



# Public Safety & Transportation Committee Report

## City of Newton In City Council

**Wednesday, December 6, 2023**

Present: Councilors Downs (Chair), Malakie, Lucas, Grossman, Markiewicz, Lipof and Oliver

Absent: Councilor Bowman

Also Present: Councilors Kelley, Greenberg, Wright, and Norton

City Staff: Sergeant Michael Wade and Chief John Carmichael, Newton Police Department; Assistant City Solicitor Jonah Temple; Jini Fairley, ADA Coordinator and Jonathan Yeo, Chief Operating Officer

Others Present: King Belin, Operations Manager, VPNE Transportation Solutions, LLC. and NewTV

For more information regarding this meeting, a video recording can be found at the following link:

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**#67-22      Requesting regular discussion with the Police Department**  
**COUNCILOR DOWNS** requesting regular discussion with the Police Department of police data, including crashes, types of calls, numbers and dispositions.  
**Public Safety & Transportation Held 8-0 on 01/05/22**  
**Public Safety & Transportation Held 6-0 on 03/23/22 (Councilor Oliver not voting)**  
**Public Safety & Transportation Held 6-0 on 09/08/22**  
**Public Safety & Transportation Held 7-0 on 12/07/22**  
**Public Safety & Transportation Held 7-0 on 01/18/23 (Councilor Grossman not voting)**  
**Public Safety & Transportation Held 7-0 on 03/22/23**  
**Action:      Public Safety & Transportation voted No Action Necessary 7-0**

**Note:** Chief Carmichael joined the Committee.

Chair Downs stated that tonight, we will discuss the annual and comparison data on crime, crashes, hate incidents 2019-2023 to date. She asked Chief Carmichael to summarize his PowerPoint presentation and asked if any particular item is concerning.

Chief Carmichael provided 2023 graphs on crime stats, crashes, arrests, OUIs, domestics, citation demographics for Newton only, citation demographics generally, domestic disputes and mental health calls as of November 30, 2023, attached.

Homicides - In the calendar year, we had 4 homicides in the city. The reason why you see 2 in the statistics is because when we report to the National Incident Based Reporting System, we report the incident and not the number of victims. We know we had two incidents with 4 victims and 1 victim in total.

Sexual Assaults - Down from the prior year, a 43% decrease.

Robbery - Down 8 robberies to 6, a 25% decrease.

Aggravated Assaults – Same as 2022 at 44.

Residential and Commercial Burglaries – During COVID, residential burglaries jumped significantly. Those have dropped in 2023 compared to 2022. Residential burglaries were 16 compared to 42 in 2022. Commercial burglaries rose from 19 in 2022 to 25 in 2023. Residential burglaries are down 62% but commercial burglaries are up 32%.

Larcenies (including car breaks) – Are down 22%.

Car Breaks – Down 19%.

Motor Vehicle Theft – Up 109%. It's almost a crime of opportunity or need where many of the motor vehicle thefts are cars stolen, used, and then abandoned.

Total Violent Crime – Down 7%, despite the homicides. Violent crimes include aggravated assault, assault & battery. These don't include domestic violence incidents.

Total Property Crime - Down 21%.

Total Part 1 Crime -Down 20%. Part 1 crimes are serious crimes including homicide, sexual assault, robbery, breaking and entering and burglary.

Pedestrian Crashes, Bicycle Crashes and Total Crashes: Pedestrian crashes up 1, 40 this year. Bicycle crashes down 7, a 26% decrease. Total car crashes down 46, a 4% decrease. But all the crashes reported go only through November, whereas 2022 crashes are for the entire year. We received traffic safety grants again this year. We will use the grants to concentrate on some of

the higher crash areas. We will do pedestrian crossing enforcement and with our consultant we will create videos and public safety awareness campaigns.

OUI Incidents – Down to 17 in 2023, from 22 in 2022, a 23% decrease.

Domestic Violence Incidents – Down to 193 in 2023, from 244 in 2022, a 21% decrease.

Citations by Race (ALL)– 3189 warnings and 498 citations and Citations by Race (City of Newton Residents ONLY) – 1185 warnings and 147 citations. This data is reported to the state. Based on the hands-free law, every department of the Commonwealth is required to report all data on and demographics for arrest citations and warnings. The state through EOPS, Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, create a report every year. There's also changes in how we report on arrests during the booking process. We've had to change some practices when booking people, we had to add gender and how people self-report gender at the time of booking. We collect that data and submit it to the state. The state is still setting up the system.

Arrests by Race (ALL) 189 and Arrests by Race (City of Newton Residents ONLY) 100. Many times, we make an arrest on domestic violence related incidents. On others, we seek alternatives on arrest such as restorative justice and diverting cases to the POP Unit (problem-oriented policing unit).

Domestic Related Incidents (By type and relationship) - 193 incidents. We saw many issues and increases in 2020 because of the pandemic. This has declined from 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023. The trend continues to go down.

Mental Health Related Calls – Increased in 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023.

**Questions and answers:**

Is the department doing anything to lower the number of burglaries? Chief Carmichael answered statistics show reported incidents. We do outreach encouraging people to report incidents so that we get accurate statistics. We see different trends with different crimes.

Are we seeing shifts in which intersections are more troublesome for pedestrian and bicycle crashes or has it been consistent over the past few years? Traffic safety grants allow us to focus on areas we identify as high crash areas. I do not have the locations of pedestrian and bicycle crashes available tonight, but will provide. When we talk about pedestrian and bicycle crashes, it is not always the car operator at fault. Chair Downs added that it's very often the infrastructure, which doesn't allow safe interactions at some intersections or road stretches.

Is there a difference in crash numbers between regular bikes and power assist bikes? Chief Carmichael answered that power bikes are concerning. Many times, young children are riding them. They are under 50 cc's and in Massachusetts, when a when a vehicle such as that is under 50 cc's, there's no need for a permit or driver's license. I'll call them a vehicle, but they

technically don't meet the definition of a vehicle. Many times, they don't follow traffic signals or road rules. They are included in some of our bicycle crash data. They seem to be a trend that will continue to rise.

Is there an option to license power assist bikes locally, even if the state doesn't require it? Chief Carmichael answered that City Council can regulate them.

Does 50 cc refer to the engine size? Chief Carmichael answered yes, all power assist bikes are electric. If they're not driving appropriately, we stop and chat because there's no regulations on them.

Is there an explanation for the rise of commercial burglaries or are they random without a specific cause and are they solvable? Chief Carmichael answered that it is random. They are solvable when there's physical or video evidence left behind.

On the police webpage, the last crash report posted is dated July 5, 2023. Could this be updated? Chief Carmichael answered yes, we will reinstate all reports. We have been experiencing issues with our website and design. The IT Director and bureau will be working on the different aspects. We've been concentrating on updating our critical infrastructure—computers, connections, etc.

Can we attribute the domestic violence decreases to our prevention efforts and collaboration with our social worker? Chief Carmichael answered that he would attribute some decreases in repeat offenses with the POP Unit. The POP Unit has been doing tremendous work in dealing with mental health calls, homelessness, and people in housing. Of the domestic violence incidents, there were 42 arrests, 12 were summons and several warrants. The majority did not result in an arrest. Years ago, the law was amended to address strangulation and suffocation, because the state was seeing an increase in that in domestic calls.

Regarding race breakdown, is that how people self-identify and can only pick one category, so they are not counted? Chief Carmichael answered no, they don't self-identify. Departments are trying to make it a requirement on a driver's license. The law has it based on what the officer perceives and not based on how the person identifies.

