



Police Commission

Tuesday, July 28, 2026, 6:00 PM, Zoom/Contois Auditorium

When: July 28, 2026, 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Topic: Police Commission 07.28.2026

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1. Agenda

1.1. Call to Order

1.2. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

1.3. Additions or Modifications to Agenda

2. Adopt Minutes

2.1. Motion to adopt previous meeting's minutes

3. Public Comment (Time Limited: 10 Minutes)

3.1. The public is invited to address the Commission

4. Police Department Business

4.1. Chief's Report

5. Commission Business (Time Limited 30 Minutes)

5.1. Committee Reports from All Committees

- Complaints Committee: General Info
- Animal Control Committee

5.2. PD Directive Review

5.3. Resolution, finalization

5.4. Chair nominations and voting

6. Commendations (Time Limited: 15 Minutes)

Subject	6.1. Commendation
Meeting	July 28, 2026 - Police Commission Meeting - Tuesday, July 28, 2026, 6:00 PM, Zoom/Contois Auditorium
Category	6. Commendations (Time Limited: 15 Minutes)
Department	Police Department
Type	
Recommended Action	

7. Announcement of Next Meeting Date - 8/25/26

8. Proposed Executive Session

8.1. Proposed executive session to discuss confidential complaint information

9. Adjournment

9.1. Motion to Adjourn

10. Informational and Non-Discrimination Statements

Subject	10.1. 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. This meeting will also air on Town Meeting TV the Wednesday after the meeting, starting at 8:00 pm and repeating at 1:00 am and 7:00 am the following day. 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	10. Informational and Non-Discrimination Statements
Department	Council and Board
Type	

**Police Commission Special Meeting
Tuesday, May 26th, 2026
Remote via Zoom and In-person in Contois Auditorium, City Hall
Burlington, Vermont
DRAFT MINUTES**

Members Present: Chair Depper, Commissioner Ginorio, Commissioner Fast, Commissioner Finneran

Members Online: Commissioner Cox

Staff Present: Interim Chief Burke, Attorney Hayley McClenahan, Council President Ben Traverse, City Data Analyst Jeff Nicholson, Community Support Supervisor Anna Wageling, Command Staff Assistant Shibe Couchman online.

1. Agenda

1.1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:00pm by Commissioner Depper.

1.2. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

Required quorum present.

1.3. Motions for Additions or Modifications to Agenda (Time Limited: 15 Minutes)

N/A

2. Adopt Minutes

2.1. Motion to Adopt Draft Minutes from May 12th, 2026

Chair Depper moves to adopt the previous meeting's minutes. Commissioner Ginorio seconds. Unanimously passed.

3. Public Forum (Time Limited: 10 Minutes)

3.1. The Public is Invited to Address the Commission

Councilor Grant comments virtually regarding the March 11th event and reminds everyone of balance and that not all have the same experience.

4. Police Department Business (Time Limited: 20 Minutes)

4.1 Chief's Report

Data Analyst Jeff Nicholson goes over the final 2025 data slideshow. The presentation is regarding Use of Force data.

5. Commission Business (Time Limited: 90 Minutes)

5.1. Committee Reports from All Committees

Complaints Committee – General Info
Animal Control Committee

5.2. Bylaws Discussion, Finalization

Chair Depper moves to approve bylaws, Commissioner Ginorio seconds. Passes unanimously.

5.3. Invitation Letter to Mayor and Council President

Chair Depper moves to adopt the letter. Commissioner Ginorio seconds. Passes.

5.4. Council President Traverse

Council President Traverse offers his input on the discussion of accessing Body-Worn Camera footage in relation to the Police Department and Police Commission.

5.5. DD45 Discussion

BPD Community Service Supervisor Anna Wageling present for any questions regarding the CAIP Directive. Chair Depper moves to approve. Commissioner Finneran seconds. Passes.

5.6. Commissioner Cox

Commissioner Cox asks if the Commission would want to / be willing to hear from a Riverside, CA Police Department around their mental health clinical workers and officers on how they work with / handle calls regarding individuals with mental health aspects. Commissioner Cox moves to have Riverside, CA PD individuals speak to the Commission in June. Chair Depper seconds. Passes unanimously.

5.7. Resolution re: Commission Audit Authority Resolution

Discussed to change the third whereas to have “to collaborate with”. Chair Depper moves to approve with this addition. Commissioner Ginorio seconds. Passes unanimously.

