

# BEVERLY POLICE DEPARTMENT

FY2019

The Beverly Police Department is pleased to present to you the crime statistics for the City of Beverly for Fiscal Year 2019.

FISCAL YEAR REPORT



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## A MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

Beverly is a great place to live and work. The Beverly Police Department mission statement reads in part, "While maintaining respect for individual rights, human dignity, cultural diversity and community values, we pledge to sustain a working partnership with our community to protect life and property, and to maintain a safe and peaceful environment for all." Our community's safe and family friendly environment could not be achieved without the talent and commitment of the men and women of the Beverly Police Department and the partnerships we share with our citizens. Beverly was named one of the safest cities in the Commonwealth to live in.

The effectiveness of our citizen-police partnerships can be sensed when you walk through our neighborhoods in the evening or enjoy a night out in our downtown restaurants. The Beverly Police Community Advisory Committee has volunteered their time and effort to consistently implement the philosophy of "Broken Windows." In partnership we have removed graffiti from our streets and neighborhoods, reduced the volume of speeding and dangerous drivers on our roads, and provided education to reduce drug abuse. Each of these initiatives has added to the high quality of life in our city. We are adding additional equipment to our cruisers to enforce the new citywide 25MPH speed limit.

FY 2019 recorded an increase in calls for police services. Violent crime in Beverly is down which is consistent with the national trend, Beverly experienced a reduction in most property related crimes as well. We have not been immune to the current opioid crisis gripping this part of the Country. Our officers have saved many lives through the use of NARCAN and other first aid methods. We continue to train our officers in these life saving techniques and will continue to explore new ways of preserving life. We were successful in receiving a twenty-thousand (\$20,000.00) grant to continue to train other City Departments in the use of NARCAN and will be able to re-supply our officers as needed. Both the amount of overdoses we responded to and deaths associated with illegal drugs has declined in the City.

We were able to add a second School Resource Officer in the spring of 2018 and through increased budgeting we will continue to have two (2) full-time SROs for the 2018-2019 school year.

The rapid dissemination of public safety information to our citizens was enhanced by synchronizing communication technology and social media applications. The city's Swift Reach phone system, BPD Facebook, Twitter, MyPD Smartphone application, and the Beverly Police Web site www.beverlypd.org rapidly developed as an effective means to provide timely and concise community safety information. Every citizen is strongly encouraged to log in or sign up for these important services. We remind everyone that incidents and crimes should be reported immediately to the police station by calling either 911 in an emergency or 978-922-1212 for business or non-emergency calls. Social media sites are not monitored twenty-four (24) hours a day.

A newer Statewide 911 system has been added to our dispatch center. With the newer equipment we now receive all of our cellular calls directly at the Police Station. Cellular calls used to be routed through a central receiving station and then transferred to Beverly. The new system allows our officers to process the calls directly and immediately dispatch police, fire and or ambulance without delay.

Along with our Community Advisory Committee, this department was honored to recognize members or our community as the Community Police Partnership awardees. Several students from local schools were honored for their art projects which focused on stopping bullying in our City. Congratulations also go to Sergeant David Costa and Officer Stephen O'Brien, as our Community Police Officers of the year.

The Community Impact Unit has had great success this year working within our neighborhoods and responding to issues that have been raised by members of the community. The Police Department was also awarded a \$90,000 grant from the Massachusetts Department of Mental Health to hire a Jail Diversion Worker. This person will assist those with mental health disorders and assist with overdose follow-up treatment.

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The Beverly Police Department remains in self-assessment as we move toward Accreditation. Several officers have been trained as Mental Health Response Team members and several more will be trained this fiscal year. We have also pledged with the International Association of Chiefs of Police to train eighty percent (80%) of our officers in Mental Health First Aid. We also remain a member of the North East Massachusetts Law Enforcement Council (NEMLEC). Officers from Beverly have responded to several major incidents to assist in our mutual aid commitment.

We have recently purchased new radio consoles for police dispatch to replace equipment that was purchased in 1983. Also with the assistance from the City and State we are moving toward purchasing a new computer aided dispatch system to replace a system first put into service in 1999.

