



Police Commission

Tuesday, August 25, 2026, 6:00 PM, Zoom / Contois Auditorium

When: Aug 25, 2026, 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Topic: Police Commission 08.25.2026

Join from PC, Mac, iPad, or Android:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81333857163>

Phone one-tap:

+13126266799,,81333857163# US (Chicago)

+16465588656,,81333857163# US (New York)

Join via audio:

+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

+1 646 558 8656 US (New York)

+1 646 931 3860 US

+1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)

+1 305 224 1968 US

+1 309 205 3325 US

+1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)

+1 360 209 5623 US

+1 386 347 5053 US

+1 507 473 4847 US

+1 564 217 2000 US

+1 669 444 9171 US

+1 669 900 9128 US (San Jose)

+1 689 278 1000 US

+1 719 359 4580 US

+1 253 205 0468 US

+1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)

Webinar ID: 813 3385 7163

International numbers available: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81333857163>

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 (Time Limited: 20 Minutes)

4.1. Chief's Report

5. Commission Business (Time Limited 30 Minutes)

5.1. Reports from all committees

Complaints

Animal Control

6. Commendations

Subject	6.1. Commendations Received
---------	-----------------------------

Meeting	August 25, 2026 - Police Commission Meeting - Tuesday, August 25, 2026, 6:00 PM, Zoom / Contois Auditorium
---------	--

Category	6. Commendations
----------	------------------

Department	Police Department
------------	-------------------

Type	
------	--

Recommended Action	
--------------------	--

7. Announcement of Next Meeting Date - 9/22/2026

8. Adjournment

8.1. Motion to Adjourn

9. Informational and Non-Discrimination Statements

Subject	9.1. 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.
---------	--

Meeting	August 25, 2026 - Police Commission Meeting - Tuesday, August 25, 2026, 6:00 PM, Zoom / Contois Auditorium
---------	--

Category	9. Informational and Non-Discrimination Statements
----------	--

Department	Council and Board
------------	-------------------

Type	
------	--

Police Commission
Tuesday, July 28th, 2026
Remote via Zoom and In-person in Contois Auditorium City Hall
Burlington, Vermont
DRAFT MINUTES

Members Present: Commissioner Depper, Commissioner Ginorio, Commissioner Von Herman, and Commissioner Finneran

Members Online:

Staff Present: Interim Chief Burke online, Command Staff Assistant Shibe Couchman online.

1. Agenda

1.1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm 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)

Commissioner Paul motions and Chair Depper seconds to add an 8.2 to the proposed executive session to include a personnel update. Passes unanimously.

2. Adopt Minutes

2.1. Motion to Adopt Draft Minutes from May 26th, 2026

Moved, seconded, approved unanimously.

3. Public Forum (Time Limited: 10 Minutes)

3.1. The Public is Invited to Address the Commission

No public comment.

4. Police Department Business (Time Limited: 30 Minutes)

4.1. Chief's Report

Charts supported by data shown and explained by Chief Burke and Jeff Nicholson. Anonymous individual asks questions to Chief Burke about private security. Asks for crime data by Wards.

5. Commission Business (Time Limited: 30 Minutes)

5.1. Committee Reports from All Committees

Complaints Committee: General Info

Animal Control Committee

Second Vicious Dog hearing to take place the following day, July 29th for the dog Raven/Ravin.

5.2. PD Directive Review

Chair Depper moves, Commissioner Finneran seconds, all in favor. Directive 26.01 passes and adopted.

5.3. Resolution, finalization

Chair Depper moves to accept the amended policy. Commissioner Finneran seconds. All in favor, passes unanimously.

5.4. Chair nominations and voting

Chair Depper announces he is stepping down from his role as Chair and is accepting nominations for a new Chair. Commissioner Von Herman nominates Commissioner Paul. Commissioner Paul declines and is not willing. Commissioner Ginorio nominates Commissioner Finneran, Commissioner Depper seconds. Unanimous approval, Commissioner Finneran is voted Chair. Chair Finneran says she feels comfortable serving solo but happy to hear if anyone wants to join. Commissioner Depper to complete this meeting as Chair.

6. Commendations (Time Limited: 15 Minutes)

6.1. Officer Commendations

Detective Ellerman commendation read aloud.

7. Announcement of Next Meeting Date

August 25th, 2026.

8. Proposed Executive Session

8.1. Proposed executive session to discuss confidential complaint information

8.2. Personnel Updates

9. Adjournment

9.1. Motion to Adjourn

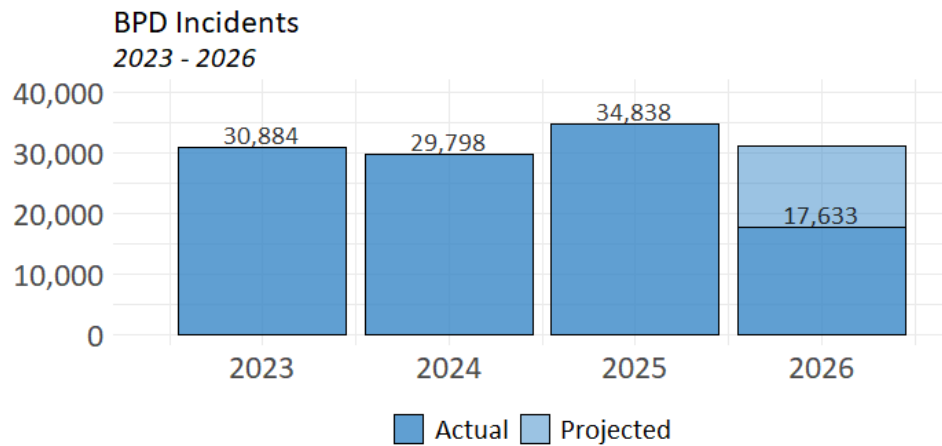
The Commission adjourned the public meeting at 6:42pm.



**POLICE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF BURLINGTON**

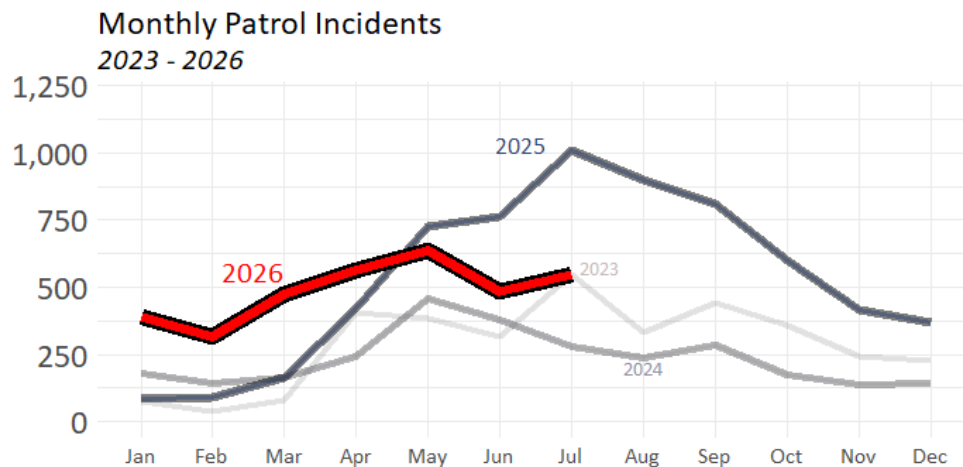
August 2026 Burlington Police Commission – Public Safety Committee Report