6. Commendations

N/A

7. Announcement of Next Meeting Date - June 23rd, 2026

8. Proposed Executive Session

8.1. Proposed Executive Session

Discussion of Personnel Discipline Matter and Use of Force Complaint

9. Adjournment

9.1. Motion to Adjourn

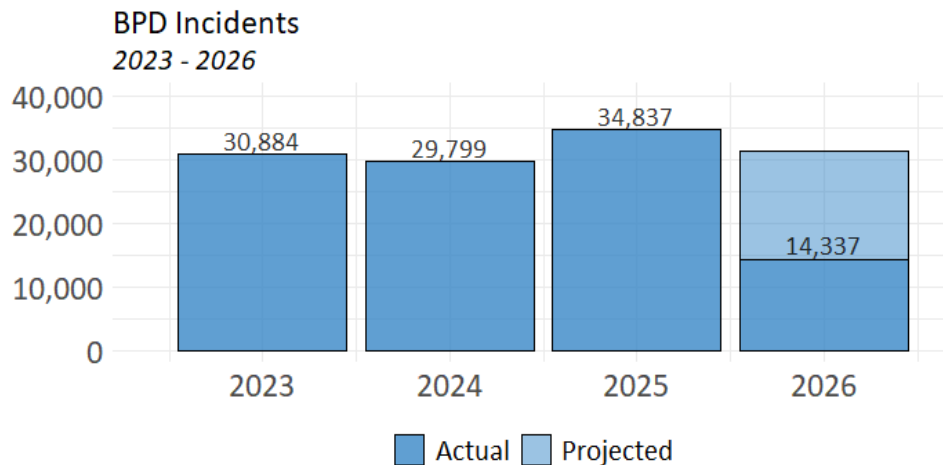
The Commission adjourned the public meeting at 7:24pm.



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CITY OF BURLINGTON

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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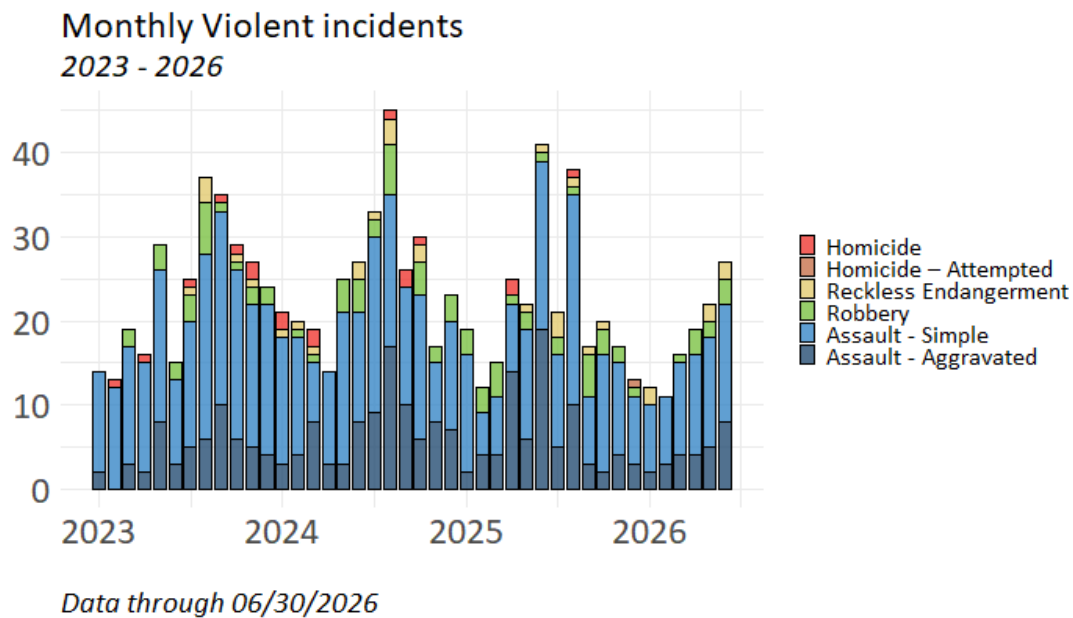
Top Call Types for Sworn Officers, Past 12 Months

