

*City of Lafayette Police Department*  
***2020 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Report***



*"A Community Partnership"*

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## Message from the Chief

I am pleased to present the Lafayette Police Department's 2020 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Report. On July 27, 2020, the City Council approved five recommendations from the Public Safety Subcommittee. Two of the recommendations involved the Police Department producing quarterly reports which include crime statistics and ongoing projects and activities at the PD. This is the first such quarterly report and will include crime statistics and data for January 1 to September 30, 2020.

The Police Department faced new challenges in 2020. Staff had to adapt quickly in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic, Health Orders, local and national calls for police reform, and civil unrest. The Police Department had to alter the service delivery model in order to keep and maintain a healthy work force, while protecting community members we interacted with. In response to the challenge of COVID-19 and the resulting Health Orders, the Police Department utilized education as the first step in enforcement with success in most cases.

The death of George Floyd on May 25, 2020 sparked local and national calls for police reform and led to civil unrest in the Bay Area. I received many inquiries from community members about police use of force, de-escalation training, and racial profiling. The Lafayette City Council Public Safety Subcommittee partnered with the Police Department and City Manager to host a virtual online public meeting in June to hear from the community. In July, City Manager Niroop Srivatsa and I submitted a staff report to the Public Safety Subcommittee with five recommendations for the Police Department, which was approved by the City Council. Updates on the five recommendations will be covered in this report.

In response to protests, demonstrations, or civil unrest, the Police Department ensured the rights of people to peacefully assemble were not infringed. In every instance, I focused on maintaining an appropriate law enforcement presence that ensured the lives and property of Lafayette residents and business owners were secure.

The Police Department enjoys a great deal of success based in large part to the levels of support and cooperation within the community. The citizens of Lafayette, the City Council, the City staff, and the Police Department all share a common vision to keep the residents, their property, and their rights safe. It is only through this partnership, that we are able to prioritize public safety.

Thank you,  
Chief Ben Alldritt

## Police Department Core Values

Honor      Courage      Commitment      Leadership      Teamwork

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## Crime in Lafayette – 2020

Crime is categorized into two broad categories; person crimes and property crimes. Crimes such as robbery, rape, domestic violence, assaults, and murder are examples of persons crimes. Thefts, burglaries, and vandalism are common examples of property crimes.

Between January and September 2020, the Lafayette Police Department received 10,735 calls for service, which is a decrease to prior years; there was a total of 16,789 calls in 2019. A call for service is generated anytime a citizen calls into Dispatch requesting service or when an officer initiates some form of proactive patrol. Common calls for service are traffic concerns, requests for patrol, and reports of criminal activity.

Overall crime is down in 2020, but there are still categories of crimes the Police Department continues to strive to reduce.

The F.B.I. requires law enforcement agencies to report certain types of crimes to their Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program. The data below covers Part 1 Crimes. The following is a comparison of 2019 and 2020 Part 1 Crimes.

### 2020 Part 1 Uniform Crime Reporting (F.B.I. UCR)

Part 1 Category	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Totals
1 Homicide	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0
2 Rape	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0				1
3 Robbery	1	3	0	1	1	1	0	0	1				8
4 Assault	5	4	2	0	0	2	1	0	0				14
5 Burglary	2	3	4	5	4	1	4	2	1				26
6 Larceny	20	23	22	11	17	17	25	19	6				160
7 10851	1	4	6	1	4	0	0	6	1				23
8 Arson	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0				1
	<b>29</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>233</b>

**Reference:**

*Category 3 – Robbery: Includes robbery with a weapon or by force using hands, fists, etc.*

*Category 4 – Assault: Includes assaults with weapons and with hands, fists, feet, etc.*

*Category 5 – Burglary: Includes residential, commercial, and out buildings.*

*Category 6 – Larceny: Includes all theft, shoplifting, bikes, buildings, etc, except for theft of a vehicle.*