Please provide the stats on incidents of hate. Chief Carmichael answered that he did not have this information available tonight, but will provide. This year, there were a total of 46 incidents. We are seeing an increase in antisemitic and bias incidents. We have met with different groups to get information out, because there is a lot of apprehension and fear. Our biggest concerns are going to be violence and "lone wolf" extremists, people who decide to act upon their own beliefs upon another person or group. I have been to multiple briefings with the Terrorism Task Force, and that's the heightened concern. There are no actual concerns in the city that we're aware of. We mostly see banner drops, stickers, graffiti, and property destruction. With a

community policing type of response, our goal is to meet with different groups, bring groups together to ensure people aren't being splintered. We concentrate on overall safety.

Without further discussion, Councilor Oliver made a motion to vote no action necessary. Committee members agreed 7-0.

**#236-23 Discussion regarding safety measures in Newton Public Schools**  
COUNCILORS LIPOF, LAREDO, DANBERG, KALIS, MALAKIE, RYAN, GROSSMAN, WRIGHT, LUCAS, OLIVER, KRINTZMAN AND ALBRIGHT requesting a discussion with the Chief of Police and pertinent staff to discuss the current training and protocols in place for safety preparedness in Newton Schools, ensuring a safe and secure environment for Newton students.

**Action:** Public Safety & Transportation voted No Action Necessary 7-0

**Note:** Chief Carmichael joined the Committee.

Chief Carmichael stated that he appreciates this request, especially with the violence in other parts of the country. For approximately four years, the city has a protocol where I've been in contact with Superintendent Nolan where we have a good state of readiness and preparedness in the schools. We have protocols that deal with red flags and shared information through our MOU (memorandum of understanding) giving us the ability to share information between the police and schools during school hours and outside of school. Based on the new police reform law, the police and the school share certain information. The police are not involved in disciplinary issues in the school, we give a lot of oversight to the school. A concern when I first came to Newton was open campus. Since Superintendent Nolan has been here, she has secured that at the two high schools. We're going to continue to strategize on any weaknesses in our training, what we're doing and where we're going.

I am a strong supporter of the ALICE Program (alert, lockdown, inform, counter, and evacuate), a critical incident response system that can be applied from a small disturbance to an active shooter. The protocol we use is very similar to ALICE, it includes the terms run hide, fight, which is what we would use in critical incidents. We discussed the best measure for training and how do we know that we are ready and prepared for certain issues? The way to do that, is simply asking staff, teachers, or people what do we do if this happens? If there's hesitation, we need to work on it. We need to make sure people are aware of and understand the protocol. Preparedness is very important.

The department has ALICE trained officers who train different organizations within the city. As far as the police response, we are well equipped and well trained to deal with any type of critical incident that occurs in our schools. We have a unified response with the Fire Department and use a program called ASHER (active shooter hostile event response). We work with the Fire Department in the event of a major critical incident. We have triage areas and officers trained to respond to make entry and stop the threat immediately. If that zone turns

from hot to warm, we have protocols in place through ASHER. The old protocol was that fire would stage in a certain location and would remain until that zone is cold and move on. A lot of that shifted now because of the unfortunate situations seen across the country.

Without discussion, Councilor Markiewicz made a motion to vote no action necessary. Committee members agreed 7-0.

**#405-23      Requesting renewal of bus license for Lasell University**  
VPNE PARKING SOLUTIONS, LLC. requesting biennial **renewal of one (1) bus license** for Lasell University. There are no changes proposed from the 2021 license.

**Action:**      **Public Safety & Transportation Approved 7-0**

**Note:**          Mr. Belin and Sergeant Wade joined the Committee.

Sergeant Wade stated that there have been no issues or complaints received.

Without discussion, Councilor Markiewicz made a motion to approve this biennial bus license request. Committee members agreed 7-0.

**#406-23      Requesting new public auto license**  
RALPH THOMAS, 50 Bowers Street, Newtonville, MA 02460 requesting **one (1) new public auto license** for Saito Trading, LLC.

**Action:**      **Public Safety & Transportation Approved 6-0-1, Councilor Downs abstaining**

**Note:**          Mr. Thomas did not attend tonight's discussion. Sergeant Wade joined the Committee.

Sergeant Wade stated that the vehicle was inspected and passed all the requirements.

Without discussion, Councilor Lucas made a motion to approve this new public auto request. Committee members agreed 6-0-1, Councilor Downs abstaining.

***Docket items #407-23 through #412-23 were discussed together. Please refer to docket #412-23 for discussion of these items.***

**#407-23      Requesting renewal of public auto license**  
ISMAIL UNKOC, 184 River Street, West Newton, MA 02465 requesting **renewal of one (1) public auto license** for Izmo Limo, LLC.

**Action:**      **Public Safety & Transportation Approved 7-0**

**#408-23 Requesting renewal of public auto license**  
MICHAEL GIMMELFARB, 274 Dedham Street, Newton, MA 02461 requesting renewal of one (1) public auto license for American Truck & Equipment Sales, LLC.

**Action: Public Safety & Transportation Approved 7-0**

**#409-23 Requesting renewal of public auto license**  
RAJIV KUMAR, 2323 Washington Street, Apt. #G3, Newton, MA 02462 requesting renewal of one (1) public auto license for Om Sai Enterprises Inc.

**Action: Public Safety & Transportation Approved 7-0**

**#410-23 Requesting renewal of public auto license**  
DHANRAJ MAHASE, 275 Grove Street, 2-400, Newton, MA 02466 requesting renewal of one (1) public auto license for MHS Worldwide, LLC.

**Action: Public Safety & Transportation Approved 7-0**

**#411-23 Requesting renewal of public auto license**  
LAHCENE BELHOUCHE, 32 Adams Street, Newton, MA 02460 requesting renewal of one (1) public auto license for Boston Cool Ride Limo Inc.

**Action: Public Safety & Transportation Approved 7-0**

**#412-23 Requesting renewal of public auto license**  
DONALD LAPLANTE, 21 Parker Street, Newton Centre, MA 02459 requesting renewal of one (1) public auto license for Don's Car Service.

**Action: Public Safety & Transportation Approved 7-0**

**Note:** Sergeant Wade joined the Committee.

Sergeant Wade stated that no complaints have been received. All vehicles have been inspected within the required timeframe within the last year.

Without discussion, Councilor Oliver made a motion to approve these public auto renewals. Committee members agreed 7-0.

**#371-23 Requesting a discussion with the Administration about overnight on-street parking during the winter parking ban for people with disability placards.**  
COUNCILORS DOWNS, LUCAS, HUMPHREY, KELLEY, GREENBERG, OLIVER, ALBRIGHT, WRIGHT, KRINTZMAN, MALAKIE, GROSSMAN AND RYAN requesting a discussion with the Administration about overnight on-street parking during the winter parking ban for people with disability placards.

**Action: Public Safety & Transportation voted No Action Necessary 7-0**

**Note:** Sergeant Wade, Ms. Fairley and Mr. Yeo joined the Committee.

Ms. Fairley stated that some people with valid placards/plates and disabilities are not able to walk the distance to/from a municipal parking lot or may need their car for an emergency overnight. Some residents also have steep driveways that they can't navigate in winter. She asks for a reasonable accommodation for these individuals from the Police Department. She asks residents with placards for their license, plate number, make, model and color of car and where approximately it'll be parked overnight if they can't be parked off street. People don't know they can make this request. It is necessary to publicize this information.