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

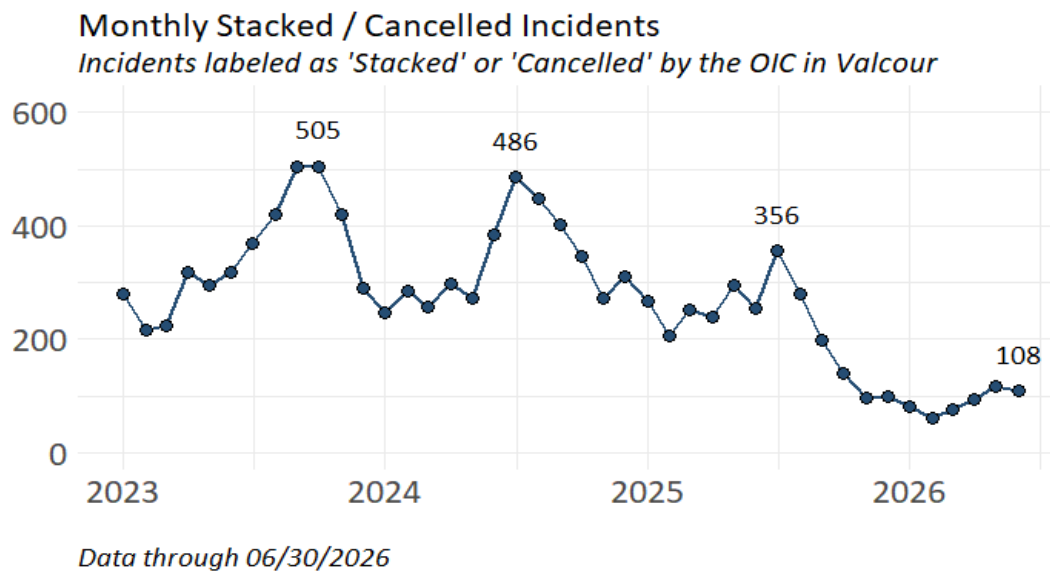


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Violent Incidents



Stacked / Cancelled Incidents

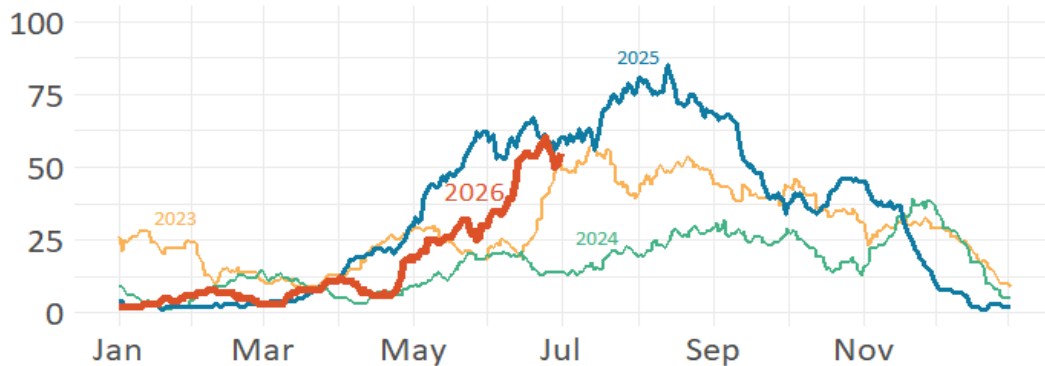




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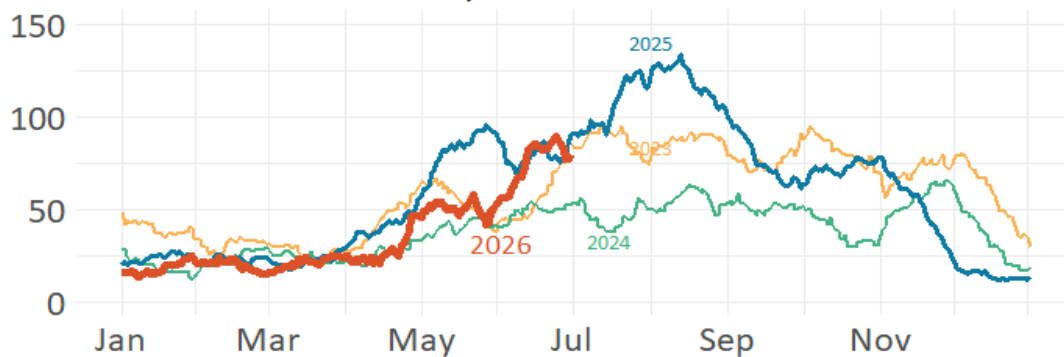
City Hall Park

BPD Incidents in City Hall Park
Incidents over the Past 30 Days



Data through 06/30/2026.
Proactive incidents (Patrols, Traffic, Outreach, etc.) excluded.
Officer-initiated incidents also excluded.

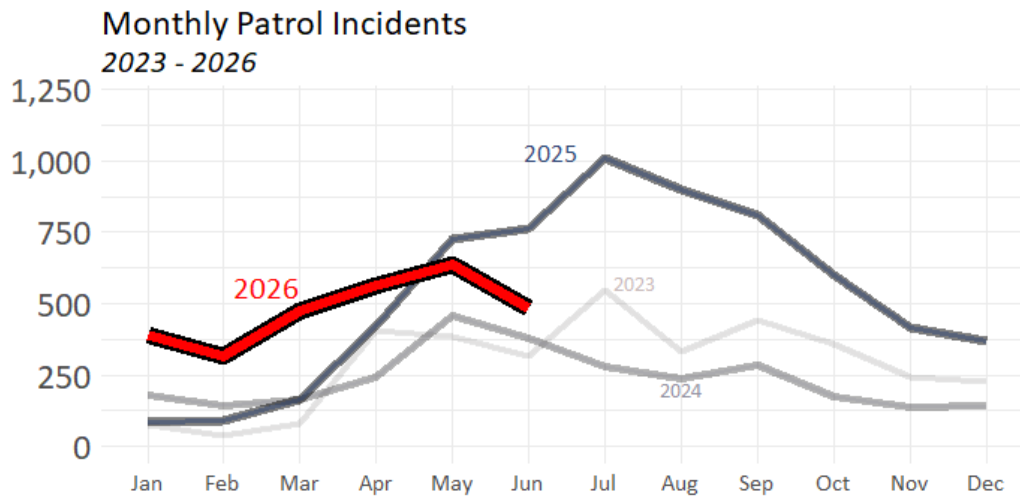
BPD Incidents in the vicinity of City Hall Park
Incidents over the Past 30 Days



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Officer-initiated incidents also excluded.
Area defined as Main & St. Paul to Church & College.