The building of a new state of the art police station has been and will be a priority for FY2020. We are well into design and will break ground in FY2020

The men and women of the Beverly Police Department look forward to providing our community with unmatched excellence in law enforcement services.

Beverly has been very supportive of our community engagement efforts. Many citizens have come into the station, or sent cards thanking our officers. It is now up to the Police Department to continue to work with the community to maintain a professional and community based relationship. I now also sit on the City's Human Rights Committee. I believe by working with our committee we can resolve, or at least understand the problems some residents face. As I have said on many occasions, "We will not tolerate intolerance in Beverly."

In closing, the department would like to recognize our recently retired officers Captain William Terry and Sergeant Lawrence Van Liere for many years of service to the City of Beverly. They performed with the utmost professionalism for over many years. I thank them for their dedication and service to both the department and community.

I am honored to serve this great city and to be a member of such a professional and committed organization of men and women.

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# **MISSION STATEMENT**

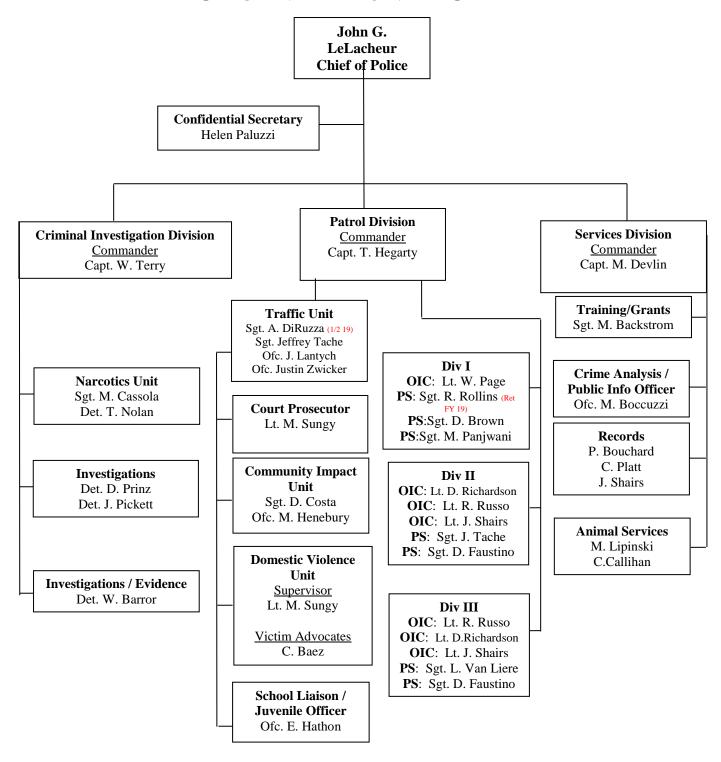
The Beverly Police Department is an organization comprised of professional men and women who are ethically and morally dedicated to providing the finest—quality of law enforcement services to the citizens of Beverly. While maintaining respect for individual rights, human dignity, cultural diversity and community values, we pledge to sustain a working partnership with our community to protect life and property, and to maintain a safe and peaceful environment for all.

## **DEPARTMENT GOALS**

- Enhance Safety for Our Citizens
- Ensure Professional and Respectful Police Services
- Be Accountable to the Community
- Encourage Community Involvement
- Educate and Inform our Citizens
- Maintain An Effective Police Presence in our Schools
- Provide Great Leadership at Every Level

