



# LPD Quarterly Newsletter

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## LPD Completes Departmental Reorganization

In early 2014, the LPD began the process of a department-wide reorganization. The reorganization was ordered by Superintendent William Taylor and is designed to improve the department's ability to carry out its community policing and problem-oriented policing strategies.

The reorganization divided the City into two patrol sectors, each of which is commanded by a Captain. Each sector is subdivided into two districts. Each district has a dedicated District Response Team. The District Response Teams each consist of six officers, who report to a Lieutenant. The Teams are a major component of the LPD's reinvigorated community policing efforts. Officers on the District Response Teams conduct foot and bicycle patrols and focus on interacting with members of the

community in their district. They are responsible for identifying the most pressing concerns and addressing the underlying root causes of crime in their district.

The final phase of the reorganization was to decentralize the Crime Analysis and Intelligence Unit. This phase was completed in April 2015. Each sector now has its own dedicated Crime Analysts who operate out of neighborhood precincts. The Crime Analysts work closely with the Sector Captains and District Response Teams to identify crime trends and the underlying causes of crime. This allows responses to be tailored to the specific issues present in each district.

## Officers to Carry Nasal Naloxone to Combat Opiate Overdoses

In late 2014, the LPD applied for and received a grant from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Public Health that allows the LPD and Lowell Fire Department (LFD) to purchase nasal naloxone, which is a drug that can reverse the effects of opiate overdose. The LFD has carried naloxone since 2014. As the number of overdoses has increased recently, the LPD determined

it would be advantageous to begin carrying it as well. Throughout the first two quarters, of 2015 the department has worked to train all officers on how and when to use the drug in order to prevent opiate overdose deaths. Officers will begin carrying naloxone in late 2015.

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## Cops for Kids with Cancer

On January 15, the LPD was honored to host Cops for Kids with Cancer Chairman Robert Faherty and his guests, Jacob Cuevas and his mother. Jacob is a 13 year-old Lowell resident who is battling Leukemia. He is currently undergoing treatment at Boston Children's Hospital. Mr. Faherty presented Jacob and his mother with a check for \$5,000 from Cops for Kids with Cancer. Jacob also got to spend some time chatting with Chief Taylor and several other Lowell Police officers.



## LPD Swears in Lateral Transfers

The LPD welcomed four new officers to its ranks during the first half of 2015. On February 10th, Officer Golojuch and Officer Jacques were sworn in to the department. Then, on May 18th, Officer Feehan and Officer Borodawka took their oath of service. The LPD hired the new officers to fill vacancies left by retired officers as well as new officer positions created in the City Budget.



## LPD Opens New Community Precinct in Centralville

On May 30th, the LPD opened a new precinct on Bridge Street in Centralville. The opening of the station was marked by an open house. Residents came to the station and received a tour of the new facility. They also got the chance to meet many of the officers who patrol their neighborhood on a daily basis. Mayor Elliot and Chief Taylor, among other city leaders, addressed the community and described the significant benefits that having a substation in Centralville will provide for the community. The new precinct will make the LPD more accessible to community members from the Centralville neighborhood and is part of the department's strategy for reinvigorating its community policing philosophy.



## LPD Receives two Justice Assistance Grants

During the first half of 2015, the LPD was notified that it has been awarded two Justice Assistance Grants from the Bureau of Justice Assistance (via the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security). One grant is for \$30,000 for the purpose of purchasing equipment. The LPD will use the funds to purchase surveillance cameras. The cameras will provide surveillance of heavily travelled public ways, which will help the LPD investigate crimes that have few or no witnesses. The other grant is for \$55,000 and will go towards the implementation of a Drug Abatement Response Team (DART). The DART will work to identify problem properties where absentee landlords whose neglect of their property has contributed to the prevalence of drug dealing on the premises. Police and City officials will work together to eliminate the drug-related activity and ensure that code violations are promptly addressed. This will help to reduce the number of threats to public health and safety in Lowell neighborhoods.



## Women's Week Breakfast

Each year, the City of Lowell celebrates "Women's Week" during the month of March, which is designated as Women's History Month in the United States. The week involved several events throughout the City of Lowell. The events recognized and celebrated women's achievements, struggles, and extraordinary contributions to our community. This year, several of the women who work for the LPD, including both sworn and civilian staff members, attended a breakfast event as part of the Women's Week festivities.

## Lowell Police Academy Begins

Monday, May 18th marked the beginning of another session of the Lowell Police Academy. The Academy is a 24-week program that stresses the fundamentals of being a patrol officer. In order to be awarded a diploma, each student must demonstrate the required knowledge, skills, and abilities in each of the program's four major components:

**Community**—focuses on problem solving and crisis intervention.

**Law**—classes are taught in criminal, constitution, motor vehicle, juvenile, elder and civil law.

**Tactics**—concentrates on patrol procedures, how to drive emergency vehicles, how to subdue, restrain and handcuff a suspect, and how to use a firearm.

**Officer**—focuses on ethics, health and wellness, and physical training.

More than 60 Massachusetts police agencies have sent officers to the Lowell Police Academy over the years, including most local departments in Northeastern Massachusetts.



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