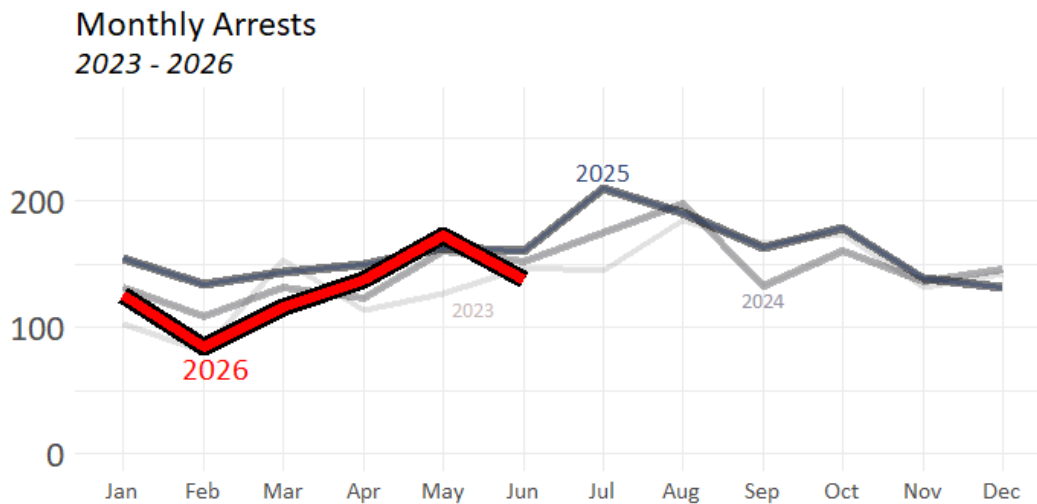


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Data through 06/30/2026
Includes Foot Patrols and Directed Patrols by all staff.

Arrests

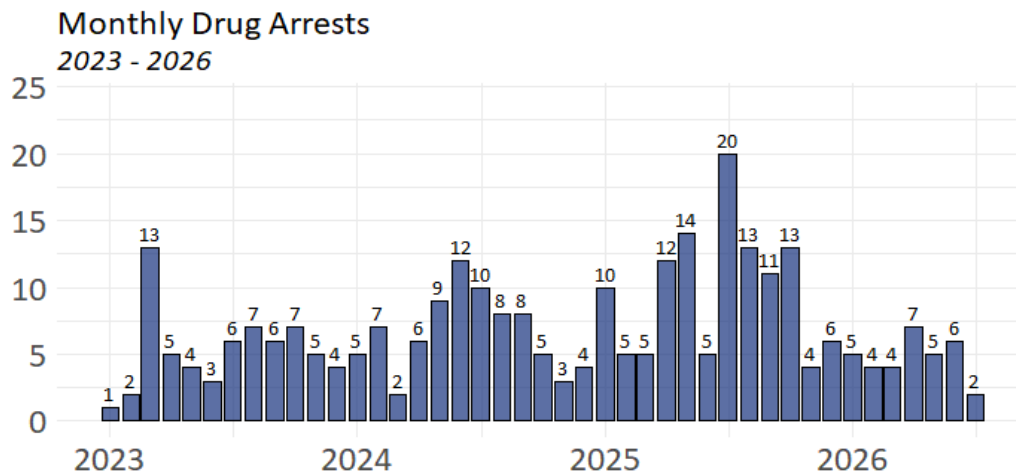


All arrests city-wide.
Data through 06/30/2026



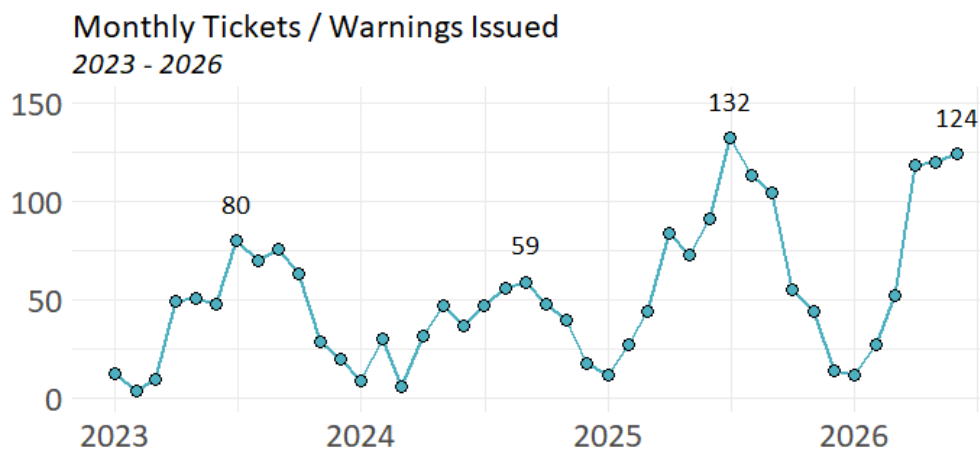
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Drug Arrests