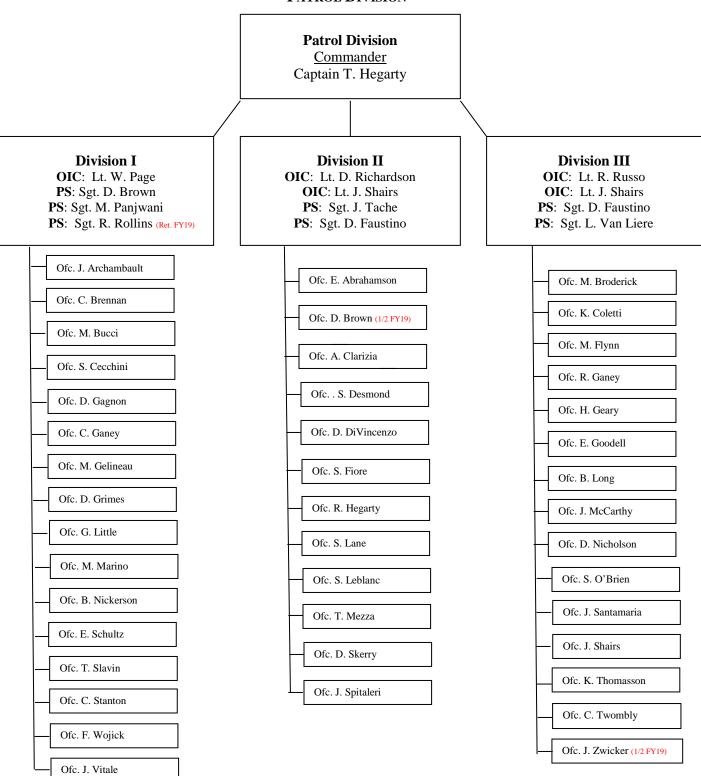


# **ORGANIZATIONAL CHART**





## PATROL DIVISION





# **PATROL DIVISION**

The Patrol Division of Beverly Police Department represents the largest and most visible division and is the division responsible for the bulk of our public safety endeavors.. Beverly police officers are highly trained, competent professionals who must rely on their specialized skills daily to overcome a myriad of situations, ensuring public safety as they do so. Each patrol officer understands that he or she may be asked to make a split-second, life or death decision in order to protect the public that he or she serves. The citizens of Beverly expect a very high level of service and performance from patrol officers, and the Patrol Division continuously strives to achieve that professional, high quality police service for our citizens.

The Beverly Police Department continues to embrace the Community Policing approach to law enforcement. We continue to meet with citizen groups in all neighborhoods of the city, as this allows police officers to interact with citizens in an informal group setting, and to focus on neighborhood concerns. The Police Liaison program, implemented a few years ago in specific areas such as elder services, public housing and Beverly Hospital, has been significant in focusing police attention on targeted problems.

The department continues to conduct Directed Patrols, which rely on comprehensive statistical analysis of specific geographical areas along with citizen input to allocate patrol resources to where they are needed most. Directed Patrols require patrol officers to provide visible and proactive patrols with the purposes of crime prevention, traffic safety and improving quality of life issues. Directed Patrols target a specific area and/or community need. They can be uniformed or plain-clothes officers, using cruiser, foot or bicycle patrols. Directed Patrols have been effectively deployed by the department to address problems such as liquor establishment disturbances, disorderly off-campus college houses, motor vehicle break-ins, speeding complaints, homeless related issues, illegal narcotic activity and seasonal problem hotspots such as parks, playgrounds and the waterfront.

The Beverly Police Patrol Division is made up of one Captain who serves as the Patrol Commander, four Lieutenants who are in charge of each shift, and five Sergeants who serve as Patrol Supervisors. These supervisors are responsible for ensuring appropriate response to calls for service, emergencies, medical aids, domestic violence calls, motor vehicle accidents, directed patrols, etc. and community involvement by the patrol division.

There are forty-one (41) officers assigned to the patrol division. The patrol officers are divided into three divisions: Division A (Midnights), Division B (days) and Division C (evenings). Division B and Division C receive additional assistance from the Traffic Department, the Community Impact Unit and the Criminal Investigation Division. Each shift is commanded by one Officer in Charge (Lieutenant), and one Patrol Supervisor (Sergeant).

FY2019 saw the Patrol Division respond to **20,737** calls for service. Division A responded to **5,110** calls, Division B responded to **8,241** calls, and Division C responded to **7,386** calls. Additionally, patrol officers made **278** arrests, placed **48** people in protective custody, answered **1,193** alarms, **363** domestics violence calls, **768** car accidents and **84** heroin related calls.