Incidents



*Data through 07/31/2026
Projected based on 57% of past year's incidents having occurred by that date.*

Patrols



*Data through 07/31/2026
Includes Foot Patrols and Directed Patrols by all staff.*



POLICE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF BURLINGTON

Community Service Officer Incidents

Top Call Types for CSOs, Past 12 Months													
Call Type	Total	July 2026	June 2026	May 2026	April 2026	March 2026	February 2026	January 2026	December 2025	November 2025	October 2025	September 2025	August 2025
Directed Patrol	2,305	246	146	240	290	240	122	129	158	86	109	243	296
Foot Patrol	799	63	68	77	89	83	58	61	59	48	48	63	82
Found/Lost Property	588	71	49	57	46	33	26	46	31	47	48	64	70
Animal Problem	561	57	71	45	54	47	32	27	28	34	46	58	62
Ordinance Violation - Other	443	50	75	78	65	30	16	17	5	19	15	27	46
Noise	353	28	36	45	45	22	23	12	20	21	14	48	39
Crash - Property damage only	304	23	21	30	20	15	34	34	28	24	22	29	24

Community Support Liaison Incidents

Top Call Types for CSLs, Past 12 Months													
Call Type	Total	July 2026	June 2026	May 2026	April 2026	March 2026	February 2026	January 2026	December 2025	November 2025	October 2025	September 2025	August 2025
Assist - Public	385	31	38	26	31	43	26	27	24	30	35	33	41
Welfare Check	237	30	21	29	17	21	14	10	15	17	20	21	22
Foot Patrol	243	12	23	23	23	24	20	14	18	23	23	21	19
Encampment Outreach	117	24	14	12	20	7	5	1	1	5	10	7	11
Service Coordination	122	15	15	9	8	17	17	4	2	8	7	10	10
Mental Health Issue	65	9	3	1	4	3	5	4	5	13	3	4	11
Assist - Agency	60	3	2	11	10	4	1	3	3	6	7	7	3
Threats/Harassment	59	8	3	2	1	4	5	3	6	3	6	7	11



POLICE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF BURLINGTON

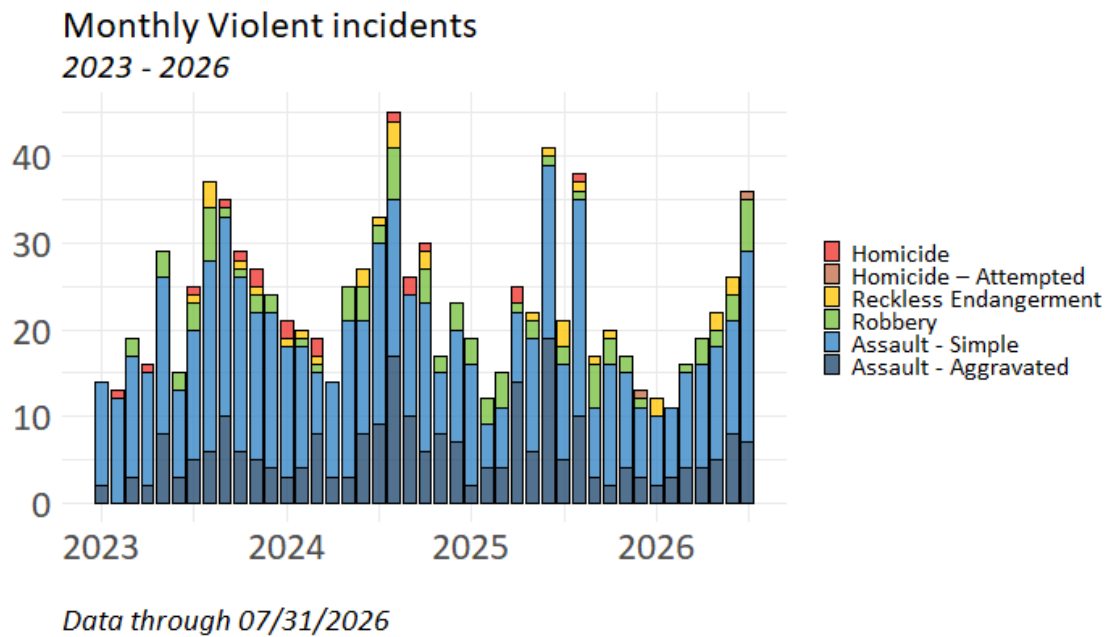
Sworn Officer Incidents

Top Call Types for Sworn Officers, Past 12 Months													
Call Type	Total	July 2026	June 2026	May 2026	April 2026	March 2026	February 2026	January 2026	December 2025	November 2025	October 2025	September 2025	August 2025
Suspicious Event	2,580	280	240	214	197	186	152	171	152	155	205	293	335
Trespass	1,517	140	120	110	87	114	76	100	117	134	187	166	166
Foot Patrol	1,485	134	156	180	76	59	43	60	37	114	141	226	259
Directed Patrol	1,375	89	88	111	83	69	73	125	93	101	149	206	188
Traffic	913	63	110	68	82	69	57	79	87	95	59	53	91
Alarm	824	77	79	86	61	52	50	67	81	53	69	68	81
Disturbance	804	103	71	57	61	39	30	45	52	76	92	99	79
Assist - Agency	793	81	55	60	50	56	53	64	66	92	68	67	81
911 Hangup	680	77	83	72	52	40	43	52	51	39	56	68	47
Welfare Check	573	57	56	48	29	33	43	40	41	38	47	55	86
Mental Health Issue	562	51	53	49	47	33	40	40	31	40	48	66	64
Larceny - from Motor Vehicle	542	50	22	22	14	18	19	58	31	57	64	85	102
Assist - Public	514	46	43	43	35	45	23	42	36	44	47	59	51
Motor Vehicle Complaint	489	58	52	51	46	38	17	36	21	29	51	48	42
Arrest on Warrant	497	52	42	61	32	30	24	34	47	25	52	33	65
Drugs	462	102	50	33	21	20	7	21	15	22	47	53	71
Overdose	456	54	58	41	20	11	7	14	17	48	62	56	68
Retail Theft	441	72	38	36	37	27	27	22	24	38	45	47	28
Domestic Disturbance	411	40	37	32	23	25	27	38	33	47	31	35	43