Chair Downs stated that this is an informal program and one of the goals is to create a more formal program, at least in the interim when we have the winter overnight parking ban. Committee members in our most recent discussions expressed an interest to try to make the system more accommodating to people with disabilities.

Sergeant Wade stated that giving blanket permission for people with placards/plates to park in the street is very logistically hard for the officers. With snow, frost, leaves on the windshield, the officers are not able to see handicap placards. We do not want officers clearing off portions of windshields due to possible risks of scratching a windshield, etc. Most times, officers do not exit their vehicles to issue tickets, tickets are placed in the door jam, because it's easier and safer especially in the winter. When Ms. Fairley requests consideration, the plate and vehicle are entered into the system. When the officers come in, they check their complaint and consideration streets and know which vehicle is allowed to be on the street. To make a blanket policy, officers would have to check every single vehicle that is on a street to see if they are exempt due to their placard/plate. Logistically, it would make it extremely difficult and very time consuming. Captain Doucette and I have conferred on the current system and prefer to keep it this way.

**Questions, answers, and comments:**

How many considerations are issued per year? How difficult is it for the department and Ms. Fairley to make these accommodations? Ms. Fairley answered that it is not a lot of work. We issue between 6-12 per year. It would be a better system to allow those with a placard/plate to receive a reasonable accommodation.

How many people with placards/plates do you think would take advantage of this if it were automatic now? Ms. Fairley answered that is difficult to answer. The high percentage of the adult population most likely have the need but don't know how and where to request this accommodation. Traffic Council approves accessible parking spaces for people with accessible placards/plates. I do not know how many accessible parking spaces are on the street. When people receive an accessible space in front of their home, they are informed that they cannot park on the street during the overnight winter parking ban.

Is it the process or the volume of placards that is challenging? Sergeant Wade answered that the department does not handout placards. Placards are issued by the RMV. We do not issue placards for street parking during the overnight winter parking ban. We used to use stickers on



the windshield but those were difficult to see. This year, the municipal lot sticker colors have changed, people are required to put the sticker on their dash making visibility easier.

I am sensitive to the needs of the disabled but also the requirements of policing the program.

How many RMV issued placards/plates are in the city? Ms. Fairley answered that question should be directed to the RMV or the Police Department. She has had no luck contacting the RMV.

How many dedicated accessible spaces are on public streets? Chair Downs answered that she did not know and would request this information from Mr. Koses. Sgt. Wade added that the accessible parking spaces are listed in the Traffic and Parking Regulations (TPR). Chair Downs added that Traffic Council removes them if they're no longer used, the number doesn't grow exponentially.

It is necessary to think about the cost benefit. What's the volume of activity and how do we find a solution. We don't have many patrol officers out in the city. Their primary job is to be first responders. If we grant this, you'll open the door to "well anybody with a placard/plate can now park on the street during the winter overnight parking ban." The volume will dictate how much effort you can put into resolving it.

Mr. Yeo stated that we thought about ways to try to formalize this with software. It's simple enough with Ms. Fairley's judgement as well. The system works well but we have some challenges. We need to formalize it and publicize it. Ms. Fairley and the Police will continue to work on and improve.

Ms. Fairley stated that Brookline does not allow on street parking overnight, year-round. Officers do look for the placard. Perhaps it's more difficult in the winter months. I've asked how they do it. I think it is automatic if a placard is hanging, they don't issue a ticket. I don't think it's going to be that many people in Newton, it won't open any floodgates.

Without further discussion, Councilor Markiewicz made a motion to vote no action necessary. Committee members agreed 7-0.

**#282-23**      **Discussion and ordinance change to Section 19-49 Temporary Parking Permits**  
COUNCILORS NORTON, LUCAS AND ALBRIGHT requesting discussion and ordinance change to **Section 19-49 Temporary Parking Permits**, to give police more discretion in distributing temporary permits and reduce hardships especially on tradespersons and contractors.

**Action:**      **Public Safety & Transportation Approved 7-0**

**Note:**          Sergeant Wade, Attorney Temple and Councilor Norton joined the Committee.

Councilor Norton stated that she docketed this item because a resident with an extensive home improvement project contacted her. The road has a two-hour parking restriction and the contractors kept receiving tickets. When the resident contacted the Police Department requesting a parking permit for the contractor, she was informed that the permits could not be given to override a two-hour parking restriction due to the specifics of the City Ordinance. Officers suggested contractors park on a nearby street and walk.

The Law Department communicated that they thought the Police has the discretion to waive the parking requirements in that scenario. The draft ordinance language proposes to give the Police more discretion granting parking waivers in areas with parking restrictions, areas that allow parking but not all the time and not in areas where parking is never allowed, such as accessible parking spaces.

Sergeant Wade stated that he spoke to the resident. I support allowing tradespeople to park in front of a house. The department has frequent problems with contractors wanting parking permits because they have to work at a home. We don't have an issue with overriding the no parking during certain times. There are several reasons why a parking restriction is in place including commuters and students. We were told we can't override no parking. If there are two-hour limits, we can override. We will judge on a case-by-case basis. If the street is too narrow, we won't allow it because it will cause a safety problem. The department does not have a problem with a change as long as we can override it on a case-by-case basis under certain circumstances. The way we read the ordinance and speaking with the Law Department we don't have the discretion right now. We have discretion if it is a two-hour parking or three-hour parking restriction, but with strict no parking we don't have the discretion. The department also has problems with many contractors doing long term work. The ordinance states we can only provide these permits for three to four months without permission from the Chief to extend it. Perhaps in the future, this Committee can address this issue. After three to four months, we are in a jam. When contractors come in, they are issued a permit for 30 days. They must return every 30 days to renew. We won't issue a permit for six months at a time.

**Questions, answers, and comments:**

Has Mr. Koses reviewed this draft language? Councilor Norton answered yes, he provided the draft language. She then stated that if removing a limitation of the time restriction would be helpful, I would support.

It should be necessary for contractors to return after four months requesting a renewal permit at the Police discretion. Sergeant Wade stated that if we do suspect a contractor abusing a long-term permit, an officer makes a visit to ensure work is still being done. We don't suspect a lot of permit abusers.

Councilor Norton stated that she doesn't have data, but her sense is that the ability to park on a street is probably the least critical reason that a project is extended.

Attorney Temple stated that he worked closely with both Sergeant Wade and Mr. Koses on this draft ordinance language.

Without further discussion, Councilor Lucas made a motion to approve this item. Committee members agreed 7-0.

**#351-23 Requesting change in the overnight winter parking ban ordinance to allow folks who have permits be able to park in city lots during snow emergencies**

COUNCILORS GREENBERG AND DOWNS requesting change in the overnight winter parking ban ordinance to allow folks who have permits be able to park in city lots during snow emergencies. To begin this winter 2023.

**Action:** Public Safety & Transportation voted No Action Necessary 6-0, Councilor Lipof not voting

**Note:** Sergeant Wade, Ms. Fairley, Mr. Yeo, and Councilor Kelley joined the Committee.

Chair Downs stated that the item was docketed because people purchase overnight parking permits if they don't have a driveway or a place to park and are allowed to park in municipal lots. When we have a snow emergency, they have no place to park because their cars must be moved to plow the municipal lot. Are there any other lots that could be used?