# **CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION**

The Criminal Investigation Division (CID) of the Beverly Police Department provides investigative services in support of the Patrol Division. CID consists of a Detective Captain, who serves as the Commander, one Detective Sergeant, three detectives and an evidence detective, The Division Commander is responsible for the coordinating, supervision and directing of the investigations conducted by the detectives within CID. The Sergeant is the evening supervisor as well as the supervisor of the narcotics cases.

The responsibilities of CID include, but are not limited to, the investigation of all major crimes committed in the City of Beverly, including homicide, unattended or suspicious deaths, sexual assaults and assault and batteries causing serious injury; the investigation of narcotic activity within the City; the investigation of property crimes and recovering of stolen property; the registration and monitoring of all sex offenders within the state's SORB; and working in conjunction with other local, state or federal law enforcement agencies.

Detectives continued their fight against the opiate epidemic. We investigated one hundred heroin related incidents. Dozens led to arrests charging individuals with possessing and/or distributing heroin. Detectives investigated 62 reported overdoses during FY19. Eleven of those led to deaths allegedly from heroin overdose.

The Criminal Investigation Division, under Captain William Terry strengthened the division establishing a Narcotics Control Unit, and re-establishing cooperation with surrounding local agencies, the Attorney General's Office, Massachusetts State Police and many federal agencies. This cooperative effort has led to several successful joint investigations into the opiate crisis that continues throughout the area.



## **SERVICES DIVISION**

The Services Division provides a multitude of services that complement the Patrol and Criminal Investigation Divisions and coordinates community relations for the Beverly Police Department. Within the division are, the Crime Analysis Unit, the Public Information Unit and the Training Unit. The division is also responsible for fleet maintenance, equipment management, training, and other areas that support the Patrol and Criminal Investigation Divisions.

FY2019 was a busy and productive year for the Services Division. Programs that had been initiated in years past continued to flourish and new programs were instituted.

The department continues to embrace new technology in an effort to provide our citizens the best service possible and make communicating with citizens more efficient:

- o The Crime Analysis Unit continues to provide monthly crime reports to all police personnel as well as surrounding agencies including Peabody Police, Salem Police, Wenham Police, Ipswich Police, Topsfield Police, Marblehead Police, Lynn Police, Saugus Police and Mass State Police Violent Apprehension Squad. The Beverly Police Department Crime Report provides Officers from this department with information on recently arrested or summonsed individuals, as well as recently issued warrants each month. The Crime Analysis Unit also issues quarterly CompStat reports. The CompStat model is a management process within a performance management framework that synthesizes analysis of crime and disorder data, strategic problem solving, and a clear accountability structure. Ideally, CompStat facilitates accurate and timely analysis of crime and disorder data, which is used to identify crime patterns and problems. Based on this analysis, tailored responses are implemented through rapid deployment of personnel and resources. An accountability structure is key to ensuring the analysis is acted upon and the responses are implemented correctly as well as assessing whether responses are effective in reducing crime and disorder.
- o The Beverly Police website continues to be updated on a regular basis to provide residents with the most up to date information as possible. The forms that were added last year to allow residents to more easily submit tips and request reports are now being used on a regular basis and we have received over 75 web tips since December.
- o The Beverly Police continue to provide an app, available for iPhones and Android phones, to allow citizens to easily communicate with the police while on the go. Features include one touch phone calls to the department, immediate directions to the police station from your current location, and readily available forms for submitting tips, commendations, or concerns.
- The department continues to use Swift911, a reverse 911 emergency notification system used to update citizens with important information during critical incidents or whenever necessary. The police department was able to use this system in November 2011 to identify the victim of stolen property recovered by an officer, which then led to the arrest of the male and female found in possession of that property, who were responsible for numerous motor vehicle break ins.



o The department also continues to use social media such as Facebook and Twitter to provide information and communicate with our citizens. We are working to create a social media team, a group of officers dedicated to communicating with citizens and providing important information around the clock.