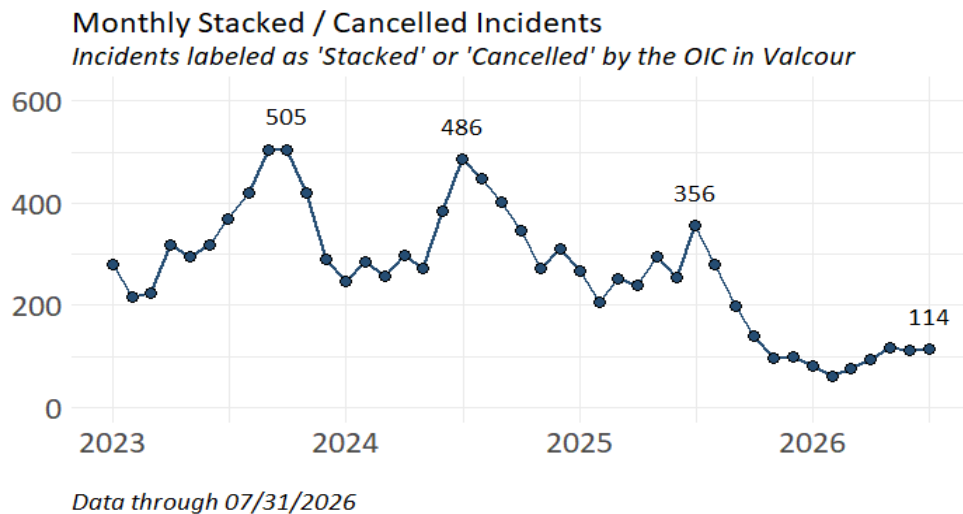


POLICE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF BURLINGTON

Violent Incidents



Stacked / Cancelled Incidents



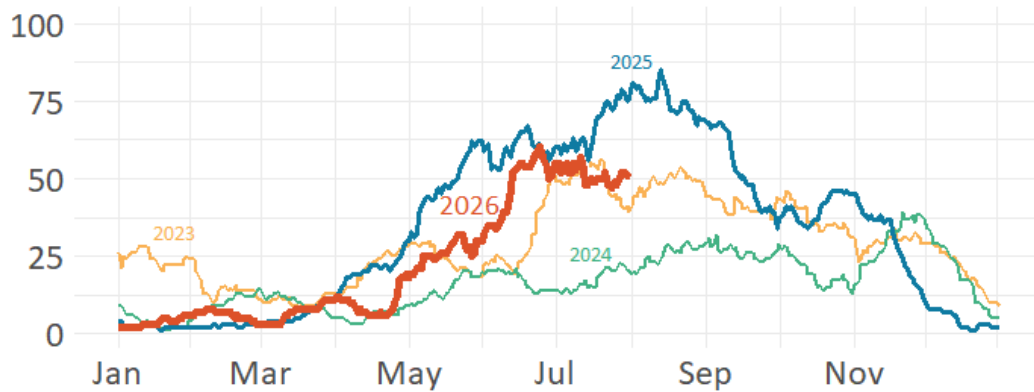


POLICE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF BURLINGTON

City Hall Park

BPD Incidents in City Hall Park

Incidents over the Past 30 Days



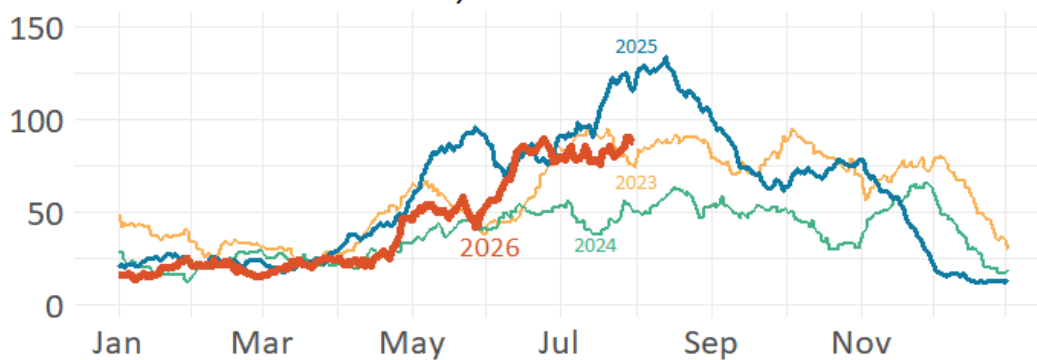
Data through 07/31/2026.

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



Data through 07/31/2026.

Proactive incidents (Patrols, Traffic, Outreach, etc.) excluded.

Officer-initiated incidents also excluded.

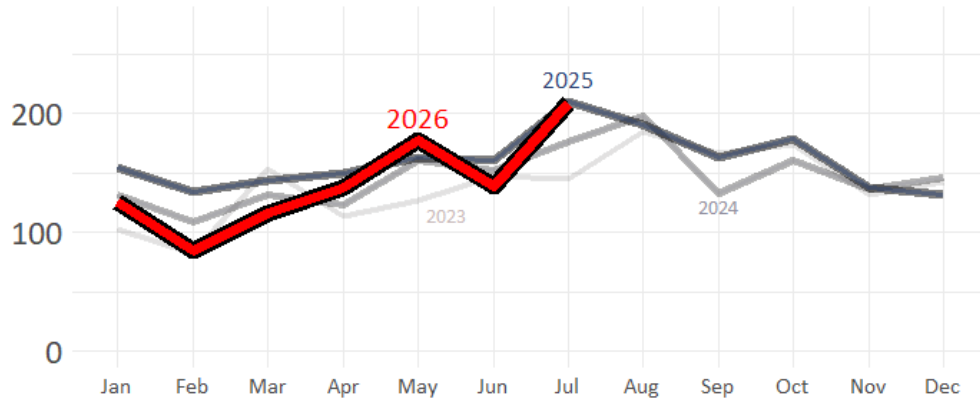
Area defined as Main & St. Paul to Church & College.