Mr. Yeo stated that the village center lots are important for a variety of reasons, and it's not feasible to do separate plowing for those lots. We would be interested and willing to talk about more remote parking lots, maybe some of the larger park parking lots but this may present challenges and could create significant additional cost to the city. We're willing to look at some lots to allow people to park. It may mean, it could be further away from their home and present some logistical challenges. I understand the frustration, but we do need to be able to plow the municipal lots while we are plowing the streets.

Chair Downs stated that we'd love to be able to solve this, but it'll take some time to go check all the park parking lots and see how all that works.

Sergeant Wade stated that the municipal parking lot permits are free. This is a big problem because everyone asks where do I park when there's a snow emergency? We have no answer. If this problem is solved, it will make it easier in the Traffic Bureau.

**Questions, answers, and comments:**

Should the cost of permits increase to offset the cost of plowing the municipal lots?

Is the number of permits available? Sergeant Wade answered approximately 200-250 permits.

What are the reasons we issue permits? Sergeant Wade answered many from the Nonantum area, Chapel Street and Adam Street residents who do not have parking. The Chapel Street lot

is full. We receive many requests for the Adams Street, Austin Street and Langley Road lots. We started issuing permits for the Lexington Street lot and Chestnut Street lot by the depot in Upper Falls. There is a rush for permits in November and December.

I suggest we review how Waltham and Needham are able to provide parking in their municipal lots and manage the plowing the next morning. How do we schedule plowing while allowing people to park in them; other towns and cities are doing it.

Are permits issued for a specific lot? How many spaces are in a lot? How many permits are issued for a lot? Sergeant Wade answered the lots kept track of because they are very limited are Chapel Street, Adams Street and Cherry Street. I do not have the number of spaces available. When a resident requests a permit, they complete a form including their name, address, phone number and license plate. Many times, residents express concern that they have a guest coming and ask where will they park? They are informed to park their own car in the municipal lot and allow your guest to park in your driveway.

Do you issue more permits for a lot than you have spaces for? Sergeant Wade answered no.

Do people have to provide a reason why they need a municipal lot permit? Sergeant Wade answered no, only proof of registration and plate number.

Ms. Fairley asked if people do not leave the lot at 7:00 a.m. how are they ticketed? What if they do not have a permit and how difficult is it to ticket them? Sergeant Wade answered that the colored placards are on the dash. Parking control officers begin at 8:00 a.m., we inform people they can park to 8 a.m. If they are parked in a two-hour space, they can pay and stay an extra two hours until 10:00 a.m.

Without further discussion, Councilor Oliver made a motion to vote No Action Necessary. Committee members agreed 6-0, Councilor Lipof not voting.

The Committee adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Andreae Downs, Chair**



# 2023 Part 1 Crime Stats (as of 11/30)

## Murder

	2022	2023	Diff	% Change
Jan	0	0	0	0%
Feb	0	0	0	0%
Mar	0	0	0	0%
Apr	0	0	0	0%
May	0	0	0	0%
Jun	0	1	1	100%
Jul	0	1	1	100%
Aug	0	0	0	0%
Sep	1	0	-1	0%
Oct	0	0	0	0%
Nov	0	0	0	0%
Dec	0	0	0	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>100%</b>

## Sexual Assaults

	2022	2023	Diff	% Change
Jan	0	3	3	300%
Feb	2	0	-2	-100%
Mar	0	0	0	0%
Apr	0	0	0	0%
May	0	0	0	0%
Jun	0	1	1	100%
Jul	1	0	-1	0%
Aug	1	0	0	0%
Sep	0	0	0	0%
Oct	1	0	0	-100%
Nov	1	0	0	-100%
Dec	1	0	0	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-43%</b>

## Robbery

	2022	2023	Diff	% Change
Jan	0	1	1	100%
Feb	2	0	-2	-100%
Mar	0	1	1	100%
Apr	0	1	1	100%
May	0	0	0	0%
Jun	2	2	0	0%
Jul	1	0	-1	-100%
Aug	0	0	0	0%
Sep	1	0	-1	-100%
Oct	1	1	0	0%
Nov	1	0	-1	-100%
Dec	0	0	0	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>-2</b>	<b>-25%</b>

## Aggravated Assaults

	2022	2023	Diff	% Change
Jan	5	3	-2	-40%
Feb	2	3	1	50%
Mar	3	9	6	200%
Apr	3	5	2	67%
May	3	3	0	0%
Jun	1	3	2	200%
Jul	8	5	-3	-38%
Aug	3	1	-2	-67%
Sep	5	2	-3	-60%
Oct	5	8	3	60%
Nov	5	2	-3	-60%
Dec	1	0	-1	-100%
<b>Total</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>

## Residential Burglary

	2022	2023	Diff	% Change
Jan	5	2	-3	-60%
Feb	2	1	-1	-50%
Mar	2	0	-2	-100%
Apr	3	2	-1	-33%
May	4	1	-3	-75%
Jun	3	4	1	33%
Jul	4	1	-3	-75%
Aug	2	0	-2	-100%
Sep	5	2	-3	-60%
Oct	5	2	-3	-60%
Nov	2	1	-1	-50%
Dec	5	0	-5	-100%
<b>Total</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>-26</b>	<b>-62%</b>

## Commercial Burglary

	2022	2023	Diff	% Change
Jan	1	2	1	100%
Feb	1	1	0	0%
Mar	8	3	-5	-63%
Apr	1	1	0	0%
May	0	2	2	#DIV/0!
Jun	0	3	3	#DIV/0!
Jul	1	3	2	200%
Aug	2	3	1	50%
Sep	0	3	3	#DIV/0!
Oct	0	4	4	#DIV/0!
Nov	2	0	-2	-100%
Dec	3	0	-3	-100%
<b>Total</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>32%</b>



# 2023 Part 1 Crime Stats (Con't)

## Total Larceny (Including Car Breaks)

	2022	2023	Diff	% Change
Jan	28	29	1	4%
Feb	35	20	-15	-43%
Mar	33	40	7	21%
Apr	47	29	-18	-38%
May	45	39	-6	-13%
Jun	39	41	2	5%
Jul	44	32	-12	-27%
Aug	56	42	-14	-25%
Sep	44	38	-6	-14%
Oct	38	35	-3	-8%
Nov	55	45	-10	-18%
Dec	39		-39	-100%
<b>Total</b>	<b>503</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>-113</b>	<b>-22%</b>

## Car Breaks

	2022	2023	Diff	% Change
Jan	5	4	-1	-20%
Feb	6	1	-5	-83%
Mar	4	8	4	100%
Apr	3	3	0	0%
May	4	14	10	250%
Jun	9	8	-1	-11%
Jul	18	5	-13	-72%
Aug	3	5	2	67%
Sep	11	4	-7	-64%
Oct	7	3	-4	-57%
Nov	7	9	2	29%
Dec	2		-2	-100%
<b>Total</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>-15</b>	<b>-19%</b>

## Motor Vehicle Theft

	2022	2023	Diff	% Change
Jan	0	2	2	300%
Feb	1	0	-1	-100%
Mar	0	2	2	100%
Apr	1	3	2	100%
May	2	4	2	100%
Jun	1	1	0	100%
Jul	2	2	0	100%
Aug	0	2	2	100%
Sep	4	2	-2	100%
Oct	0	4	4	100%
Nov	0	1	1	100%
Dec	0		0	100%
<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>109%</b>

