies: **4 (as of 7/26)** **Recruits do not count for staffing until completion of academy**
- Injuries/LOA/FMLA: **4**
- Staff Training Hours: **2,107**
- Company Level Inspections: **2**

Overtime Type	2025 Hours	2026 Hours
Minimum Staffing	556.5	1056.25
Mandatory	162	8.25
CRT	227	122
Emergency	6	40.75
Extra Duty Events	132	92.75



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Community Engagement

- 6/3 Firehouse Tour Ladder Co.4
- 6/5 Hunt Middle School – Ladder 4 Community Award
- 6/11 Flynn School – Ladder 4 Community Award
- 6/13 Big Truck Day, Robins Nest Child Center – Ladder Co.2
- 6/19 Juneteenth Block Party at Richard Kemp CC – Engine Co.3
- 6/21 Champlain Parkway Touch a Truck – Engine Co.5
- 6/24 Hope Lodge Open House
- 6/25 First Responder Night at Vermont Lake Monsters Game
- 6/29 130 Mansfield Ave-Fire Safety Education Presentation

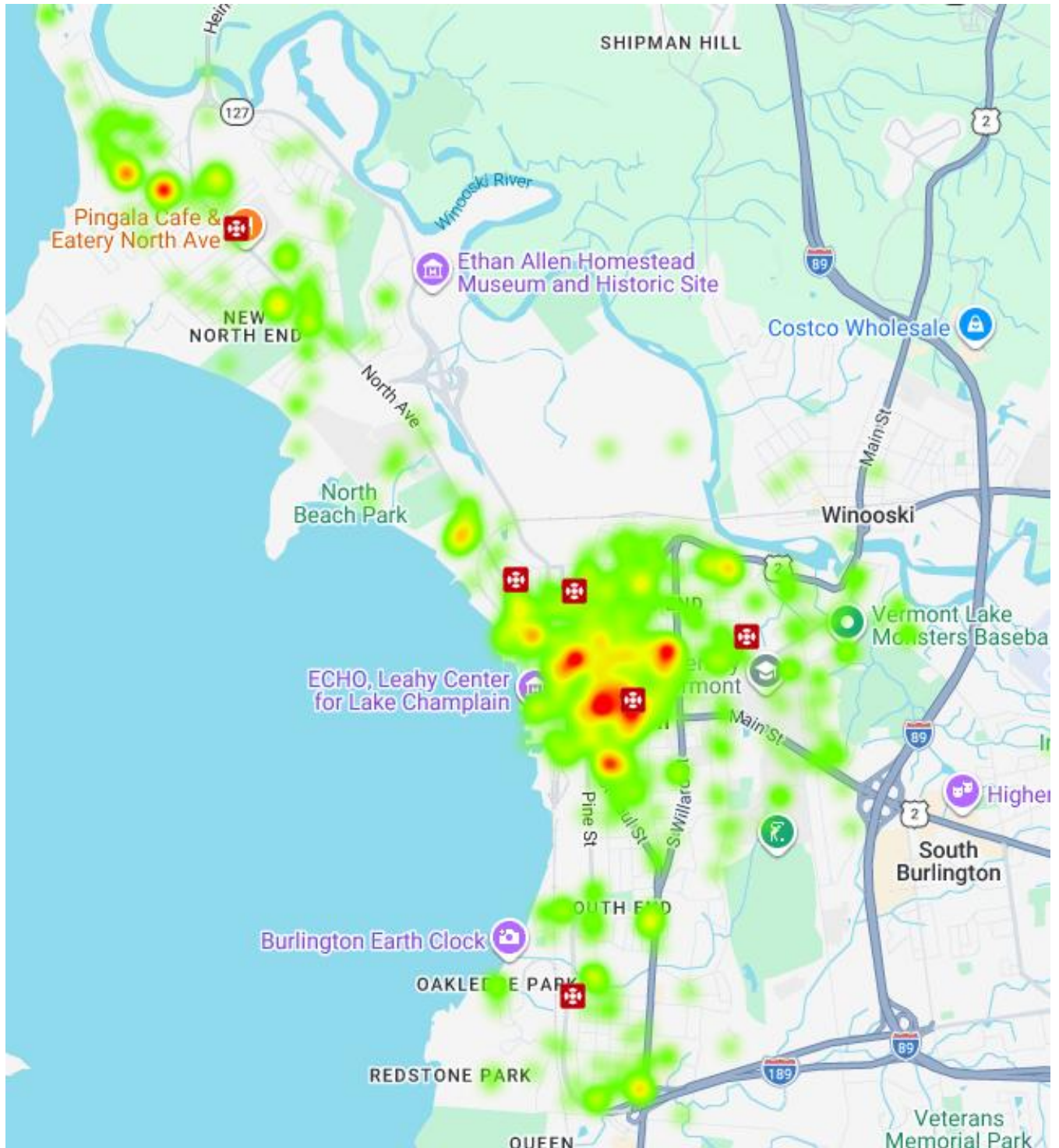




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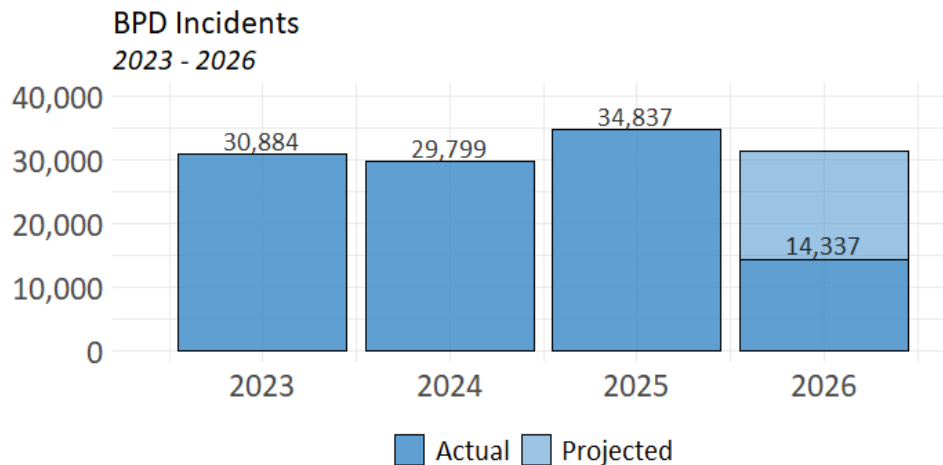




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July 2026 Police Commission / Public Safety Committee Report

Incidents



Data through 06/30/2026

Projected based on 46% of past year's incidents having occurred by that date.

Staffing Levels

The Burlington Police Department currently has a total of 97 employees: 60 sworn officers and 37 professional staff. Of the 60 sworn personnel, 45 are officers and 15 are supervisors, resulting in an effective number of 47 taking leaves and injuries into account.

Out of the 45 non-supervisory, 8 are Detectives within the Detective Service Bureau (DSB) and Chittenden Unit for Special Investigations (CUSI), 6 at the airport, 1 Recruitment Officer, 1 on military leave, 1 in field training (FTO), 3 recruits (VPA), 2 injured, and 2 on admin leave.