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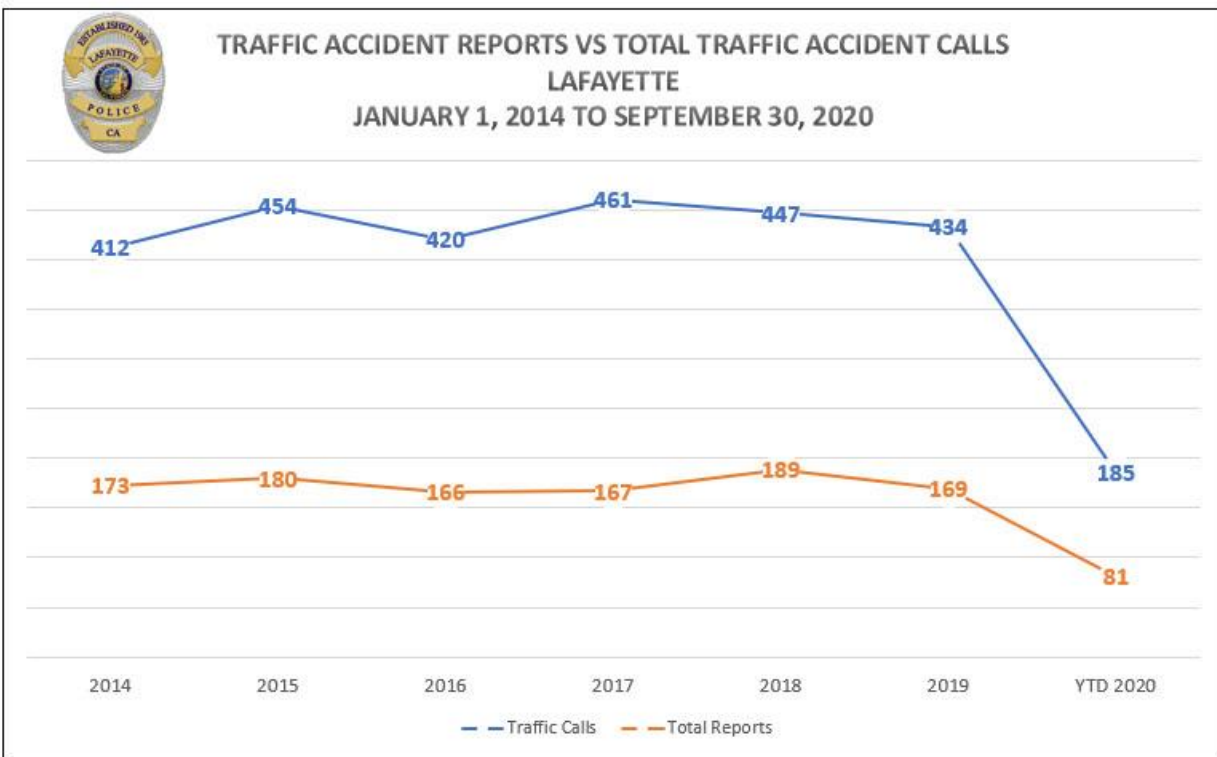


## 2019 Part 1 Uniform Crime Reporting (F.B.I. UCR)

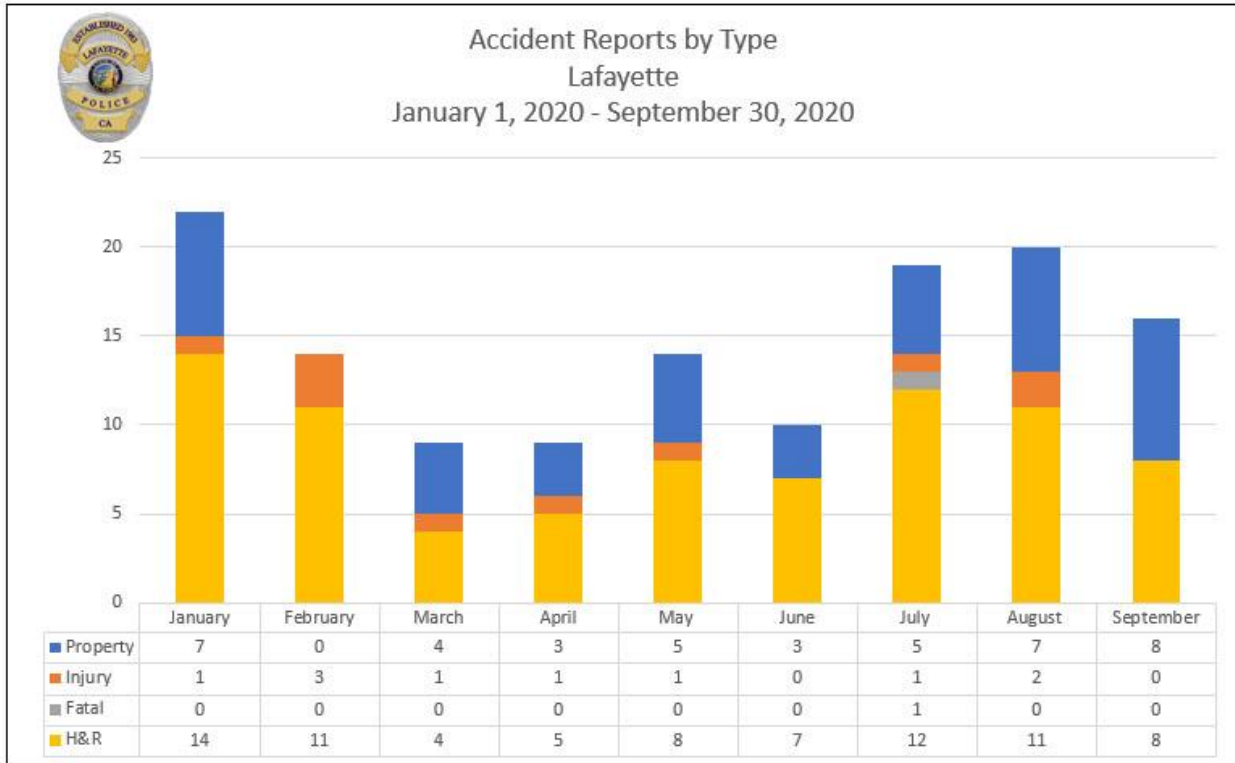
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2	Rape	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
3	Robbery	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	2	5
4	Assault	1	0	0	6	1	2	0	1	1	1	3	0	16
5	Burglary	1	3	5	3	1	0	4	3	5	5	7	5	42
6	Larceny	15	24	21	36	23	36	31	20	20	16	19	25	286
7	10851	0	2	2	6	2	2	2	1	2	6	4	1	30
8	Arson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		<b>17</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>380</b>