# **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

The Beverly Police Department's Domestic Violence Unit was established in 2002 in response to the growing epidemic of domestic violence cases within the City of Beverly. Our first response was to enter into collaboration with <u>Healing Abuse Working for Change (HAWC)</u> in order to enhance the delivery of services to victims of domestic violence, stalking and sexual assault within the city.

Our main goal has always been victim safety and offender accountability, with victim safety being paramount. The domestic violence unit provides specialized domestic violence training to all sworn and reserve officers as well as to community partners. We have gone from having no specific services within the city for victims of domestic violence to having a specialized domestic violence Sergeant in charge of the unit.

Our Coordinated Community Response includes being a part of the Salem High Risk Team, a team comprised of department heads from within the criminal justice system (i.e. Probation, Police, Prosecution, Family court, House of Corrections, victim witness advocates, and HAWC advocates). This team's goal is to flag cases that have a high likelihood of homicide in order to put preventive measures in place to enhance victim safety and deter a potential homicide.

We have established a Sexual Assault Response Team which is a dedicated team of officers, detectives and advocates who are specially trained in sexual assault response and investigation and respond to every sexual assault incident.

The City of Beverly's Police Department is meeting the challenges of this epidemic by providing specialized training to officers and the community as well as educating victims of domestic violence, stalking and sexual assault on what their options are and the relief available to them through our specialized office.



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE UNIT				
Case Characteristics	FY2018	FY2019		
Domestic – Verbal Argument	197	204		
<b>Domestic – Drunkenness</b>	1	7		
Domestic – Abuse/Neglect	16	8		
Domestic – Abuse/No 209A	111	105		
Domestic - Abuse 209A	21	25		
Violation				
Child Abuse/Neglect	7	1		
Emergency 209A Application	3	3		



## TRAFFIC & SAFETY

The Traffic Division is comprised of **3** full-time employees. The Traffic Division is supervised by Sgt. Jeffrey Tache. **2** officers are assigned to traffic enforcement.

## **Traffic Accidents**

The Beverly Police Department investigated **768** motor vehicle accidents in FY2019, a decrease of **164** from **932** in FY2018. Of those accidents, **51** involved personal injury, **1** involved a fatality, and **346** were just property damage related. The remaining **258** accidents involved minor if any damage and required no written report.

#### Hit and Run

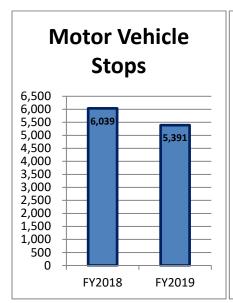
In FY2019, **88** hit and run traffic accidents were reported to the Police Department, a **(29%)** decrease from **124** in FY2018. Of those accidents, **4** resulted in personal injury, whereas **84** were related to property damage.

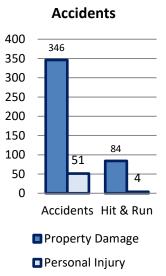
## **OUI (Operating Under the Influence) Enforcement**

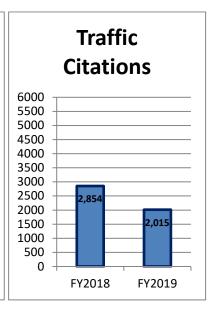
The Police Department engaged in cooperative saturation alcohol enforcement patrols during the past year while participating in the Safe Streets Program. As a result of those enforcement efforts, a total of **18** OUI arrests were made in FY2019, a decrease of **47%** from **34** in FY2018.

#### **Traffic Citations**

The Beverly Police Department issued **2,015** traffic citations in FY2019, a **(29%)** decrease from **2,854** in FY2018.