With the assignments accounted for, the Department has 21 active Patrol Officers in the Uniformed Service Bureau (USB) that spread across six different shifts, typically resulting in 3 to 5 Officers covering the city at a time. Additionally, the BPD currently has 6 active Patrol Supervisors consisting of 2 Lieutenants and 4 Sergeants.

The Department has recently launched a targeted recruitment campaign seeking lateral police officer applicants thanks to the sign on bonus funds added to our FY 27 budget.



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Community Service Officer Incidents

Top Call Types for CSOs, Past 12 Months													
Call Type	Total	June 2026	May 2026	April 2026	March 2026	February 2026	January 2026	December 2025	November 2025	October 2025	September 2025	August 2025	July 2025
Directed Patrol	2,086	128	209	263	213	117	126	150	81	107	234	288	170
Foot Patrol	778	64	71	86	80	55	61	54	41	40	58	76	92
Ordinance Violation - Other	451	71	74	61	29	16	17	5	16	13	26	44	79
Found/Lost Property	396	35	39	30	23	16	33	19	28	26	35	47	65
Animal Problem	391	40	28	38	38	24	21	16	24	36	35	47	44
Noise	314	34	43	39	20	21	8	19	19	10	46	35	20
Crash - Property damage only	214	15	22	13	11	27	27	17	18	10	15	17	22

Community Support Liaison Incidents

Top Call Types for CSLs, Past 12 Months													
Call Type	Total	June 2026	May 2026	April 2026	March 2026	February 2026	January 2026	December 2025	November 2025	October 2025	September 2025	August 2025	July 2025
Assist - Public	391	37	26	31	43	26	27	24	30	35	33	41	38
Foot Patrol	260	23	23	23	24	20	14	18	23	23	21	19	29
Welfare Check	221	21	29	17	21	14	10	15	17	20	21	22	14
Encampment Outreach	109	14	12	20	7	5	1	1	5	10	7	11	16
Service Coordination	112	15	9	8	17	17	4	2	8	7	10	10	5
Assist - Agency	62	2	11	10	4	1	3	3	6	7	7	3	5
Mental Health Issue	62	3	1	4	3	5	4	5	13	3	4	11	6
Threats/Harassment	58	3	2	1	4	5	3	6	3	6	7	11	7