## Total Violent Crime

	2022	2023	Diff	% Change
Jan	5	7	2	40%
Feb	6	3	-3	-50%
Mar	3	10	7	233%
Apr	3	6	3	100%
May	3	3	0	0%
Jun	3	7	4	133%
Jul	10	6	-4	-40%
Aug	4	1	-3	-75%
Sep	7	2	-5	-71%
Oct	7	9	2	29%
Nov	7	2	-5	-71%
Dec	2	0	-2	-100%
<b>Total</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>-4</b>	<b>-7%</b>

## Total Property Crime

	2022	2023	Diff	% Change
Jan	34	35	1	3%
Feb	39	22	-17	-44%
Mar	43	45	2	5%
Apr	52	35	-17	-33%
May	51	46	-5	-10%
Jun	43	49	6	14%
Jul	51	38	-13	-25%
Aug	60	47	-13	-22%
Sep	53	45	-8	-15%
Oct	43	45	2	5%
Nov	59	47	-12	-20%
Dec	47	0	-47	-100%
<b>Total</b>	<b>575</b>	<b>454</b>	<b>-121</b>	<b>-21%</b>

## Total Part 1 Crime

	2022	2023	Diff	% Change
Jan	39	42	3	8%
Feb	45	25	-20	-44%
Mar	46	55	9	20%
Apr	55	41	-14	-25%
May	54	49	-5	-9%
Jun	46	56	10	22%
Jul	61	44	-17	-28%
Aug	64	48	-16	-25%
Sep	60	47	-13	-22%
Oct	50	54	4	8%
Nov	66	49	-17	-26%
Dec	49	0	-49	-100%
<b>Total</b>	<b>635</b>	<b>510</b>	<b>-125</b>	<b>-20%</b>



# 2023 Crash/Arrest/OUI/Domestics

## Pedestrian Crashes

	2022	2023	Diff	% Change
Jan	2	8	6	300%
Feb	2	8	6	300%
Mar	2	3	1	50%
Apr	2	5	3	0%
May	0	0	0	0%
Jun	6	1	-5	0%
Jul	3	0	-3	0%
Aug	2	2	0	0%
Sep	0	5	5	0%
Oct	5	3	-2	0%
Nov	5	5	0	0%
Dec	10		-10	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3%</b>

## Bicycle Crashes

	2022	2023	Diff	% Change
Jan	0	1	1	200%
Feb	2	2	0	200%
Mar	0	0	0	0%
Apr	1	1	0	0%
May	2	5	3	0%
Jun	2	2	0	0%
Jul	2	3	1	0%
Aug	3	2	-1	0%
Sep	5	0	-5	0%
Oct	2	0	-2	0%
Nov	7	4	-3	0%
Dec	1		-1	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>-7</b>	<b>-26%</b>

## Total Car Crashes

	2022	2023	Diff	% Change
Jan	84	133	49	58%
Feb	101	86	-15	-15%
Mar	72	84	12	17%
Apr	96	83	-13	0%
May	112	107	-5	0%
Jun	116	98	-18	0%
Jul	93	102	9	0%
Aug	90	105	15	0%
Sep	106	110	4	0%
Oct	109	132	23	0%
Nov	119	117	-2	0%
Dec	105		-105	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1203</b>	<b>1157</b>	<b>-46</b>	<b>-4%</b>

## Total Arrests

	2022	2023	Diff	% Change
Jan	17	18	1	6%
Feb	18	13	-5	-28%
Mar	9	21	12	133%
Apr	19	15	-4	0%
May	16	14	-2	0%
Jun	15	13	-2	0%
Jul	19	25	6	0%
Aug	19	24	5	0%
Sep	28	11	-17	0%
Oct	20	20	0	0%
Nov	17	15	-2	0%
Dec	15		-15	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>-23</b>	<b>-11%</b>

## OUI Incidents

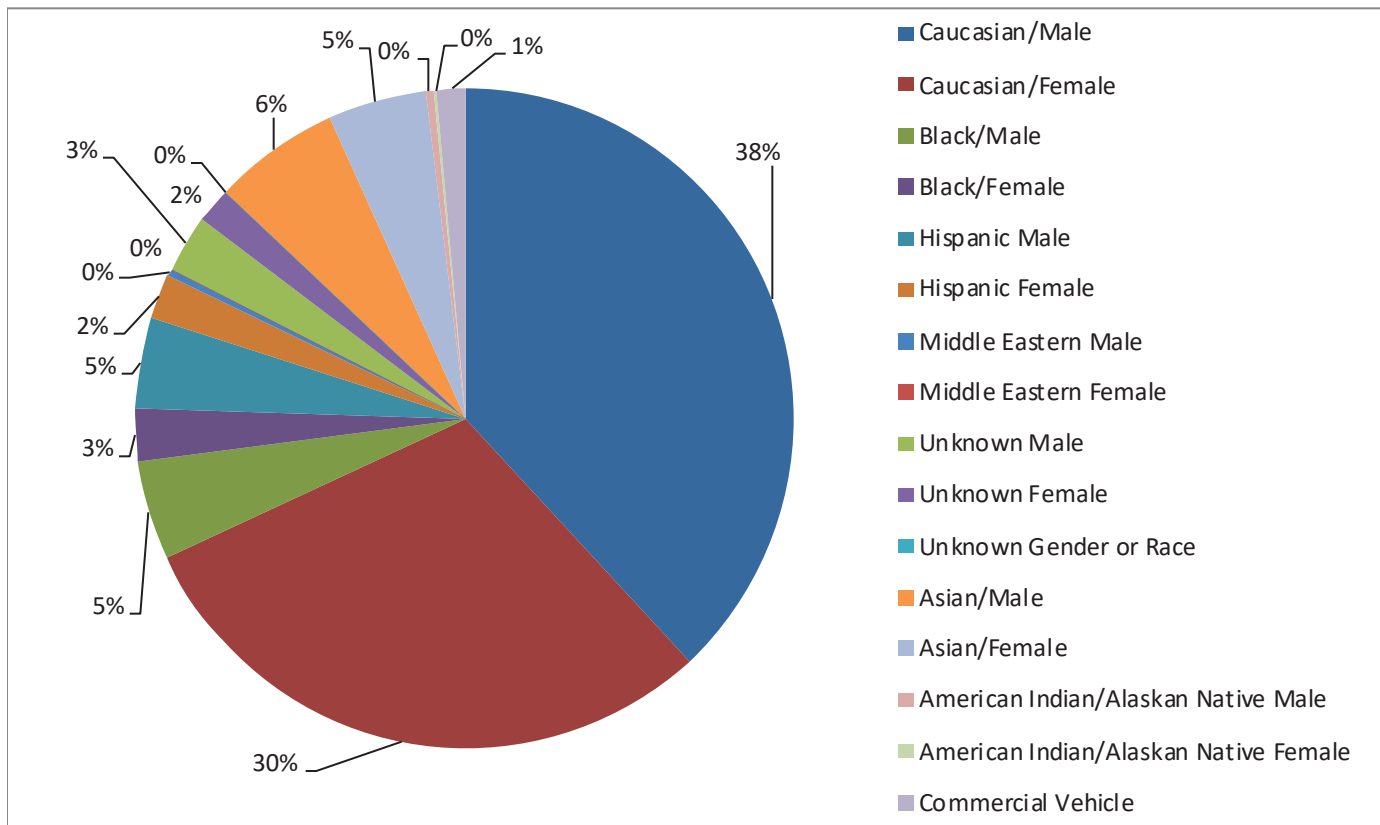
	2022	2023	Diff	% Change
Jan	2	2	0	0%
Feb	3	1	-2	-67%
Mar	4	4	0	0%
Apr	3	1	-2	-67%
May	3	1	-2	-67%
Jun	1	0	-1	-100%
Jul	2	0	-2	-100%
Aug	1	7	6	600%
Sep	1	0	-1	-100%
Oct	1	1	0	0%
Nov	1	0	-1	-100%
Dec	0		0	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>-5</b>	<b>-23%</b>