POLICE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF BURLINGTON

Arrests

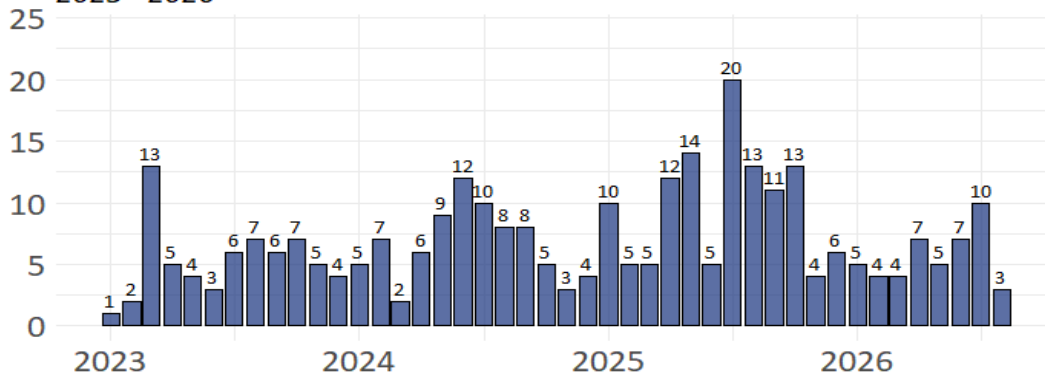
Monthly Arrests
2023 - 2026



All arrests city-wide.
Data through 07/31/2026

Drug Arrests

Monthly Drug Arrests
2023 - 2026

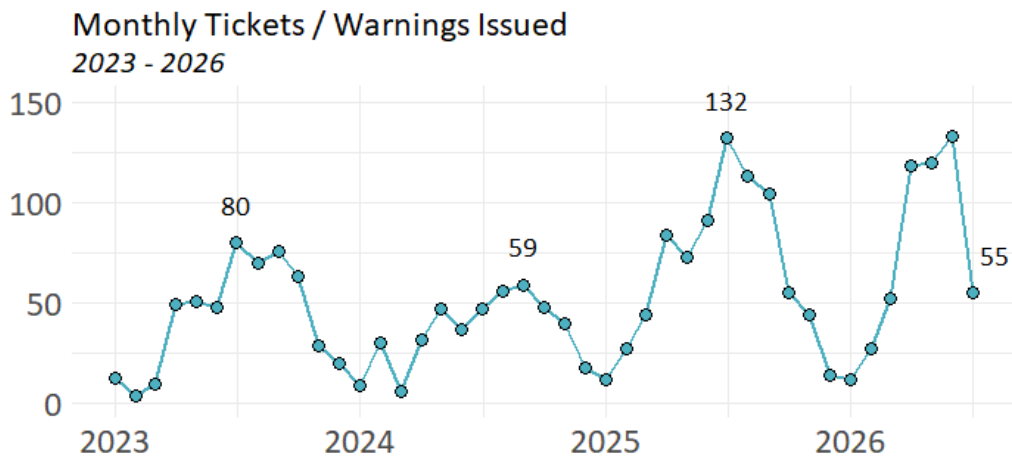


City-wide arrests with at least one drug-related charge.
Data through 07/31/2026



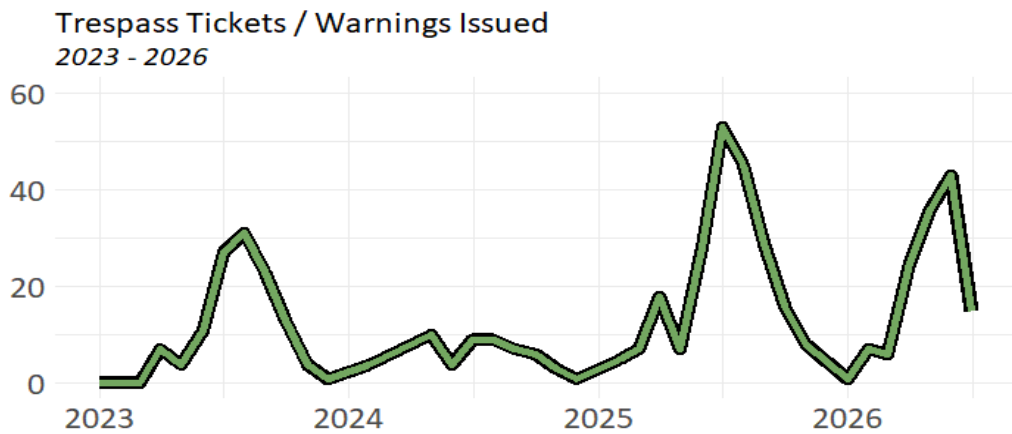
POLICE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF BURLINGTON

Tickets / Warnings



Data through 07/31/2026.
Includes tickets/warnings issued by sworn officers & CSOs.
Excludes traffic tickets.

Top Ticket Types

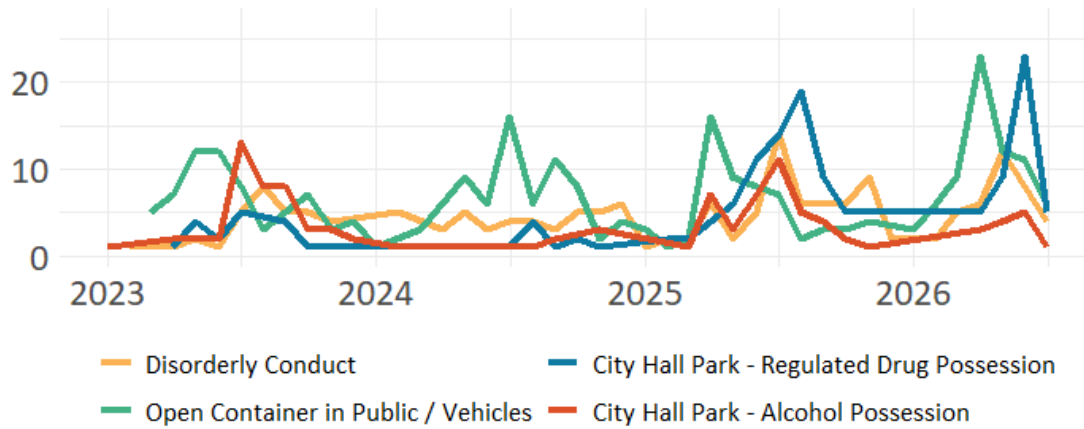


Data through 07/31/2026.
Includes tickets/warnings issued by sworn officers & CSOs.



POLICE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF BURLINGTON

Top Monthly Tickets / Warnings Issued
2023 - 2026

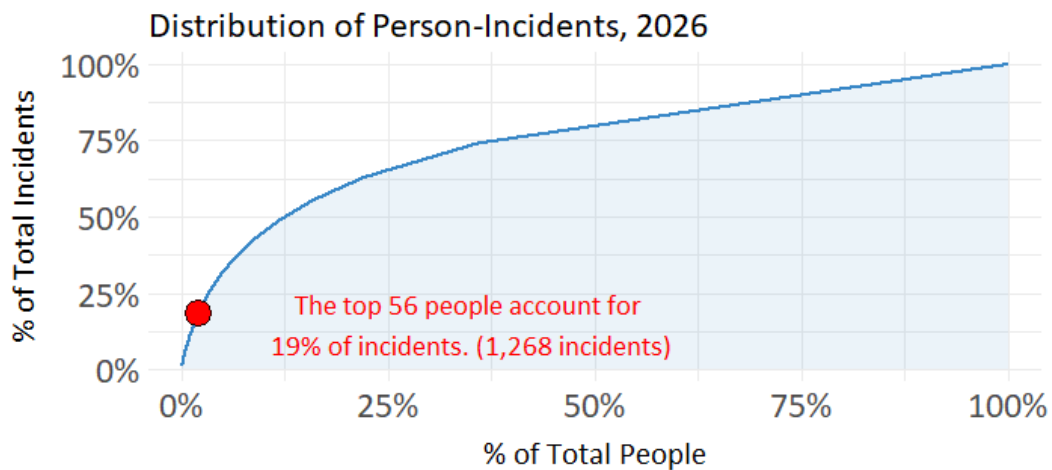


Data through 07/31/2026.
Includes tickets/warnings issued by sworn officers & CSOs.