Sworn Officer Incidents



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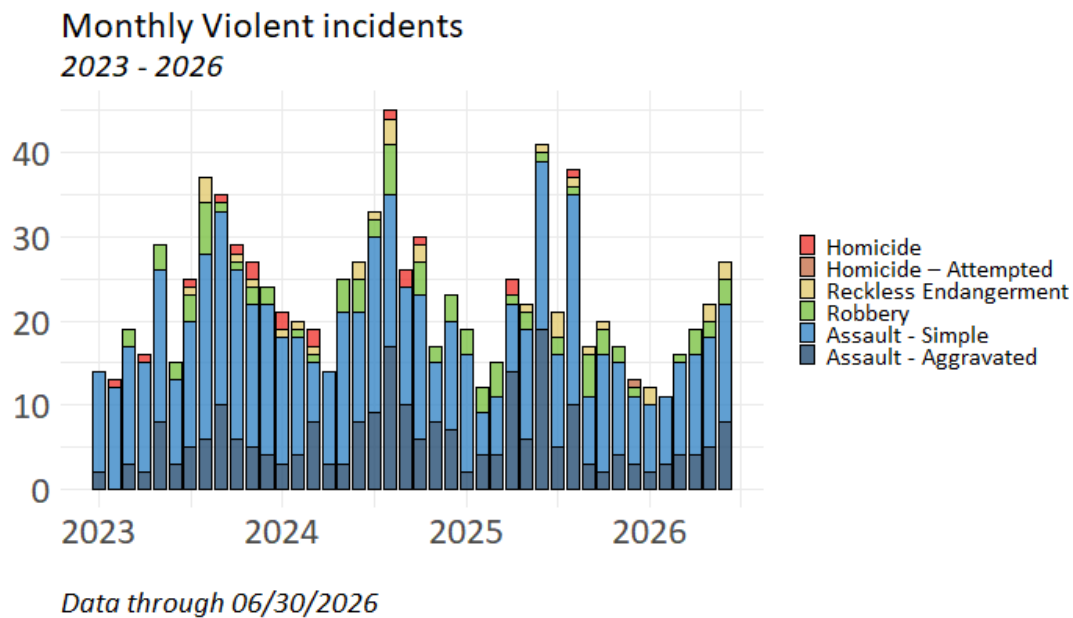
Top Call Types for Sworn Officers, Past 12 Months

Call Type	Total	June 2026	May 2026	April 2026	March 2026	February 2026	January 2026	December 2025	November 2025	October 2025	September 2025	August 2025	July 2025
Suspicious Event	2,705	246	214	197	188	154	171	153	156	205	293	335	393
Foot Patrol	1,708	156	180	76	59	43	60	37	114	141	226	259	357
Trespass	1,550	119	110	87	114	76	100	117	134	187	166	166	174
Directed Patrol	1,562	88	111	83	69	73	125	93	101	149	206	188	276
Traffic	916	110	68	82	69	57	79	87	95	59	53	91	66
Alarm	840	79	86	61	52	50	67	81	53	69	68	81	93
Disturbance	803	71	57	61	39	30	45	52	76	92	99	79	102
Assist - Agency	801	55	60	50	55	52	64	66	92	68	67	81	91
911 Hangup	657	83	72	52	40	43	52	51	39	56	68	47	54
Welfare Check	598	56	48	29	33	43	40	41	38	47	55	86	82
Mental Health Issue	585	53	49	47	33	40	40	31	40	48	66	64	74
Larceny - from Motor Vehicle	582	22	22	14	18	19	58	31	57	64	85	102	90
Assist - Public	524	41	43	35	45	23	42	36	44	47	59	51	58
Arrest on Warrant	492	42	61	32	30	24	34	47	25	52	33	65	47
Motor Vehicle Complaint	490	50	51	46	38	17	36	21	29	51	48	42	61
Drugs	451	50	33	21	20	7	21	15	22	47	53	71	91
Overdose	466	58	41	20	11	7	14	17	48	62	56	68	64
Retail Theft	417	38	36	37	27	27	22	24	38	45	47	28	48
Threats/Harassment	414	28	39	30	31	19	25	36	23	43	39	51	50