## Domestic Violence Incidents

	2022	2023	Diff	% Change
Jan	27	19	-8	-30%
Feb	21	10	-11	-52%
Mar	15	20	5	33%
Apr	14	22	8	57%
May	28	23	-5	-18%
Jun	22	16	-6	-27%
Jul	23	18	-5	-22%
Aug	19	26	7	37%
Sep	21	10	-11	-52%
Oct	12	14	2	17%
Nov	24	15	-9	-38%
Dec	18		-18	-100%
<b>Total</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>-51</b>	<b>-21%</b>

# Newton Police Citations by Race

January 1, 2023 to November 30, 2023



**2023**

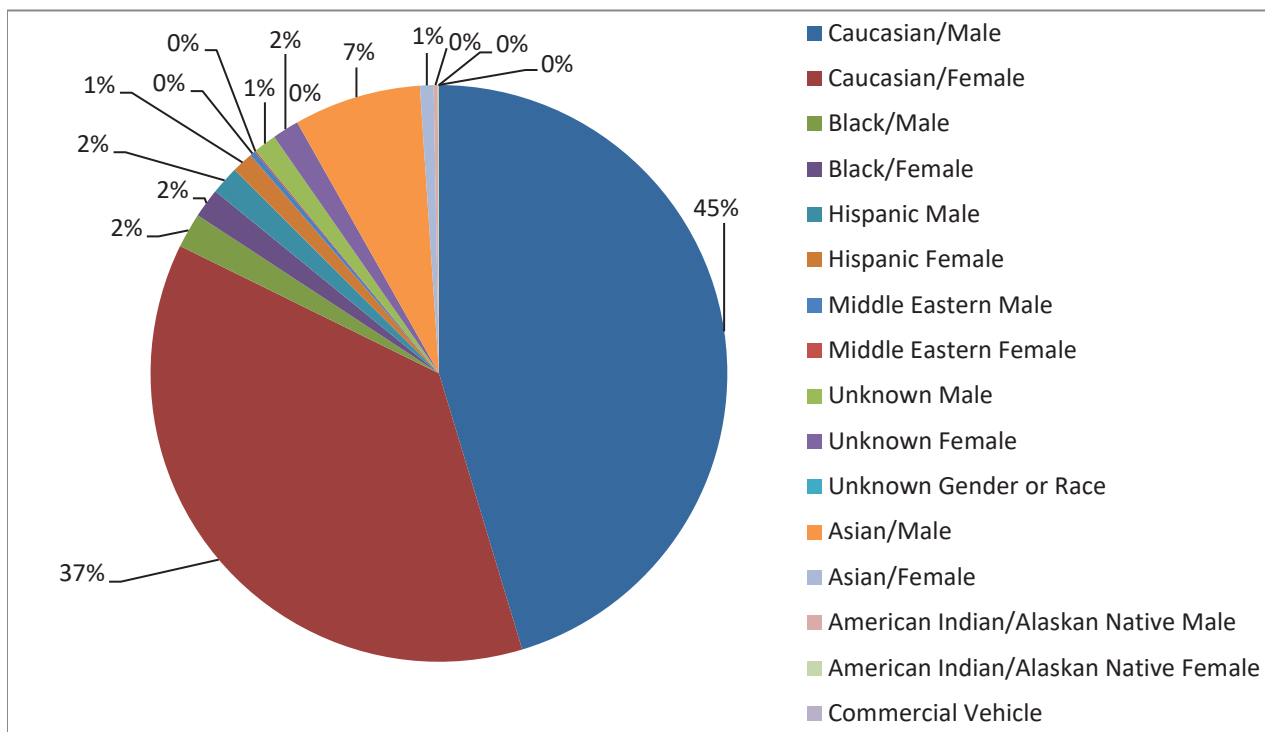
Race/Sex	Warnings	Citations	Total
Caucasian/Male	1236	171	1407
Caucasian/Female	1002	99	1101
Black/Male	136	42	178
Black/Female	79	16	95
Hispanic Male	101	67	168
Hispanic Female	56	22	78
Middle Eastern Male	11	2	13
Middle Eastern Female	1	0	1
Unknown Male	92	12	104
Unknown Female	59	2	61
Unknown Gender or Race	3	2	5
Asian/Male	202	24	226
Asian/Female	161	17	178
American Indian/Alaskan Native Male	15	0	15
American Indian/Alaskan Native Female	7	0	7
Commercial Vehicle	28	22	50
<b>Total</b>	<b>3189</b>	<b>498</b>	<b>3687</b>