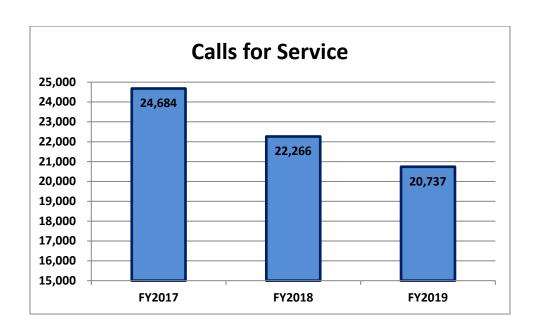








# FISCAL YEAR 2019 CRIME DATA

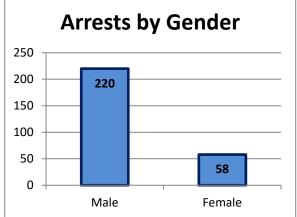


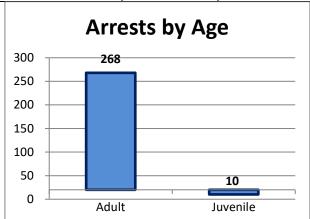
TOP TEN SERVICE CALLS FY2019				
Description	Calls	Chg From FY18		
Motor Vehicle Stop	5,391	-648		
Medical Aids	2,307	-79		
Alarms	1,193	-24		
<b>Suspicious Activity</b>	1,180	-14		
Disturbances	1,136	-221		
Motor Vehicle Accident	768	-164		
Check Well Being	581	-22		
Assist Citizen	402	+28		
<b>Domestic Incidents</b>	363	-11		
Parking Complaints	333	-130		

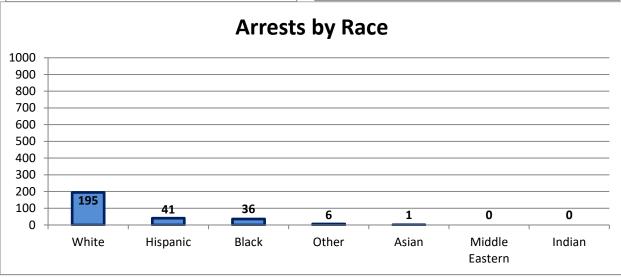


# FISCAL YEAR 2019 ARREST DATA

TOP TEN ARREST CHARGES		
Charge	Arrests	Chg from FY18
Warrants	154	-59
Assault & Battery	115	+4
Disorderly Conduct	33	+1
Operating Under the Influence of Liquor/Drugs	21	-14
Drugs (All Inclusive)	20	-48
License Suspended / Unlicensed Operation	18	-21
Resist Arrest	15	-16
Disturbing the Peace	13	-2
Witness Intimidation	12	-1
<b>Destruction of Property</b>	9	-3





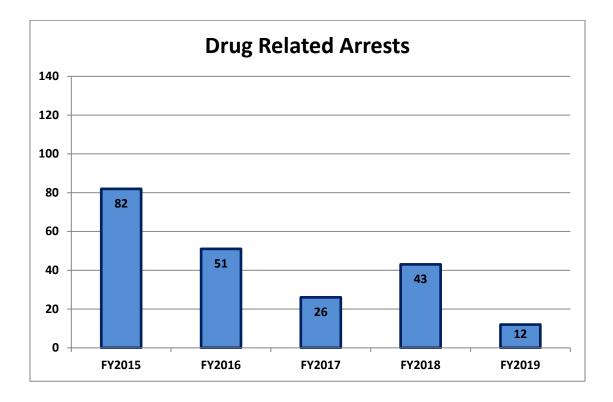




# **DRUG ARRESTS**

Drug related arrests decreased in FY2019, from 43 in FY2018 to 12.

There were 6 males arrested for drug related charges in FY2019, compared to 6 females and 12 adults, compared to 0 juveniles. A charge of either, possession of Class A (commonly heroin), and possession of Class B (commonly cocaine) was involved in most of the 12 arrests in FY2019. Overdoses decreased slightly in FY19, with officers responding to 62 reported overdose calls 11 of which were fatal. These numbers were down from 76 overdoses report in FY18 but, fatal OD's remain the same with 11 being reported in both fiscal years.





# VIOLENT CRIME DATA

In FY2019, calls for service involving violent crime in the City of Beverly decreased 12%, from 92 incidents in FY2018 to 81. Compared to the last five years, violent crime in FY2019 was 49% below average. Overall, the Beverly Police Department charged 142 people with violent crimes including 91 arrests (down 25%) and 46 warrant applications (down 2%) from the five year average.