## Traffic

Lafayette has seen a significant decrease in traffic collisions in 2020, likely attributed to the steep reduction in traffic flow during stay-at-home orders.



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## Crime Prevention Commission



The police department is very fortunate to have a group of concerned citizens who volunteer their time to make our community safer. The members of the Crime Prevention Commission work with the police department staff to help reduce the number of crimes that occur within the community. The Crime Prevention Commission assists in facilitating Citizens Academies.

The Crime Prevention Commission meets monthly and each meeting is publicly noticed. This is a great opportunity for community members to engage, ask questions, or discuss concerns.



## Citizens Academy

Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 restrictions, both the Spring and Fall Citizens Academies had to be cancelled. We plan to resume in 2021 if conditions allow.

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## Emergency Preparedness Commission

The Emergency Preparedness Commission is made up of citizens who prioritize our City's emergency plans and preparedness. In 2016, the Commission completed the City's Wildland Fire Plan. This plan outlines Police and Fire priorities during times of emergency. The Emergency Preparedness Commission is currently reviewing the City's Emergency Operations Plan.



## ALERTWildfire

In November 2019, the Lafayette Police Department began working with the ALERTWildfire program to install and maintain a network of cameras across Contra Costa and Alameda County used for the detection, alerting, and monitoring of wildfires. The ALERTWildfire program's mission is to provide access to Pan-Tilt-Zoom fire cameras to help firefighters and first responders to discover/locate/confirm wildfires, scale fire resources, monitor fire behavior, help evacuations through enhanced situational awareness, and ensure contained fires are monitored appropriately.

Lafayette Police Department handled the installation of multiple cameras and coordinated camera locations and training with other agencies. Additionally, the City supported the cost of installation for sections of a new microwave network designed specifically for the ALERTWildfire system across Contra Costa County. As of September 2020, Lafayette PD has installed over 20 ALERTWildfire cameras across Contra Costa and Alameda counties for fire-fighting operations.

Residents can review ALERTWildfire cameras via [www.alertwildfire.org](http://www.alertwildfire.org). Once on the site's main page, click on the upper left and select "South & East Bay." Residents can view the numerous cameras within and surrounding the Lamorinda area. The camera images on the public facing side of the website are updated every ten seconds. Several cameras installed by Lafayette PD are on private property and not visible on the public website. The cameras can be accessed by designated police and fire personnel.

PSPS Events – In the past year, Lafayette PD has installed intersection power taps at eight key intersections Lafayette. Lafayette PD purchased generators that will power the traffic signals during a power outage. The functionality of traffic lights during a power outage improve public safety and evacuation preparedness. The following eight intersections have power taps installed:

- Mt. Diablo Blvd and Moraga Blvd
- Mt. Diablo Blvd and Oak Hill Rd

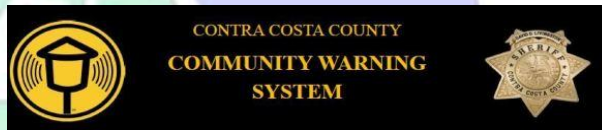
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- Mt. Diablo Blvd and First St
- Moraga Blvd and St. Mary's Rd
- Pleasant Hill Blvd and Stanley Rd
- Pleasant Hill Blvd and Reliez Valley Rd
- Moraga Blvd and Brook St
- Pleasant Hill Rd and Springhill Rd