# Newton Police Citations by Race

## City of Newton Residents

January 1, 2023 to November 30, 2023

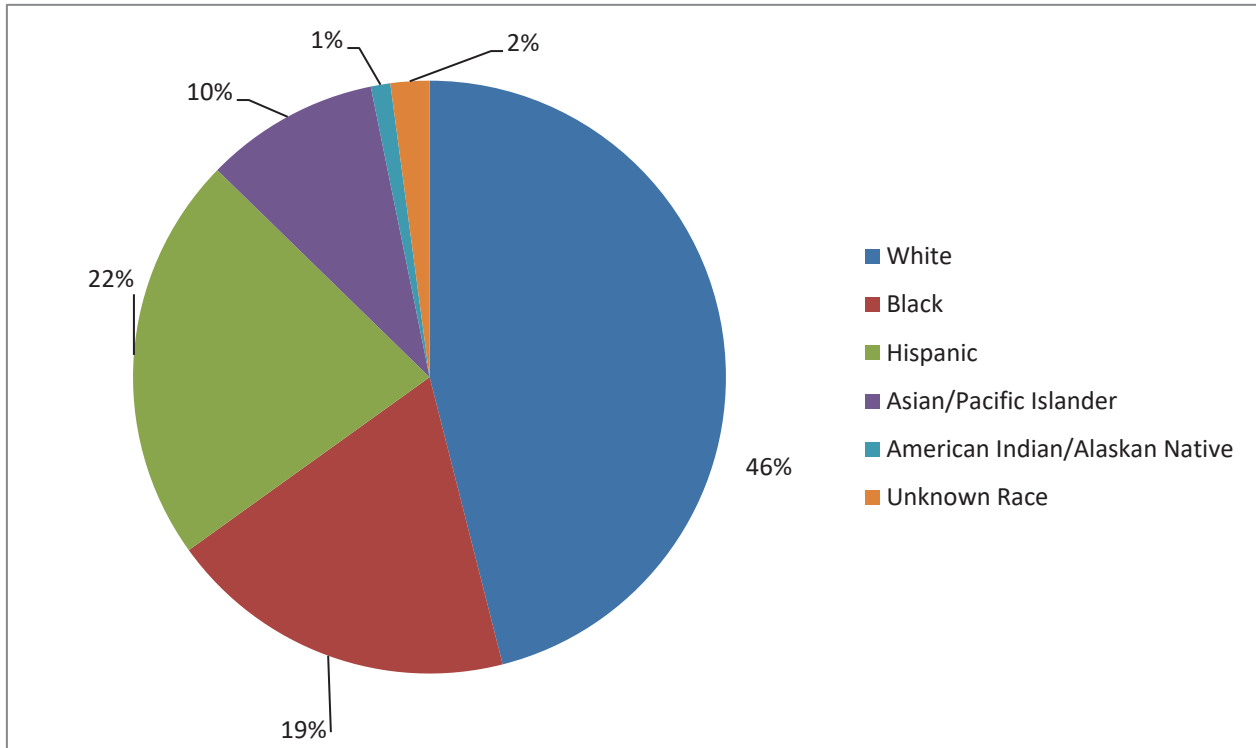


**2023**

Race/Sex	Warnings	Citations	Total
Caucasian/Male	536	68	604
Caucasian/Female	455	37	492
Black/Male	16	10	26
Black/Female	19	3	22
Hispanic Male	8	13	21
Hispanic Female	10	6	16
Middle Eastern Male	4	0	4
Middle Eastern Female	1	0	1
Unknown Male	15	2	17
Unknown Female	20	0	20
Unknown Gender or Race	0	0	0
Asian/Male	88	7	95
Asian/Female	9	1	10
American Indian/Alaskan Native Male	3	0	3
American Indian/Alaskan Native Female	1	0	1
Commercial Vehicle	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1185</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>1332</b>

# Newton Police Arrests by Race

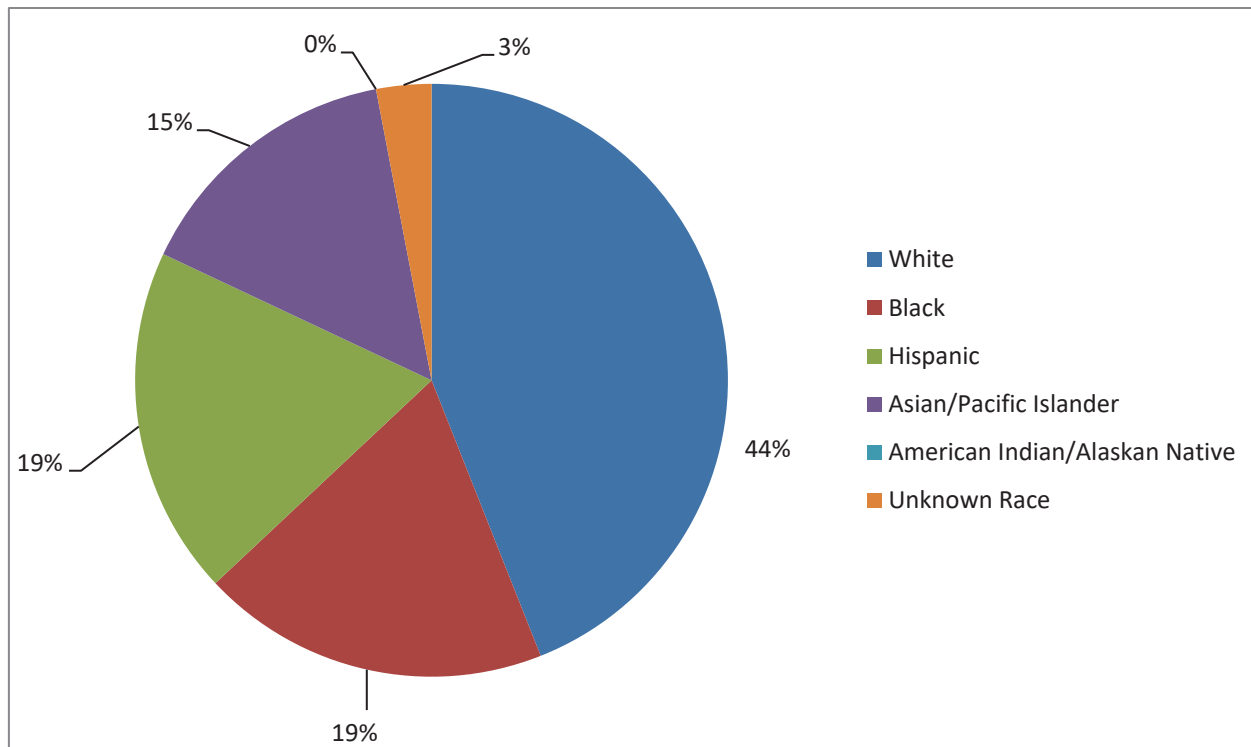
January 1, 2023 to November 30, 2023



2023	
White	87
Black	36
Hispanic	42
Asian/Pacific Islander	18
American Indian/Alaskan Native	2
Unknown Race	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>189</b>

# Newton Police Arrests by Race

City of Newton Residents  
January 1, 2023 to November 30, 2023



2023	
White	44
Black	19
Hispanic	19
Asian/Pacific Islander	15
American Indian/Alaskan Native	0
Unknown Race	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>



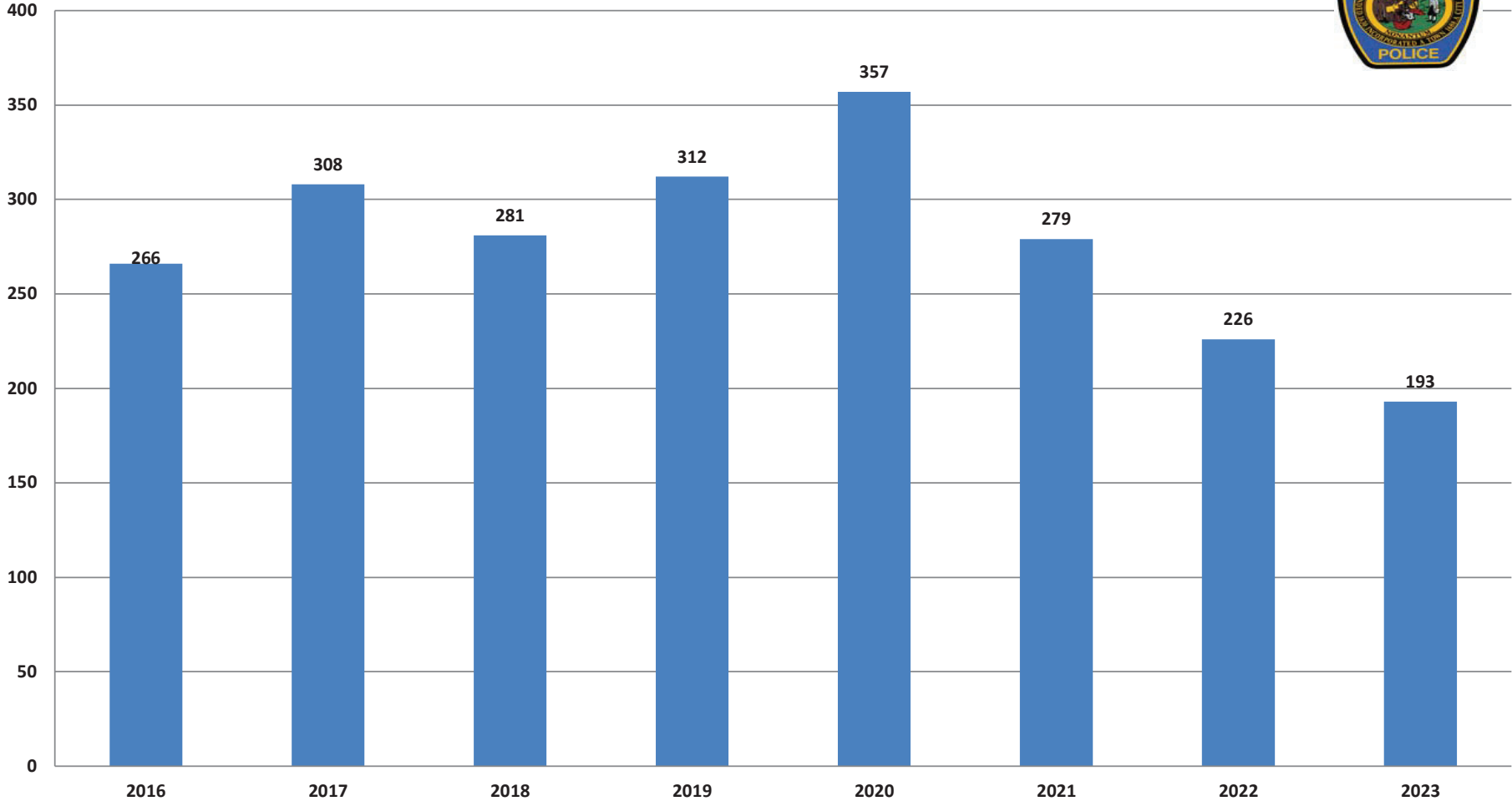
# Newton Police Domestic Related Incidents