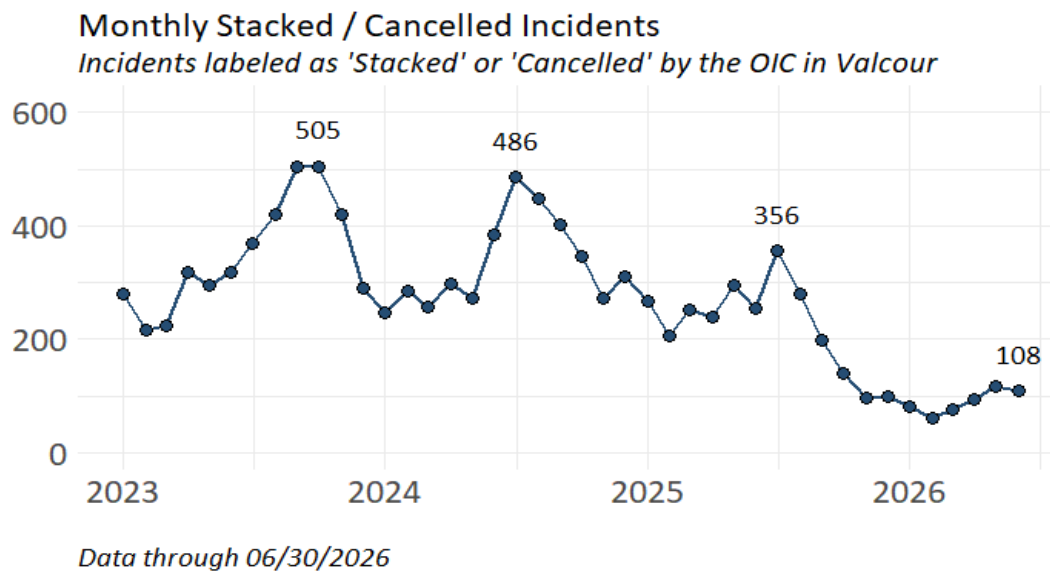


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Violent Incidents



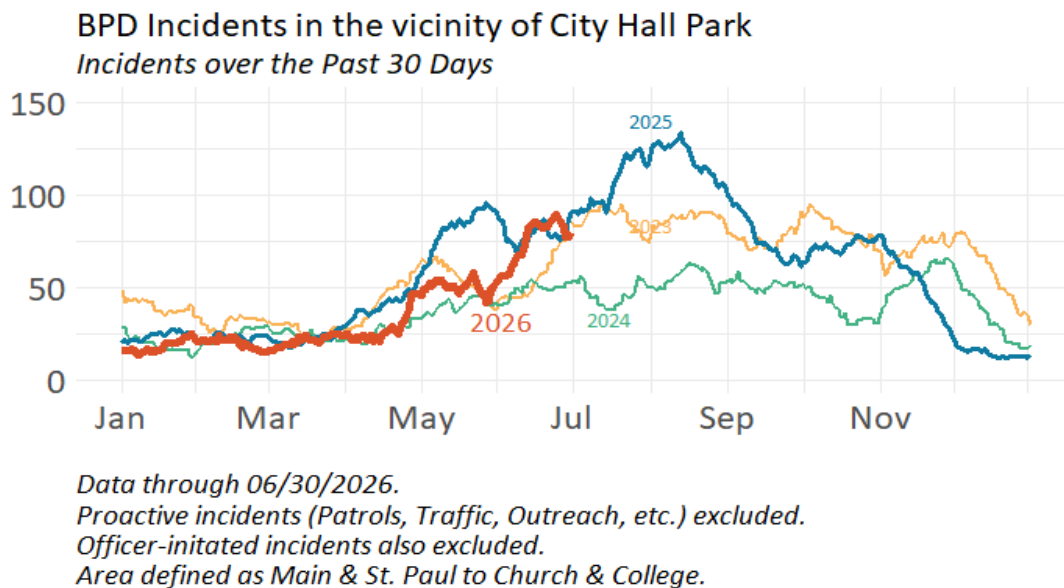
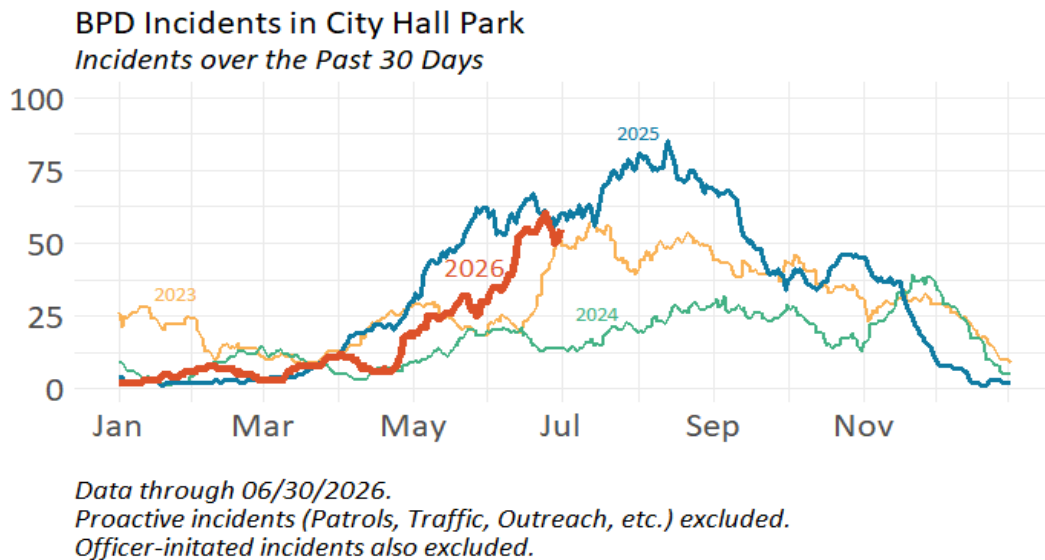
Stacked / Cancelled Incidents