Zonehaven – Moraga-Orinda Fire has partnered with Zonehaven, a Bay Area technology company, to improve the effectiveness of the established evacuation zones in Lamorinda. Lafayette is benefitting from our localized approach to wildland fire preparedness in Lamorinda and MOFD's involvement with the Lafayette Emergency Preparedness Commission. In 2020, Zonehaven is working to improve the utilization of evacuation zones in Lamorinda, giving Police and Fire the ability to more effectively evacuate residents during an emergency. Visit [www.zonehave.com](http://www.zonehave.com) to learn more on this ongoing project and the technologies being provided. Through this partnership, Lafayette will have the ability to make more effective decisions, share information with mutual aid resources and create a common operating picture during incidents with evacuations. The city will also be able to make adjustments to our existing evacuation zones based on population and predicted traffic flow.

## **Community Warning System (CWS)**



The Contra Costa County Community Warning System (CWS) is the County's alert system for time-sensitive and potentially life-saving information. In 2019, it was primarily used during a fire, but was also used for gas leaks, etc.

CWS tracks signups by household since numerous household members can be signed up on one registration. In 2019 we started with 2,963 registrations and ended the year 7,558 households signed up. As of September 2020, that number has increased to 10,908.



## **Public Safety Subcommittee – Recommendations Update**

On July 27, 2020 the City Council approved the following five recommendations of the Public Safety committee which address transparency, oversight, training and mental health procedures in the police department.

1. **Oversight** -*The Public Safety Subcommittee will meet quarterly at noticed public meetings to receive updates from the Police Chief on crime statistics and ongoing projects. This will create additional opportunities for citizens to interact with the Police Chief, City Manager, and the Public Safety Subcommittee on police matters.*

November 18, 2020 will be the first quarterly, public noticed meeting, to receive updates from the Police Chief. This meeting will include information for the first three quarters of 2020, January through September.

2. **Transparency** - *At well-noticed meetings, the Police Chief will submit a quarterly summary report on Police Department activities to the City Council and public. Currently the Police Chief generates an annual report; a quarterly report will allow for more transparency and dialogue throughout the year.*

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3. **Mental Health** – *The City Manager will work with the County Public Managers Association and the County Health Department to develop options to create a coordinated and regional approach to address mental health and other non-violent issues with non-law enforcement responses.*

Working in close partnership with cities across the county, Contra Costa Health Services (CCHS) has launched a comprehensive review of existing behavioral health services to develop a vision for future crisis response that connects the most appropriate resources where and when they are needed. Between November 9 and 20, CCHS will conduct an evaluation of current programs and existing needs to identify areas for improvement.

Participants, consisting of front-line staff including those working in crisis response, police and dispatch, as well as clinicians and persons with lived experiences, will spend about 50 hours observing, analyzing and interviewing subject matter experts about the current state. The participants will use that learning to develop a vision for the future and identify areas for improvement. The public is invited to attend a report-out on the findings of this process on Nov. 20, 2020. CCHS will announce next steps in the process at that time.



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## Timeline

- September 2020 – Presentation to Mayors Conference
- October 2020 – Performing field observations, meetings with a subgroup of the Contra Costa Public Managers Association, and collecting emergency call and response data
- November 9-20, 2020 – Community workshop
- November 20, 2020 – Public Report Out
- December/January 2021 – Develop future strategies
- January/February 2021 – Begin testing improvement strategies as identified at the community workshop
- February 2021 – Follow Up presentation to Mayors Conference

4. **City oversight** - *In the event an Internal Affairs complaint is filed by a citizen regarding the Lafayette Police Department or a Lafayette police officer, the Police Chief will meet with the City Manager when the complaint is filed and at the conclusion of the Sheriff's Internal Affairs investigation.*

City Manager Niroop Srivatsa and I meet regularly. During these meetings I have kept her informed of any Internal Affairs complaint and the current status of the investigation.

5. **Training** – *Currently, officers have received training in the areas of crisis intervention, de-escalation, implicit bias, and cultural and racial diversity and will continue to receive training updates on these topics through the Sheriff's Office. The Police Chief will evaluate additional course offerings and will submit a recommendation to the Public Safety Subcommittee and the City Manager in three months.*

Between December 2020 and January 2021, all Lafayette sworn staff are attending a two-hour on-line training course entitled Implicit Bias, Procedural Justice, & the History of Policing. This training is provided in a webinar format with a live instructor. Additional training opportunities will continually be evaluated.



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