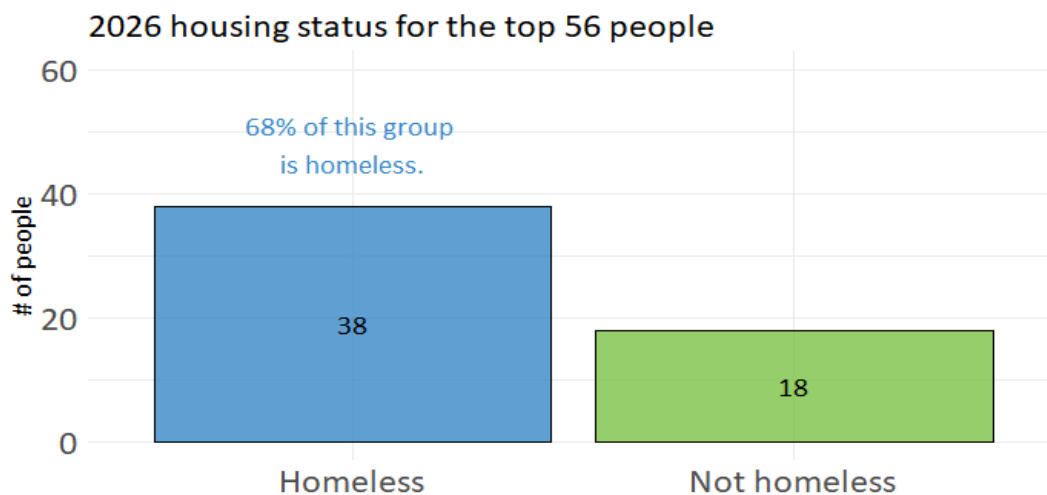
POLICE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF BURLINGTON

Distribution of Incidents



*Patrol and outreach incidents excluded.
Counting people labeled 'Person of Interest', 'Suspect', or 'Arrestee'.
Data through 07/31/2026*

Housing Status of Top 56

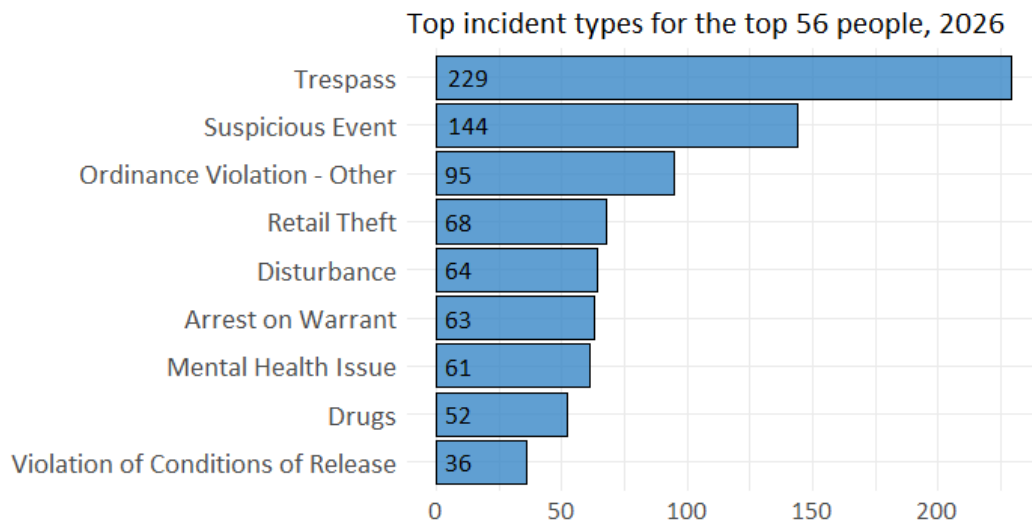


Housing status determined via address field in Valcour.