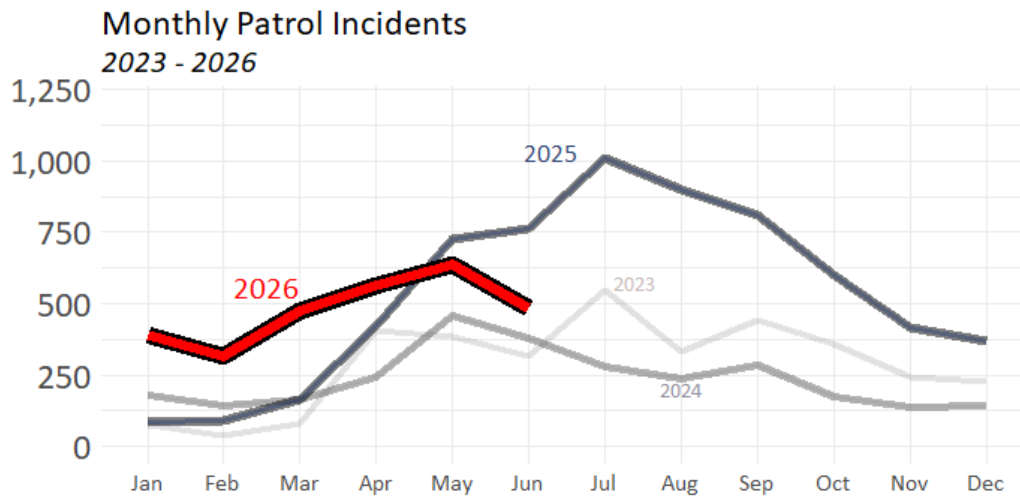
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City Hall Park



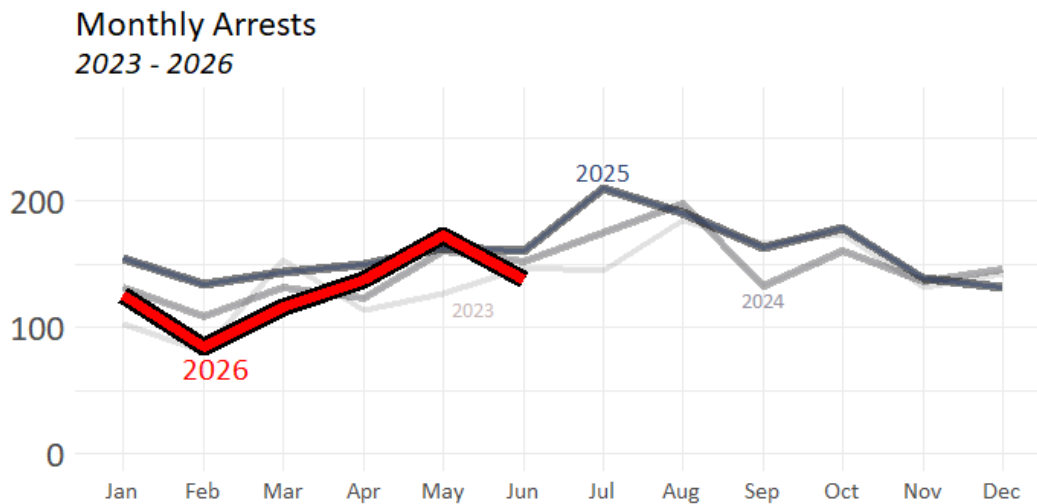


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Data through 06/30/2026
Includes Foot Patrols and Directed Patrols by all staff.