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

Tickets / Warnings

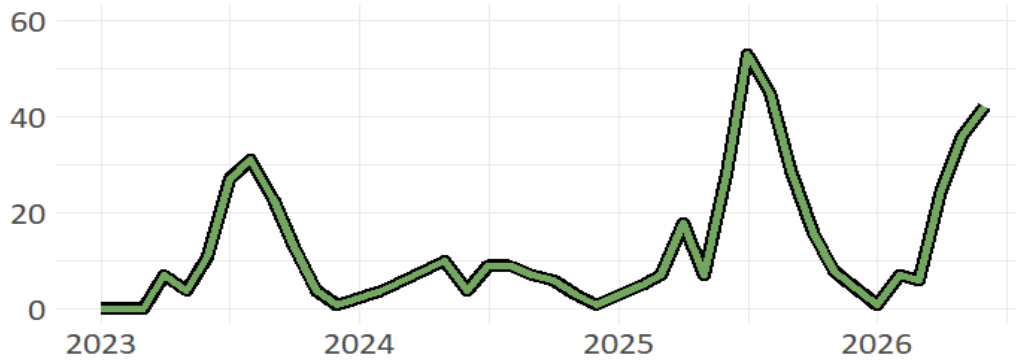


Data through 06/30/2026.
Includes tickets/warnings issued by sworn officers & CSOs.
Excludes traffic tickets.