## **Assaults**

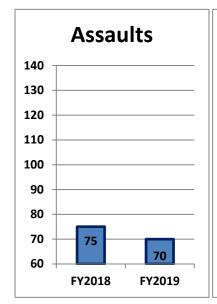
In FY2019, incidents involving assault decreased slightly from **75** in FY2018 to **70**, even with the average compared to the past five years. The Beverly Police Department made **89** arrests in FY19 (up **3%**) when compared to **86** in FY18, and applied for **37** warrants (down 16%) when compared, to **44** in FY18 in incidents involving assault.

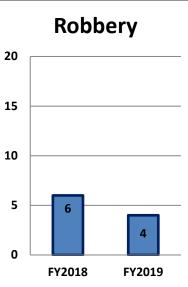
## Robbery

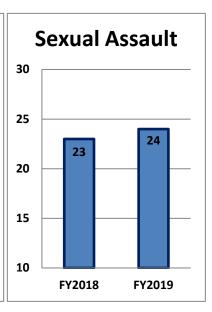
A decrease in the number of robberies reported can be seen in FY2019. The number in overall robberies dropped in FY19 with 4 being reported. There was a slight change in armed robberies as numbers increased from 1 in FY18 to 2 in FY19 both with knives.

## Rape/Sexual Assault

Reports of sexual assault increased in FY2019. In FY2018 there were **23** reports of sexual assault in Beverly compared to **24** in FY2019. Reports of Rape also saw a decrease in FY19 down from **11** in FY18 to **6**.









# **PROPERTY CRIME DATA**

In FY2019, the City of Beverly experienced a **19%** decrease in overall property crimes, from **452** incidents in FY2018 to **368**.

## **Burglary**

The number of burglaries decreased 36% from 42 in FY2018 to 27 in FY2019.

## Larceny

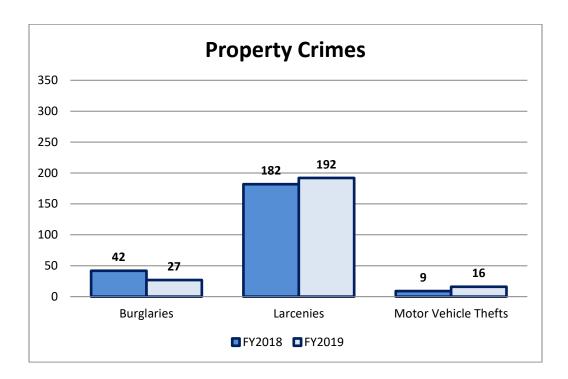
In comparison to burglaries, the number of larcenies reported increased 5% from 182 in FY2018 to 192 in FY2019.

## **Motor Vehicle Thefts**

Motor vehicle thefts increased by 7 in FY19, from **9** in FY2018 to **16** in FY2019. Compared to the past five years, motor vehicle thefts in FY2019 were **39**% below average.

#### **Arsons**

There were no reported incidents of arson in FY2019, this is a slight change from 1 in FY2018. This is consistent with the average of the last five years.





# **JUVENILE CRIME DATA**

#### **Juvenile Arrests**

Juvenile arrests in FY2018 decreased from FY2018 going from **13** to **10** in FY2019. Of the **10** juvenile arrests in FY2019, **60%** occurred between the hours of 8am and 4pm while **40%** took place between 4pm and Midnight. In contrast, the hours of Midnight to 8am accounted for **0%** of all juvenile arrests.

## **Juvenile Drug Arrests**

Juvenile drug arrests decreased in FY2019, from 1 to 0 reported juvenile drug arrest in FY2019.

## **Juvenile Missing Reports**

In FY2019, a large increase can be seen involving the number of juveniles reported missing. There were **55** reports of missing juveniles in FY2019 which is a **300%** increase compared to **14** in FY2018. This large increase can be attributed to new group home facilities which opened in the city on Broadway.