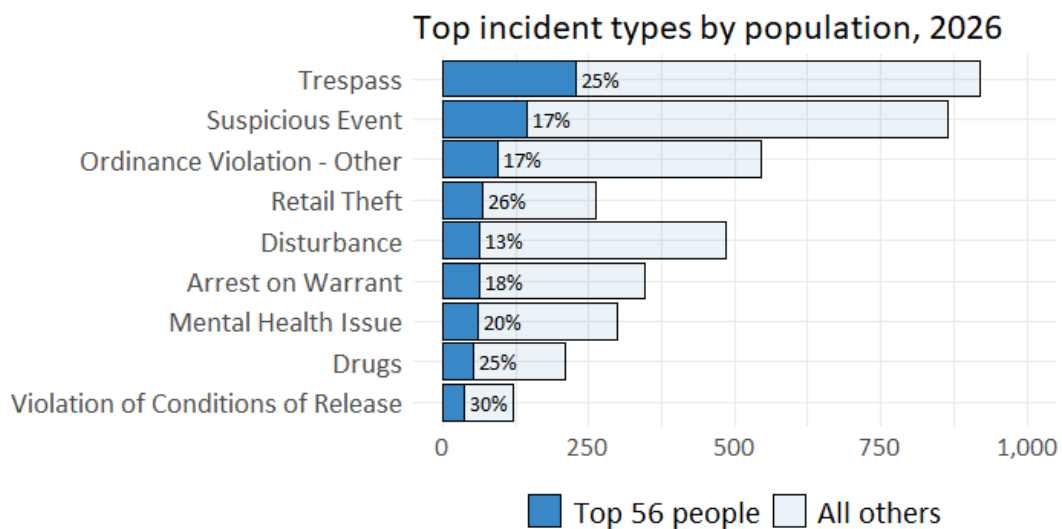


POLICE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF BURLINGTON

Incidents of Top 56



Data through 07/31/2026

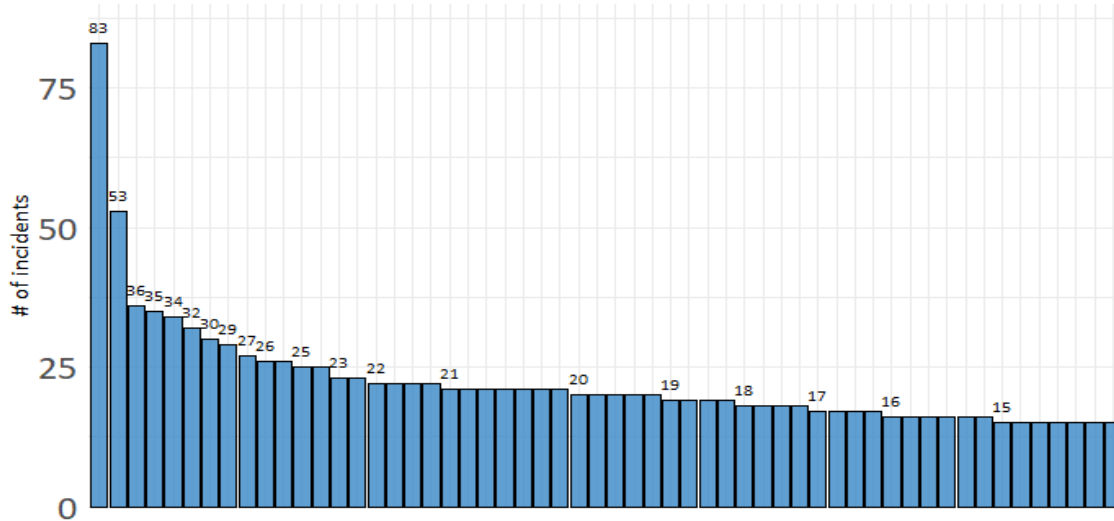


Data through 07/31/2026

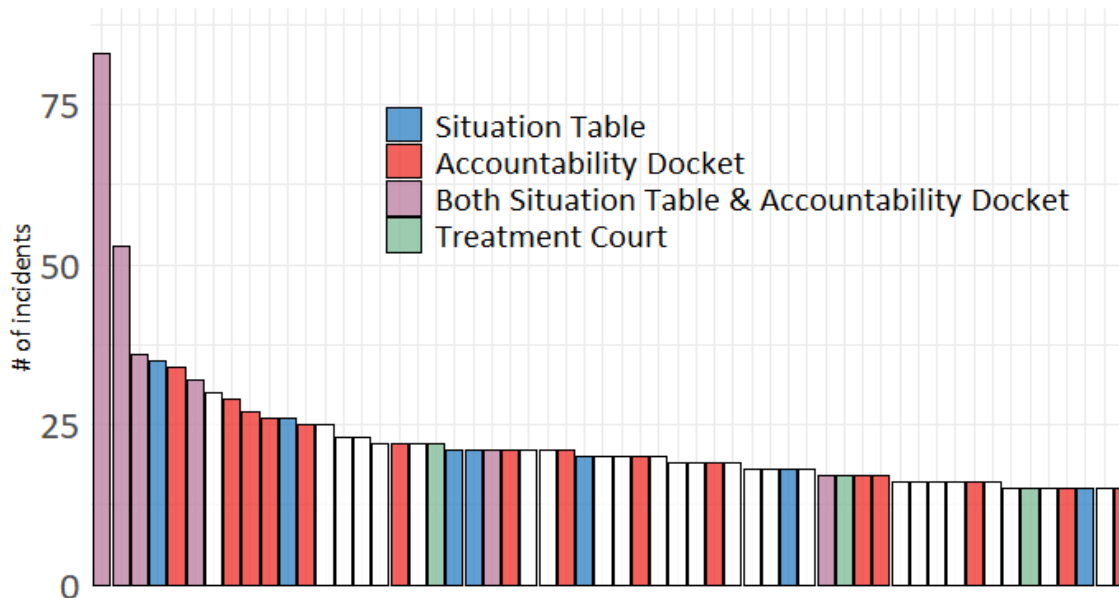


POLICE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF BURLINGTON

Incident counts for the top 56 people, 2026



Service involvement for the top 56 people, 2026





**POLICE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF BURLINGTON**

Staff Report

The Burlington Police Department currently has a total of 92 employees: 55 sworn officers and 37 professional staff. Sworn staff allocation:

Division	BPOA	Supervisor	Total
USB	20	7	27
BIAP	4	0	4
DSB	8	2	10
Long Term Leave	5	0	5
Training	4	0	4
Recruiter	1	0	1
Command	0	4	4
Total	-	-	55

In calendar year 2026 the department has had three sworn members retire from service and four sworn members resign.

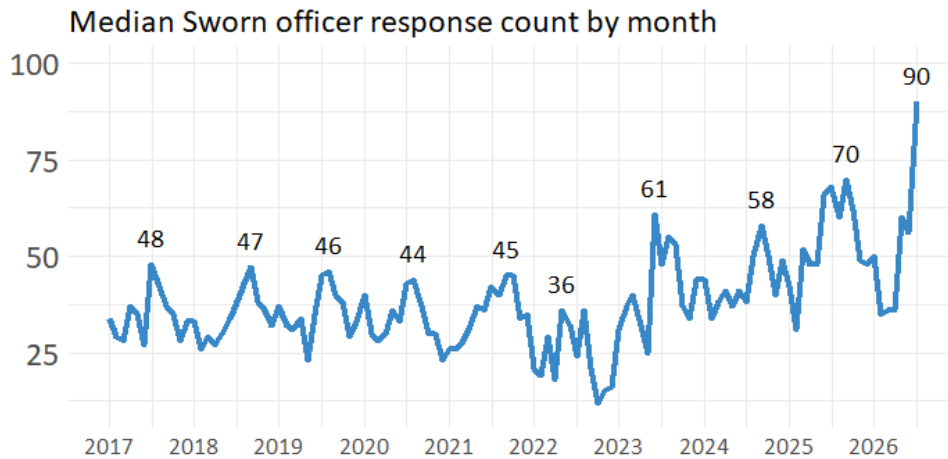
The department continues to actively recruit for sworn police officers, community service officers, emergency communication specialists, and for a community support liaison.

The department has a very successful year with our Beach and Parks Patrol. Several of these employees are considering career opportunities with the Burlington Police Department when they complete college. Lastly, the department is welcoming an intern from Champlain College this semester with the hope of using this opportunity to develop future workforce.

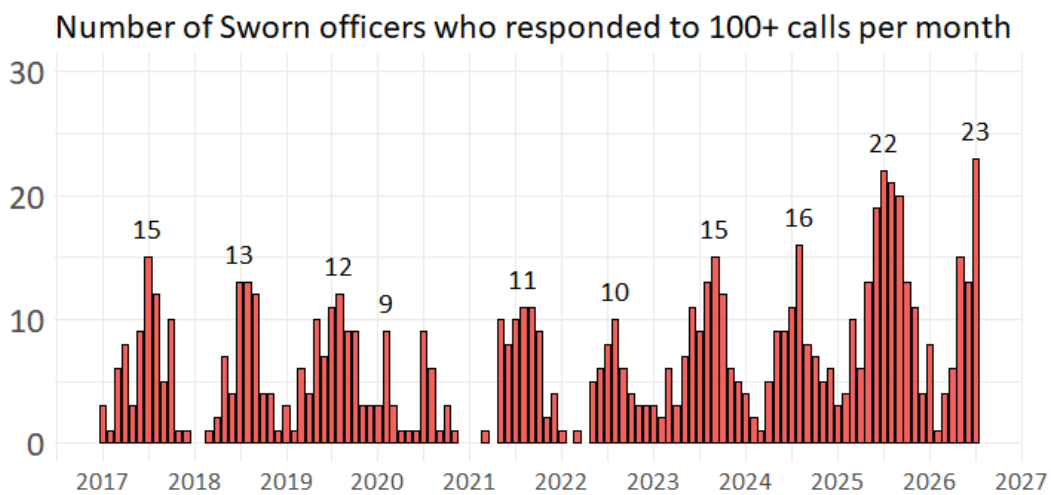
Officer Workload



POLICE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF BURLINGTON



*Traffic stops, patrol incidents and Airport incidents removed.
Data through 07/31/2026*