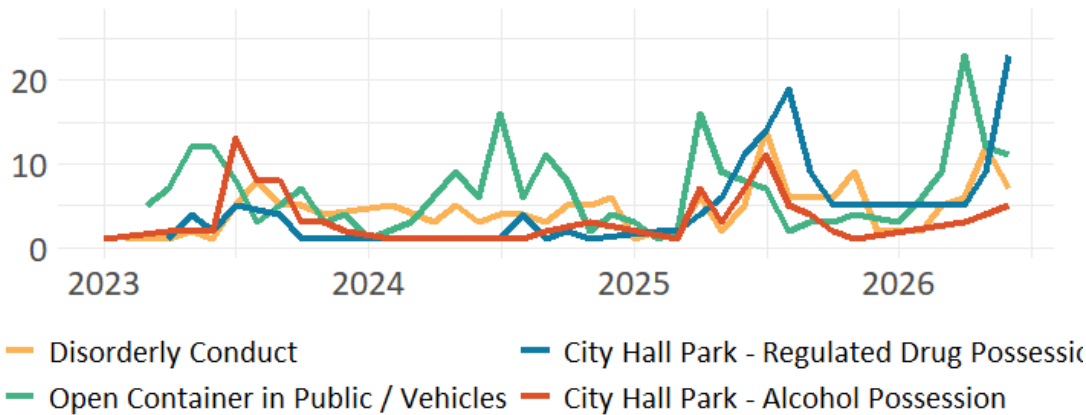
Top Ticket Types

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

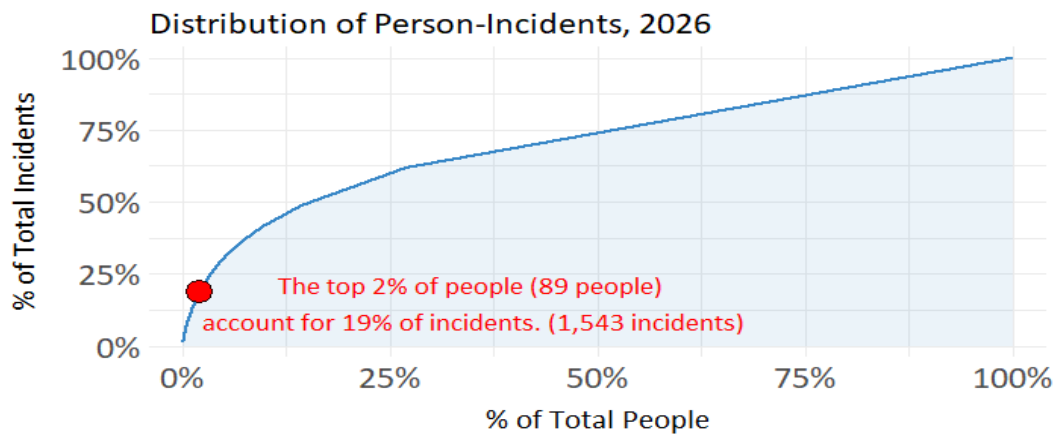


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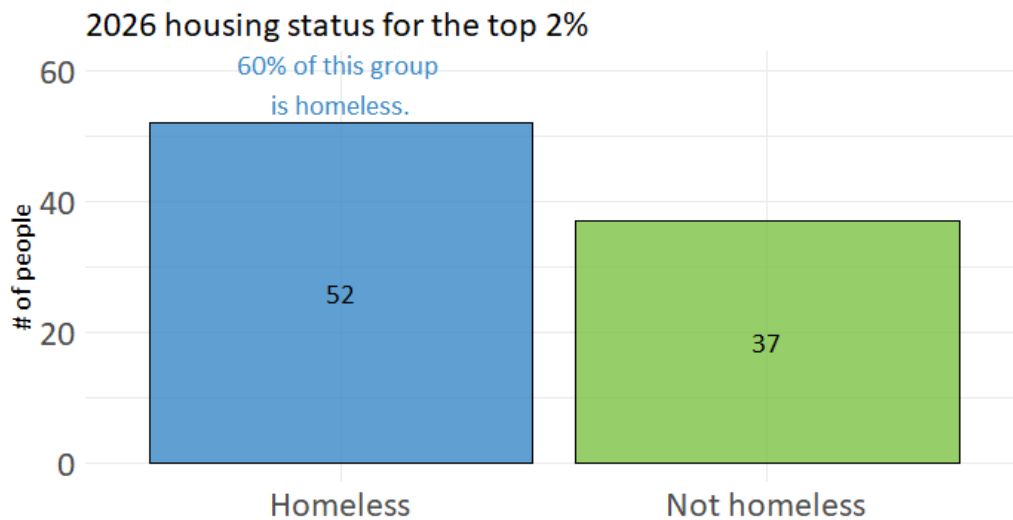
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Distribution of Incidents



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

Housing Status of Top 2%



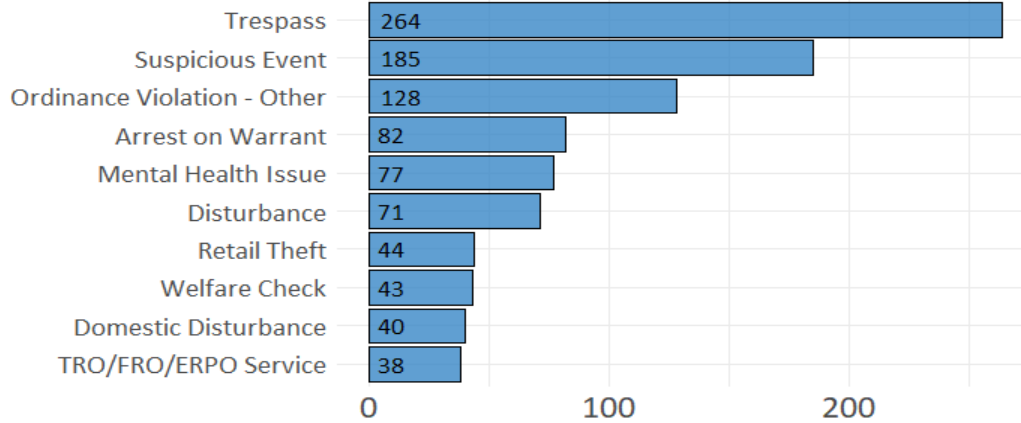
Housing status determined via address field in Valcour.



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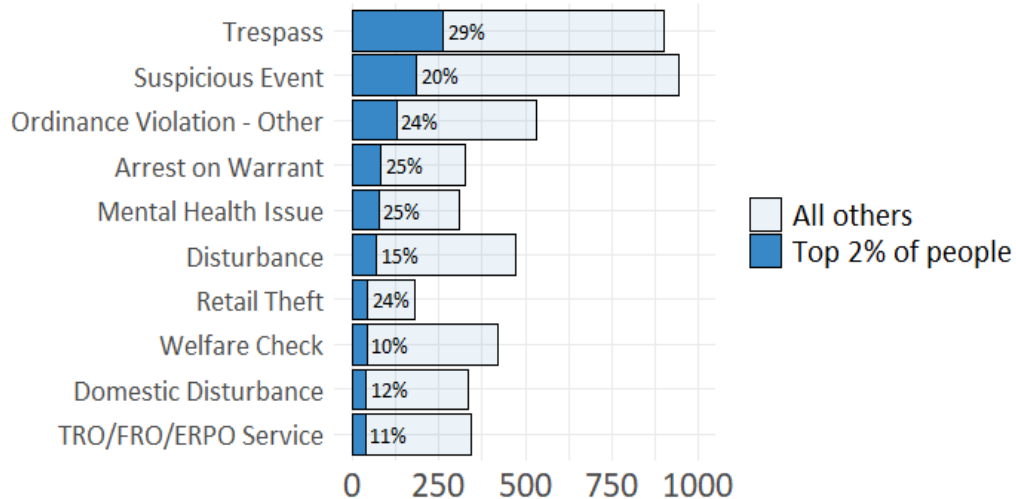
Top 2% Incidents

Top incident types for the top 2%, 2026



Data through 06/30/2026

Top incident types by population, 2026



Data through 06/30/2026



BURLINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT DEPARTMENT DIRECTIVE

DD26.01 Access and Use of Sealed Criminal History Records

Reviewed and published July 7th, 2026

This statewide policy on the Access and Use of Sealed Criminal History Records by law enforcement agencies was approved by the Vermont Criminal Justice Council on April 1st, 2026.