Arrests

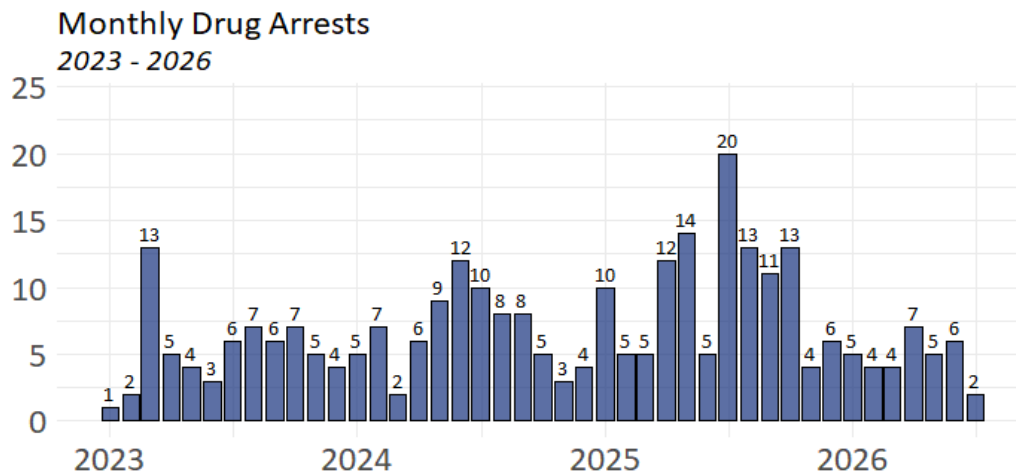


All arrests city-wide.
Data through 06/30/2026



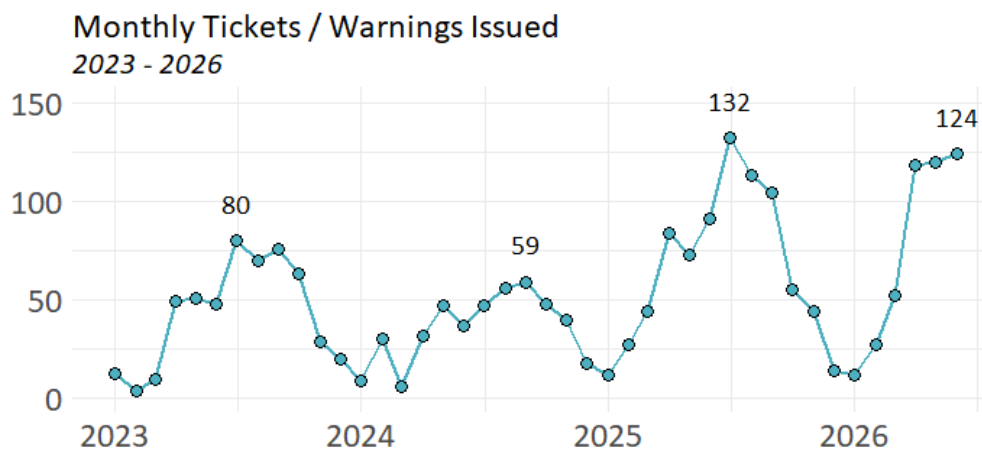
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Drug Arrests



City-wide arrests with at least one drug-related charge.
Data through 06/30/2026

Tickets / Warnings

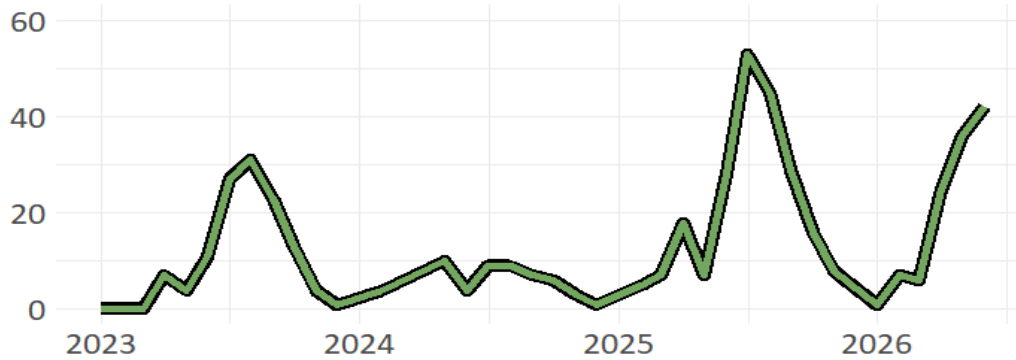


Data through 06/30/2026.
Includes tickets/warnings issued by sworn officers & CSOs.
Excludes traffic tickets.



