



# Lowell Police Department

## 2017 Compstat Crime Summary

### *2017 Compstat Crime*

Compstat crimes include crime categories that gauge violent, property, and quality of life crime and disorder within the city. Although the data presented does not include official crime statistics (NIBRS), it provides timely and pertinent crime information. As presented in Table 1, Compstat crime has declined 9% in 2017, from a total of 3,012 in 2016 to 2,747 in 2017.

### *Violent Crime*

Aggravated Assault, Aggravated Assault (Domestic), and Robbery combined has decreased 12%, from 696 crimes in 2016 to 613 in 2017. This number reflects a crime rate of .005 per person.

### *Property Crime*

Burglary, Car Breaks, Shoplifting, and Vandalism combined has decreased 9%, from 2,116 crimes in 2016 to 1,920 in 2017. This number reflects a crime rate of .017 per person.

### *Disorderly Conduct*

Disorderly Conduct increased 8%, from 200 crimes in 2016 to 215 in 2017. In an effort to reduce more serious crime, officers focus on disorder crime, specifically Disorderly Conduct as a prevention measure. Therefore, the increase is interpreted positively.

### *Clearance Rates*

Clearance rates are also presented in Table 1. Although not all crime categories can be compared, current national data for cities with a population between 100,000-249,999 shows LPD clearance rates for Aggravated Assault, Burglary, and Robbery are impressively higher.

**Table 1: 2016-2017 Compstat Crime Comparison**

Crime Category	2016	2017	Frequency Change 2016-2017	Percent Change 2016-2017	2017 Clearance Rate
Aggravated Assault	277	234	-43	-16%	64% (National 49.8%)
Aggravated Assault (Domestic)	268	227	-41	-15%	96%
Burglary	450	475	25	6%	19% (National 11.6%)
Car Break	477	470	-7	-1%	7%
Disorderly Conduct	200	215	15	8%	94%
Robbery	151	152	1	1%	28% (National 27.7%)
Shoplifting	238	214	-24	-10%	60%
Vandalism	951	760	-191	-20%	16%
<b>Total</b>	<b>3012</b>	<b>2747</b>	<b>-265</b>	<b>-9%</b>	<b>36%</b>

Statistics contained within this report are subject to change due to ongoing investigations.

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**Platoon**

Regardless of year, crime by platoon showed little change. When utilizing split time, approximately 36% of Compstat crimes took place on Platoon 1, 29% on Platoon 2 and 35% on Platoon 3.

**Sector A**

Sector A Compstat crimes decreased 3% in 2017 when compared to the previous year. Specifically, District A1 declined 5%, and District A2 declined 1%.

**Sector B**

Sector B Compstat crimes decreased 14% in 2017 when compared to the previous year. Specifically, District B1 declined 15%, and District B2 declined 14%.

**Neighborhoods****Table 2: 2016-2017 Compstat Crime by Neighborhood**

Neighborhood	2016	2017	Frequency Change 2016-2017	Percent Change 2016-2017
Acre	485	467	-18	-4%
Back Central	279	198	-81	-29%
Belvidere	138	112	-26	-19%
Centralville	487	455	-32	-7%
Downtown	363	361	-2	-1%
Highlands	303	247	-56	-18%
Lower Belvidere	143	131	-12	-8%
Lower Highlands	290	260	-30	-10%
Pawtucketville	212	212	0	0%
Sacred Heart	265	243	-22	-8%
South Lowell	47	61	14	30%

**Opioid Overdose/ Sudden Death Statistics**

In 2017, fatal overdoses declined 26% from 62 in 2016 to 46 in 2017. Use caution in interpreting these number as they are based on police reports and are not the ME's official cause of death. Although deaths have declined in 2017, overdoses increased 9% over the same time period. Overdoses were markedly higher in the beginning of 2017, and have since begun to decline in the later months of 2017.

**Gang Related Incidents**

Although a detailed report is forthcoming, preliminary statistics show the number of gang related incidents declined 2% when comparing 2017 to 2016. In addition, Warrant arrests of gang members increased 70%, from 47 in 2016 to 80 in 2017.

**Firearm Discharge/ Shots Fired**

The number of shots fired with evidence recovered increased 8% in 2017, from 49 in 2016, to 53 in 2017. Non-fatal shootings decreased 10%, from 10 in 2016 to 9 in 2017; shots fired into a residence increased 20% from 15 in 2016 to 18 in 2017; and shots fired into a motor vehicle increased 11% from 9 in 2016 to 10 in 2017.