PURPOSE: To ensure consistent statewide application of law and practice regarding the access and use of sealed criminal history information for criminal justice purposes.

Further, this policy ensures compliance with Title 13 V.S.A. chapter 230, balancing the confidentiality of this information with legitimate criminal justice purposes. Every law enforcement officer certified by the Vermont Criminal Justice Council shall follow this policy within the State of Vermont.

POLICY: To comply with the requirements of Title 20 V.S.A. § 2372 regarding the handling, access, and disclosure of sealed criminal history record; the Burlington Police Department (BPD) upon receipt of a court order sealing a record, shall bar viewing of the sealed offense from unauthorized individuals and remove sealed records from any publicly accessible place maintained by the Burlington Police Department.

Access or disclosure of sealed records is permitted only for legitimate criminal justice purposes, including internal employment review or investigation, or as otherwise authorized by law. The Burlington Police Department shall maintain records of access or use of sealed information for each instance in which a sealed record is accessed or used. The use of sealed records in a criminal prosecution shall be disclosed to the attorney prosecuting the case.

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- II. Sealed Criminal History Records
- III. Access to Sealed Records by Law Enforcement
- IV. Disclosure of Sealed Records by Law Enforcement
- V. Record-Keeping System for Sealed Record Use

I. DEFINITIONS

A. Criminal history record. All information documenting an individual's contact with the criminal justice system, including data regarding identification, arrest or citation, arraignment, judicial disposition, custody, and supervision. Examples include, but are not limited to: VCIC criminal history records, investigative reports, Valcour records, other records management systems, court documents, etc.

- B. **Criminal justice agencies.** All Vermont courts and other governmental agencies or subunits of governmental agencies that allocate at least 50 percent of the agency's annual appropriation to criminal justice purposes.
- C. **Criminal justice purposes.** The investigation, apprehension, detention, adjudication, or correction of persons suspected, charged, or convicted of criminal offenses. This also includes criminal identification activities; the collection, storage, and dissemination of criminal history records; and screening for criminal justice employment.
- D. **Law enforcement agency.** The Department of Public Safety, a municipal police department, a sheriff's department, the Attorney General's Office, a State's Attorney's Office, or certified law enforcement officers of the Department of Motor Vehicles, Agency of Natural Resources, or Department of Liquor and Lottery.
- E. **Law enforcement officer.** A commissioned (sworn) police officer as defined in Title 20 VSA 2351a.
- F. **Sealed Record.** A record that has been ordered sealed by court.

II. SEALED CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS

- A. Upon receipt of a sealing order issued by the court, the Burlington Police Department shall:
 - 1. Bar viewing of the sealed offense from unauthorized individuals in any accessible database that it maintains or remove information pertaining to the sealed records from any publicly accessible database that the Burlington Police Department maintains.
 - 2. Clearly label the sealed record as "**SEALED**" to identify it as a sealed record. This label should be prominently displayed, so that any officer viewing the file will be immediately alerted that the record is a sealed record.
 - 3. All employees of the Burlington Police Department shall respond to any inquiry from any member of the public regarding a sealed record that, "**NO CRIMINAL RECORD EXISTS.**"

III. ACCESS TO SEALED RECORDS BY LAW ENFORCEMENT

- A. Officers of the Burlington Police Department may access sealed records under the following circumstances:
 - 1. **For criminal justice purposes.** The Burlington Police Department may inspect and receive copies of the sealed criminal history records of any applicant who applies to

the agency to be an employee of the agency, whether sworn law enforcement officer or civilian employee, or a current employee for the purpose of an internal investigation.

