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Part I Total Crime

An analysis of reported incidents in Cambridge for the first three quarters of 2018 indicates **a slight increase of 1% in serious crime so far this year** when compared with 2017, and when measured against the five-year average for the same time frame, an 11% decline with 217 fewer crimes than the projected total was recorded.

A breakdown of Part One crime statistics for the time period of January 1st to October 1st reveals that there were 1,770 serious crimes reported in the City over the first nine months of 2018. For the same time period in 2017, the combined total for Murder, Rape, Robbery, Aggravated Assault, Burglary, Larceny & Auto Theft was 1,749 incidents, 21 fewer than this year. These conservative ascending crime statistics come fast on the heels of the final 2017 numbers, which represented the lowest crime index registered in Cambridge since 1963.

Further review of the crime totals for the first nine months of this year attests that **violent crimes have recorded an 8% increase** with 17 more incidents above the same time period in 2017. When measuring the property crime totals of the first three quarters of 2018 versus those of the same time period last year, the numbers reflect mirror images of each other with 1533 counted in 2017 and but four additional incidents noted and no percentage change revealed for this year.

	4 Week Snapshot			Year to Date			Five Year	
	8/7/18 - 9/3/18	9/4/18 - 10/1/18	Change	2017	2018	Change	Avg	Change
Total Violent Crime	17	26	53%	216	233	8%	226	3%
Total Property Crime	210	187	-11%	1533	1537	0%	1761	-13%
Total Part I Crime	227	213	-6%	1749	1770	1%	1987	-11%

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Part I Property Crime

Analysis of property crime totals for the first three quarters of 2018 points to no percentage change, just four additional crimes this year when measured against the 2017 total and a 13% reduction below the five-year average, with 224 crimes below the 1,761 crimes forecasted for this time period. Seven of the 14 property crime categories recorded declines when measured against the first 39 weeks of 2017. An 8% decline in larceny from motor vehicles sustains the long-standing drop in this crime categorization. Other property crimes registering downturns when compared with their 5-year averages include: larceny from building (-11%), larceny from person (-16%), housebreaks (-19%), and larceny of bikes (-19%).

	4 Week Snapshot			Year to Date			Five Year	
	8/7/18 - 9/3/18	9/4/18 - 10/1/18	Change	2017	2018	Change	Avg	Change
Burglary	**31**	**28**	**-10%**	**201**	**206**	**2%**	**242**	**-15%**
Commercial Break	10	6	-40%	40	48	**20%**	46	**4%**
Housebreak	21	22	**5%**	161	158	-2%	195	-19%
Larceny	**166**	**146**	**-12%**	**1263**	**1255**	**-1%**	**1433**	**-12%**
Larceny (Misc)	3	5	**67%**	31	37	**19%**	28	**32%**
Larceny from Building	25	20	-20%	208	211	**1%**	236	-11%
Larceny from MV	29	25	-14%	199	184	-8%	282	-35%
Larceny from Person	15	14	-7%	121	127	**5%**	152	-16%
Larceny from Residence	11	16	**45%**	130	170	**31%**	164	**4%**
Larceny of Bicycle	49	35	-29%	249	223	-10%	274	-19%
Larceny of Plate	0	3	**IN-CALC**	21	18	-14%	19	-5%
Larceny of Services	3	2	-33%	29	21	-28%	17	**24%**
Shoplifting	31	26	-16%	275	264	-4%	258	**2%**
Auto Theft	**13**	**13**	**0%**	**69**	**76**	**10%**	**87**	**-13%**
Total Property Crime	**210**	**187**	**-11%**	**1533**	**1537**	**0%**	**1761**	**-13%**

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Part I Violent Crime

The projected five-year weighted average for violent crime in Cambridge for the first three quarters of the year is 226 incidents. Through October 1st of this year, there were 233 violent crimes recorded in the City, 17 crimes above last year (+8%) and 7 serious incidents more than the total forecasted for the first 9 months of 2018 (+3%).

A moderate increase in robberies has been measured this year with nine additional crimes reported fueling a 13% upsurge in this category of criminal activity over last year and 11 incidents (+17%) above the 66 robberies forecasted for the first nine months of the year. Thirty of the 77 robberies in 2018 have been classified as commercial in nature. Despite the fact that street robbery is running 31% above the 2017 total, there have been only three incidents recorded in the past six weeks.

There has not been a homicide in Cambridge thus far in 2018. Eight additional rapes above the same time period last year have been recorded through October 1st of 2018. Aggravated assault remains unchanged with 135 incidents counted in each of the first three quarters of 2017 and 2018.