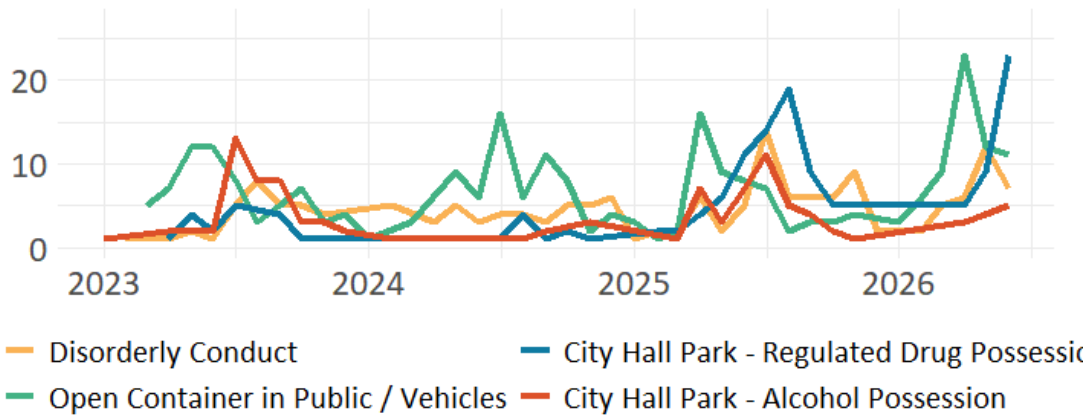
Top Ticket Types

Trespass Tickets / Warnings Issued
2023 - 2026



Data through 06/30/2026.
Includes tickets/warnings issued by sworn officers & CSOs.