IV. DISCLOSURE OF SEALED RECORDS BY LAW ENFORCEMENT

A. Officers of the Burlington Police Department may disclose sealed records under the following circumstances:

1. Officers of the Burlington Police Department may disclose a sealed criminal history record to another non-criminal justice agency or person pursuant to a court order issued after the agency, the State's Attorney for the agency's jurisdiction, or the Attorney General files a petition and a supporting affidavit.
2. Officers of the Burlington Police Department may disclose a sealed criminal history record to another criminal justice agency for criminal justice purposes without the need for a court order. The requesting agency should follow established procedures to request sealed records.
 - a. Any record disclosed in such a manner should contain the following notice to the recipient: **"SEALED - KNOWINGLY ACCESSING OR DISCLOSING THIS RECORD WITHOUT AUTHORIZATION IS A CIVIL VIOLATION SUBJECT TO A PENALTY OF NOT MORE THAN \$1,000.00."**
3. Officers of the Burlington Police Department may disclose a sealed criminal history record to the person whose criminal history records have been sealed and/or that person's attorney.
 - a. Any record disclosed in such a manner should contain the following notice to the recipient: **"SEALED - KNOWINGLY ACCESSING OR DISCLOSING THIS RECORD WITHOUT AUTHORIZATION IS A CIVIL VIOLATION SUBJECT TO A PENALTY OF NOT MORE THAN \$1,000.00."**
 - b. When there is a question about whether disclosure of a sealed record is authorized, officers are encouraged to contact their State's Attorney or the Office of Attorney General to seek advice on whether to disclose.

V. RECORD-KEEPING SYSTEM FOR SEALED RECORD USE

- A. The Burlington Police Department shall record each time a sealed record has been accessed or used in Valcour, which complies with applicable State and federal law. The

employee accessing the record shall record the date, the requestor, and the purpose for accessing the record.

- B. If the record is not kept in Valcour, due to the age of the record, please see Appendix A. for the form used for recording keeping that shall be used each time a sealed record has been accessed.

Pending review and adoption by the Burlington Police Commission.

Handwritten signature of Shawn Burke, consisting of stylized initials 'SB' followed by the number '179'.

Shawn Burke, Interim Chief of Police

July 7th, 2026
Effective Date

Burlington Police Department



Records Division
Sealed Records Checkout Log

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BURLINGTON BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

City of Burlington, Vermont

RESOLUTION

Affirming the Commission's Audit and Review Authority

Introduced: April 28, 2026

WHEREAS, the Burlington Board of Police Commissioners holds authority under Burlington City Charter §§ 183 and 184 to audit and review Burlington Police Department actions for conformity with current Department policy;

WHEREAS, that authority was affirmed and operationalized by City Council Resolution 7.09 (2021), which contains no exceptions for categories of records, types of police action, or circumstances under which the Commission's audit access may be withheld;

WHEREAS, the Commission exercised that authority by requesting body-worn camera footage of the March 11, 2026 ICE detention and protest, and that footage was withheld from the date of the Commission's request until April 20, 2026, without a stated legal basis;

WHEREAS, the Commission's audit and review authority is meaningful only if it is recognized and honored by the Burlington Police Department and the City of Burlington;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Burlington Board of Police Commissioners affirms that its audit and review authority under Charter §§ 183 and 184 and Resolution 7.09 is a freestanding oversight power that admits no categorical exceptions, and that the withholding of Department records from the Commission requires a specific, written legal justification; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commission requests a meeting with the Mayor and the President of the City Council to discuss how the Commission's audit authority will be recognized and honored going forward.

ADOPTED by the Burlington Board of Police Commissioners on April 28, 2026.

Vote:

Ayes: _____

Nays: _____

Abstentions: _____

Robert Depper, Chair

Burlington Board of Police Commissioners



POLICE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF BURLINGTON

July 27th, 2026

Shawn P. Burke, Interim Chief of Police
1 North Avenue
Burlington, Vermont 05401

RE: Letter of Commendation – 26BU014857

Burlington Board of Police Commissioners,

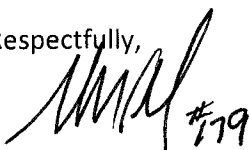
It is my honor to recognize Officer Moran, Officer Bartlett, and Corporal Gonzalez with a formal letter of commendation for their exceptional courage, professionalism, and decisive action taken during a recent critical incident in downtown Burlington.

On July 5th, 2026, shortly after midnight, these officers were conducting a foot patrol on lower Church Street. While emerging from City Hall Park onto Church Street the officers heard a single gunshot ring out. Without hesitation and with complete disregard for their own safety, the officers immediately ran toward the sound of gunfire to confront the threat and protect the public.

As the officers responded, Officer Moran observed a male suspect running northbound on Church Street from the area of Main Street who appeared to be holding a handgun. Officer Moran swiftly engaged the suspect, effectively taking him to the ground and disarming him. Officer Bartlett and Corporal Gonzalez immediately assisted in gaining control of the suspect, ensuring he was safely taken into custody without further violence.

While the suspect was being secured, Officer Moran recovered the suspect's firearm and immediately transitioned to searching for injured people – remarkably, no one had been injured by the gun fire. The officer's teamwork, sound tactical judgment, and unwavering commitment to public safety prevented further harm and restored order under extremely stressful circumstances.

The actions of these officers reflect the highest standards of the Burlington Police Department and exemplify a level of courage, dedication, and selflessness the community should be very proud of.

Respectfully,


Shawn P. Burke

Cc: Mayor Emma Mulvaney-Stanak
Personnel Files – Ofc. Moran, Ofc. Bartlett, Cpl. Gonzalez