January 1, 2023 to November 30, 2023



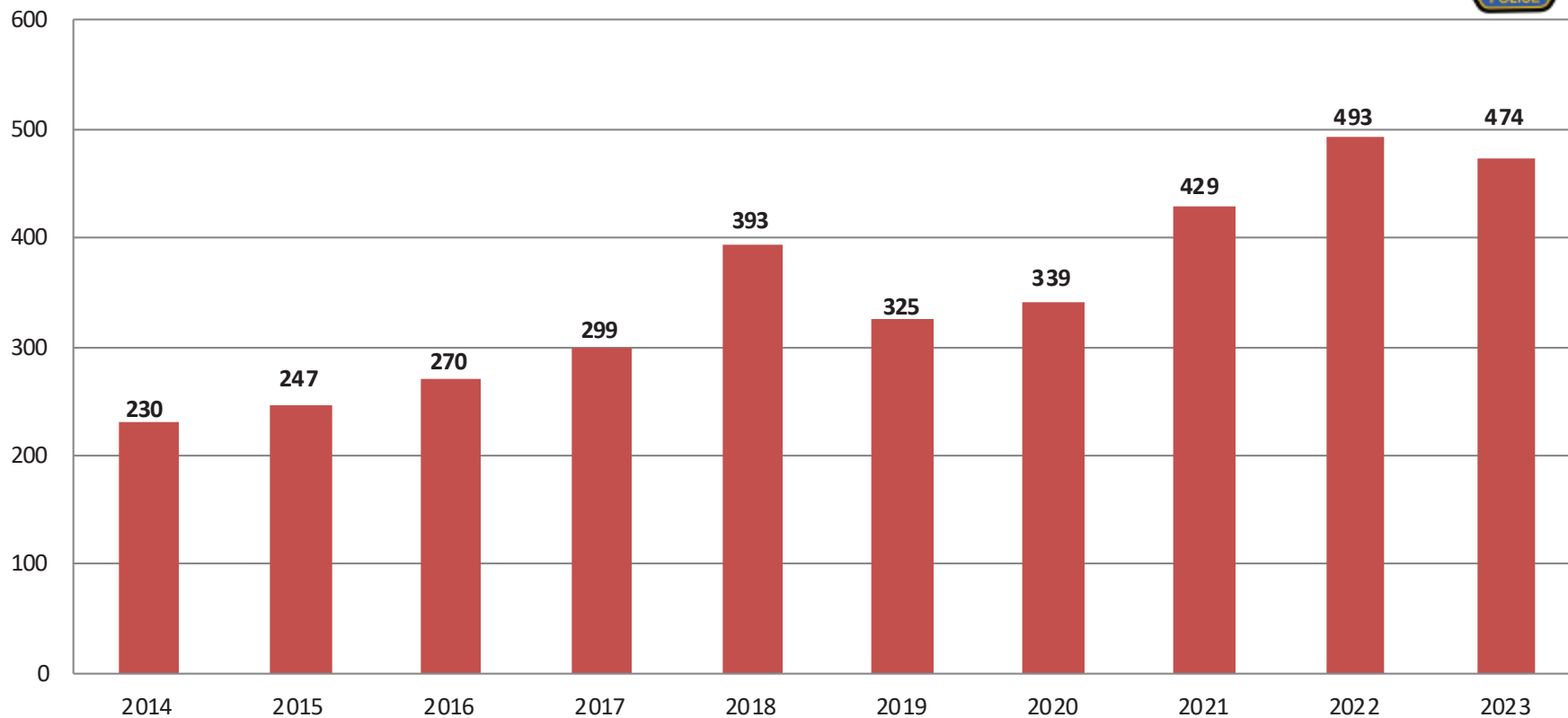
<b>By Type</b>	
Homicide	1
Aggravated Assault	13
Simple Assault	41
Family Dist/Verb	136
Threats	1
Intimidation	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>193</b>
<b>By Relationship</b>	
Husband/Wife	39
Father/Son	15
Mother/Son	23
Father/Daughter	13
Mother/Daughter	24
Brother/Brother	4
Brother/Sister	6
Sister/Sister	1
Boyfriend/Girlfriend	39
Roommates	9
Boyfriend/Boyfriend	0
Girlfriend/Girlfriend	0
Ex-Husband/Ex-wife	5
Ex-Boyfriend/Ex-Girlfriend	9
Other	2
Husband/Husband	0
Wife/Wife	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>193</b>
Arrests	42
Summons	12
Warrant	2
No Arrest	137
<b>Total</b>	<b>193</b>

### Newton Police Domestic Related Incidents by Year





## Newton Police Mental Health Related Calls



As of November 30, 2023

**Danielle Delaney**

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**From:** Andreae Downs  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 12, 2023 2:03 PM  
**To:** Danielle Delaney  
**Subject:** Fw: private home h/c spaces--total number

please distribute to PS&T

Andreae Downs, Chair  
Public Safety & Transportation Committee  
Newton City Council

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**From:** David Koses <dkoses@newtonma.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 11, 2023 10:17 AM  
**To:** Andreae Downs <adowns@newtonma.gov>  
**Cc:** Jini Fairley <jfairley@newtonma.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: private home h/c spaces--total number

Hi Andreae,

I would say: between 35 and 40 accessible spaces are in primarily residential areas. This doesn't include some spaces which seem to be more focused on village centers or next to churches, synagogues etc., but could be used by nearby residents.

David

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**From:** Andreae Downs <adowns@newtonma.gov>  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 10, 2023 3:43 PM  
**To:** David Koses <dkoses@newtonma.gov>  
**Cc:** Jini Fairley <jfairley@newtonma.gov>  
**Subject:** private home h/c spaces--total number

Hi David:

In PS&T Wednesday, one piece of data committee members requested was the total number of spaces in front of private homes (or multifamily homes—assume smaller, not big lots like Trio or the Towers—to get a bead on how many people might need an exemption from the winter overnight parking ban.

Can you chase that down for us?

Thanks!

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Andreae Downs, Chair  
Public Safety & Transportation Committee  
Newton City Council