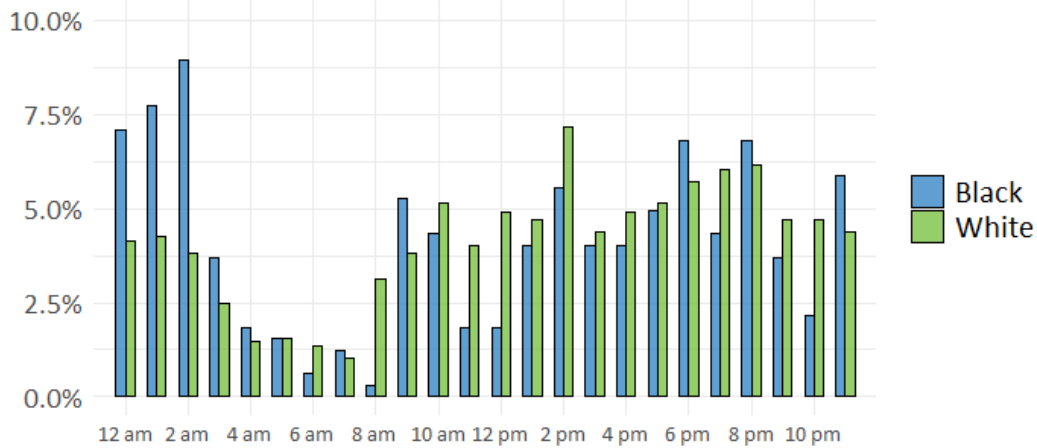
*Traffic stops, patrol incidents and Airport incidents removed.
Data through 07/31/2026*



POLICE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF BURLINGTON

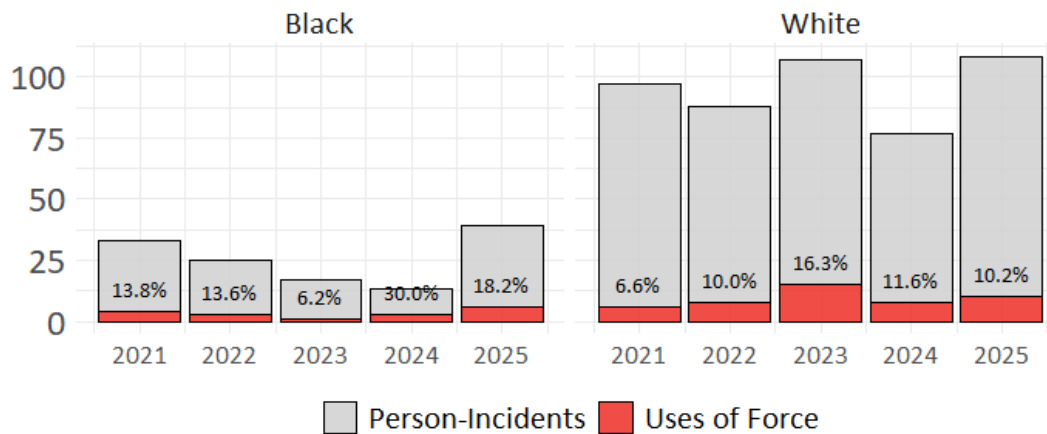
Use of Force Follow-up

Percentage of Total Uses of Force by Race by Hour
2021 - 2025



N values: Black - 319, White - 885

Disorderly Conduct POIs and Uses of Force by Race

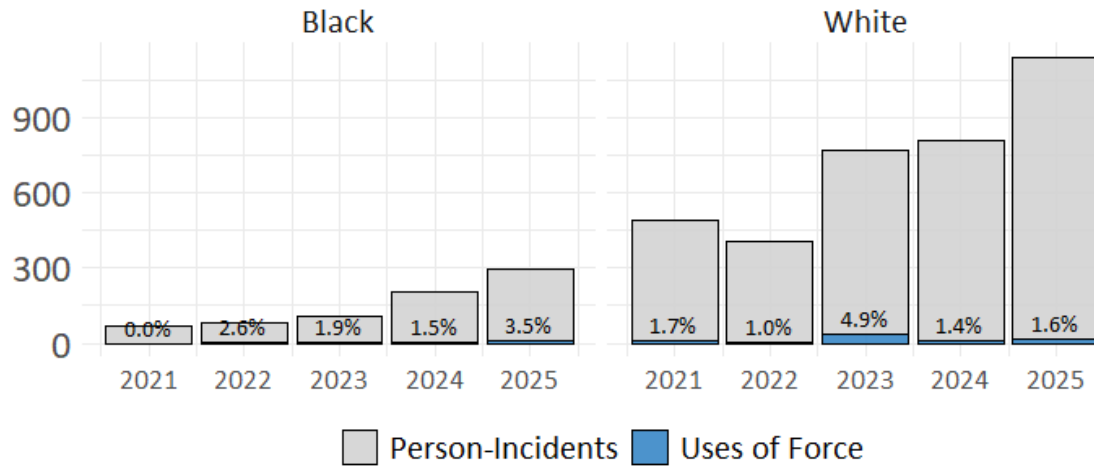


Total White Person-Incidents: 430. Total White Uses of Force: 47
Total Black Person-Incidents: 110. Total Black Uses of Force: 17



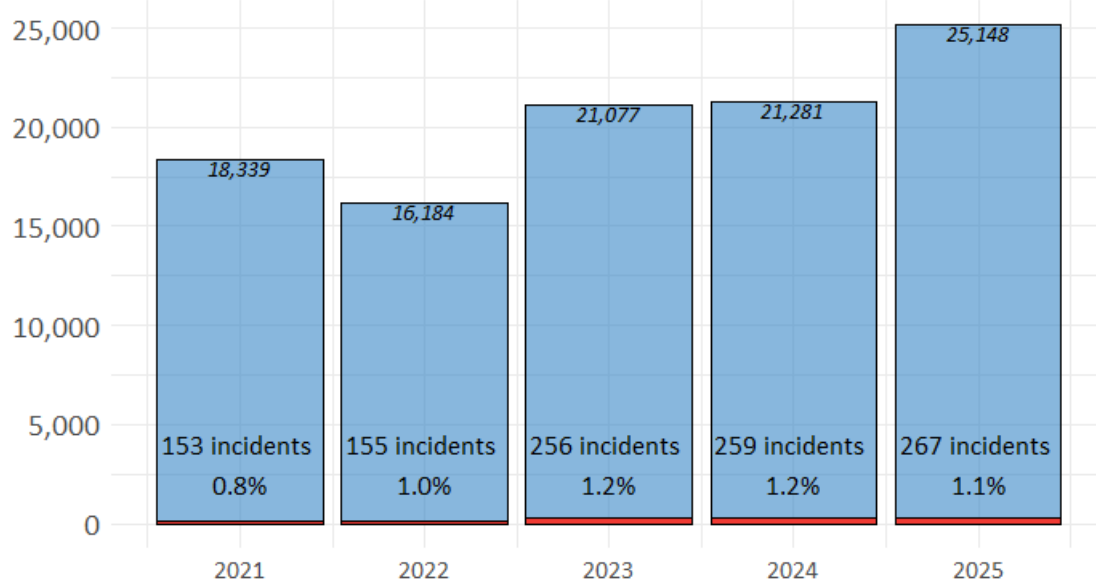
POLICE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF BURLINGTON

