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To: Superintendent Raymond Kelly Richardson
From: Deputy Superintendent Daniel R. Larocque
Re: LPD Calls to Group Homes
Date: January 29, 2020

10.4 C. Elliott – Req. City Manager to Have LPD Provide A Report Regarding the Number of Response Calls/Missing Persons Reports From Group Homes Throughout the City

A review of calls for service to group homes between 01/01/2019 - 12/31/2019 reveal that the following addresses have contacted the Lowell Police primarily for:

- Missing/Missing Returns
- Medical Calls for Service
- Mental Health Issues/Section 12

The city has a number of group homes run by state agencies and contractors. The Lowell Police Crime Analysis Unit has examined the department's calls for service and provided the following information:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Total Calls</u>
The Grip Home	319 Wilder St	507
Riverview	475 Varnum Ave	461
VinFen	20 Burlington Ave	11
The Garland House	263 E. Merrimack St	8
Lowell Respite	87 Nesmith St	1

The Grip and Riverview are juvenile group homes associated with the Department of Children and Families. When a juvenile leaves the property, the agency is required to contact the police to file a Missing Person's report. Upon the juvenile's return, the police are required to ensure that the juvenile has returned. This requirement continually increased the amount of calls for service as well as delaying the area cars for repeated periods of time.

Due to these factors, department personnel/staff from these two group homes met and reviewed all the calls for services and the root issues that required police response to the homes. As a result, a protocol is now in place with these two locations that allows staff to bring a Missing Person's report into the Main Station when there is not a concern of endangerment to the juvenile. This practice ensures that efforts are maintained to notify the department of missing juveniles.