Top Monthly Tickets / Warnings Issued
2023 - 2026

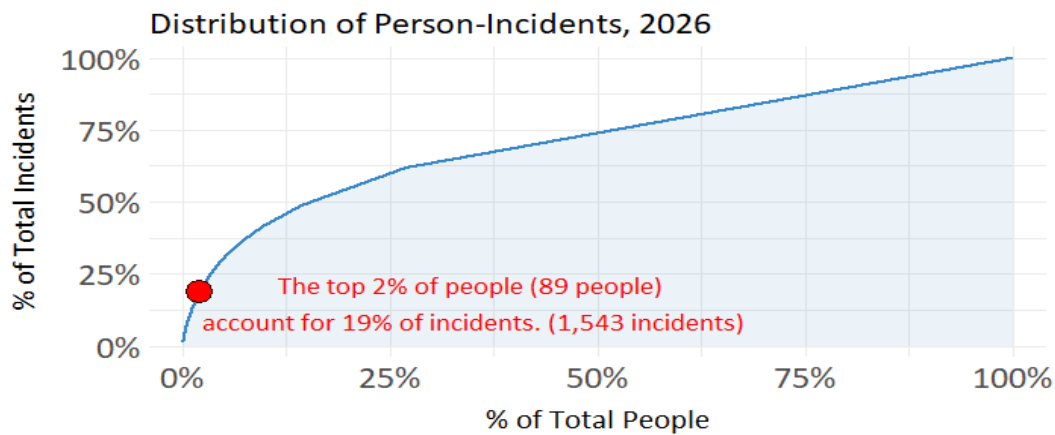


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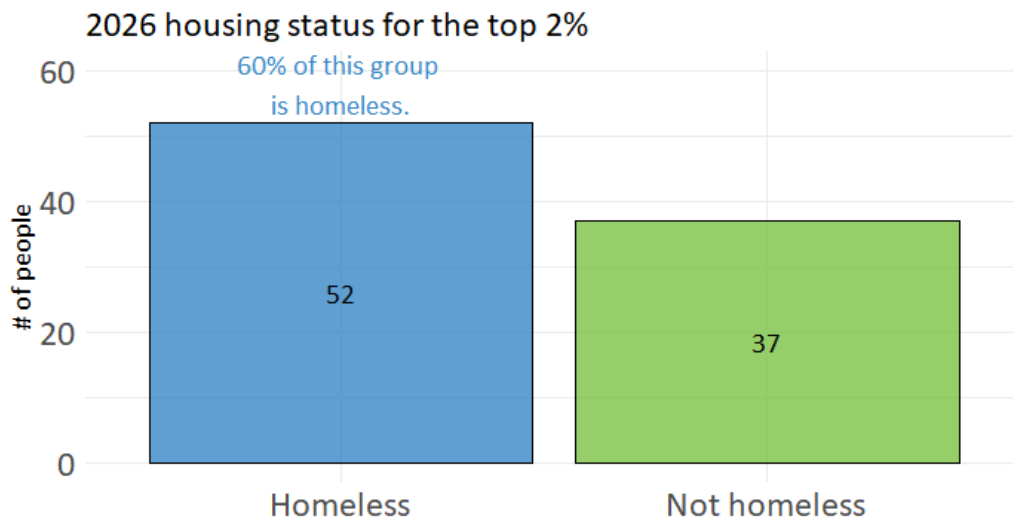
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Distribution of Incidents



*Patrol and outreach incidents excluded.
Data through 06/30/2026*

Housing Status of Top 2%



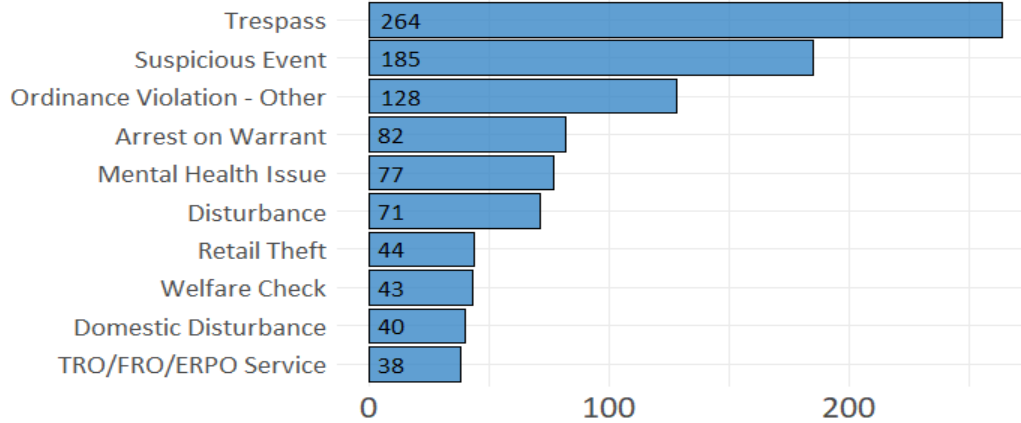
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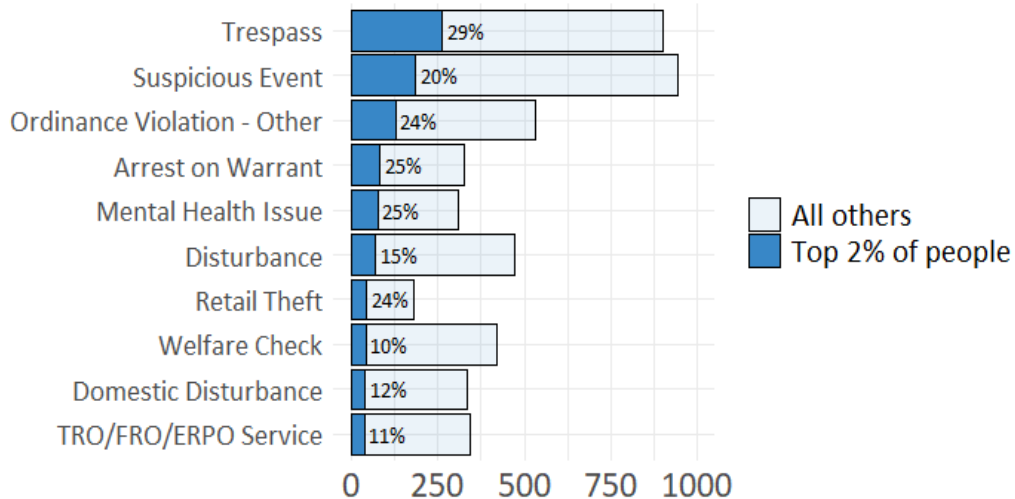
Top 2% Incidents

Top incident types for the top 2%, 2026



Data through 06/30/2026

Top incident types by population, 2026



Data through 06/30/2026