Trespass POIs and Uses of Force by Race



Total White Person-Incidents: 3,538. Total White Uses of Force: 77
Total Black Person-Incidents: 740. Total Black Uses of Force: 17

Use of Force incidents and total Sworn officer incidents





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,

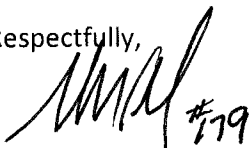
It is my honor to recognize Officer Moran, Officer Bartlett, and Corporal Gonzalez with a formal letter of commendation for their exceptional courage, professionalism, and decisive action taken during a recent critical incident in downtown Burlington.

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

Anna,

I wanted to take a moment to commend you on your outstanding presentation during the Mayor's press conference.

Your remarks were detailed, informative, and did an excellent job highlighting the positive impact the Situation Table is having in our community. The ease and clarity with which you explained the Situation Table process, its participants, and its purpose reflected not only your deep understanding of the work, but also your genuine commitment to collaboration and community safety.

Thank you for your leadership, your commitment to the mission of CAIP, and for representing the Burlington Police Department and the Situation Table so exceptionally well. Your efforts are making a positive impact on our community, and they are greatly appreciated.

V/r,



Shawn P. Burke

Interim Chief of Police

Burlington Police Department

1 North Avenue

Burlington, Vermont 05401

Office: (802) 540-2179

www.bpdcareers.com



POLICE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF BURLINGTON

To: Chief Shawn Burke
From: Sgt Eric Kratochvil
Subject: Letter of Appreciation for Cpl. Montalvo
Date: 08/12/2026

Chief Burke,

I wanted to pass on my appreciation for Cpl. Montalvo's dedication in a recent case, 26BU016972. In this case, Ofc. Gurung had been assigned as the primary officer.

On 07/25/2026, at approximately 0306 hours, we received reports of a male with a severe injury to his face that was walking through the downtown. Ultimately, he went to Simon's Downtown for assistance and was located there.

The victim had extreme injury to his mouth area, was losing a lot of blood, and was generally unable to talk. Cpl. Montalvo acted quickly to provide first aid bandages to the victim to help with blood loss reduction. In the end the victim did need blood transfusions to recover from losing too much blood, so Cpl. Montalvo's actions were well justified.

The victim was transported to the UVMMC ER for emergency surgery and had only been able to provide a very minimal statement beforehand, 'Tania's boyfriend did this.'

From that Cpl. Montalvo was able to recall having recently seen Shawntaya Miles and her boyfriend Tylor Sears downtown. In the following time he doggedly searched for Miles and Sears, locating them numerous times, but their efforts to flee him were ultimately foiled when he and I cornered them in the area of Cherry St. Due to his locating them, we were able to collect statements from them where they made untrue statements; documented Sear's clothing (which we later learned he had changed after the assault); documented what appeared to be blood on Sear's hands, shoes, and arms; and gave them an opportunity to explain the situation, which they denied involvement in.

By the end of shift the victim was still not able to speak, but Cpl. Montalvo stayed after shift, and was able to get an interview into the victim and learn important details of the assault, as well as learn of the extent of the victim's injuries. The victim had a 5-inch slice on one side of his mouth, and a 2-inch slice on the other side of his mouth. This amounted to what one would call a "Joker face."

After having been able to interview the suspect, the suspect identities of Miles and Sears were firmed up. Cpl. Montalvo did not complain about now being tasked with taking over the case and writing up appropriate charges for Miles and Sears. This was a long process on the end of a long night, and Cpl. Montalvo performed admirably.

Both Miles and Sears were promptly arrested and held without bail.

Throughout this case, Cpl. Montalvo demonstrated excellent: life protection, team support, diligence, and public safety dedication.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Eric Kratochvil".

Sergeant Eric Kratochvil

Good morning, BPD colleagues,

I want to take a moment to extend a note of appreciation to each of you. These past few weeks have been a challenging time to serve our city between the short-staffed reality of our officer ranks and the increased demands on our entire team. Your work does not go unseen by me and city leadership. I appreciate officers for showing up each day this summer during stretched of time when we have been very short staffed. These shifts put added pressure on each of you when there is a smaller team. I recognize that burden. Many of you stepped forward even more to take on additional overtime shifts related to the Governor's recent regional conference in our city earlier in August. I also appreciate the officers on shift the weekend of August 14-16 during the cluster of violent incidents and then the very fast, capable work of our detective team who quickly worked to apprehend individuals involved within a matter of hours/days. This is not easy work and you all continue to show your dedication to our city. Thank you.

To our CAIP team, thank you for your daily work engaging victims, especially assisting in cases where we need to build deeper relationships with parts of our community. I know members of the CAIP team helped to engage impacted immigrant families from the August 14-16 incidents. This is in addition to the proactive work you all do to support folks in our community who are really suffering from chronic homelessness and other complicated factors. The work within the Situation Table is showing real promise and I am very proud of our team for developing a new model being picked up by other Tables across the country. This model will help Burlington be better informed in the risk factors that help lead people to causing harm to themselves and others. I also see and appreciate the work you do.

To our emergency communications specialists, you are the critical first voices and responders to anything that comes in. Thank you for continuing to bring a steady hand to support folks often in a very difficult scenario. We have many incidents that are not reported on in the media and you hold so much of the real and hard stories that the general public will never know. Thank you for supporting our community.

And to our CSO team, your tireless work lately to work to stabilize City Hall Park is deeply appreciated. We have a lot of challenges there as we all know. Your work to disrupt behaviors and drug use is appreciated. Also, your work on encampments and helping to stabilize those areas of our city is also appreciated. I know we do not have enough people able to do this important alongside you at this point. We also have bigger work to do as an entire city (and state) to help get at the root causes of all of these issues. In the meantime, thank you for your work to address these acute issues.

We are all working hard to make this community safer for everyone. I appreciate you all being critical partners in this work.

Peace, Mayor Emma Mulvaney-Stanak

--

Mayor Emma Mulvaney-Stanak (she/her)

Why use pronouns? - a [resource](#)

Burlington, Vermont