	4 Week Snapshot			Year to Date			Five Year	
	8/7/18 - 9/3/18	9/4/18 - 10/1/18	Change	2017	2018	Change	Avg	Change
Homicide	**0**	**0**	**IN-CALC**	**0**	**0**	**IN-CALC**	**2**	**-100%**
Rape	**1**	**3**	**200%**	**13**	**21**	**62%**	**21**	**0%**
Robbery	**7**	**6**	**-14%**	**68**	**77**	**13%**	**66**	**17%**
Commercial Robbery	3	3	0%	32	30	-6%	22	**36%**
Street Robbery	4	3	-25%	36	47	**31%**	43	**9%**
Aggravated Assault	**9**	**17**	**89%**	**135**	**135**	**0%**	**139**	**-3%**
Total Violent Crime	**17**	**26**	**53%**	**216**	**233**	**8%**	**226**	**3%**

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MURDER

No Patterns

Percent Change*

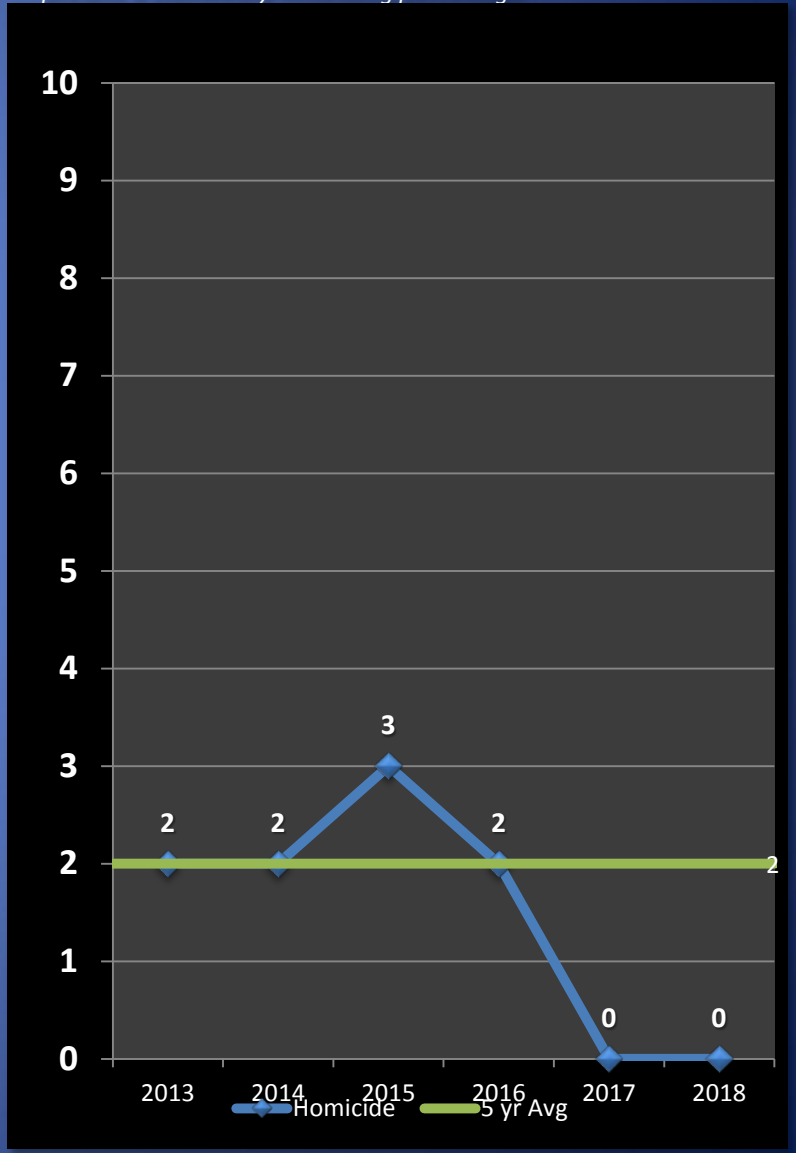
Last 4 Weeks	Previous Year	5-Year Average
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- **No murders have been recorded during the first nine months of 2018 in Cambridge.**

- **<u>There were two murders reported in Cambridge in 2017</u>.**
- The Middlesex District Attorney's Office, Massachusetts State Police and Cambridge Police were investigating a fatal shooting that occurred on the night of November 16th in the area of Tremont Street and Hampshire Street. Malachi Mims, 28, of Cambridge, was taken to a local hospital where he was later pronounced dead. This was the second murder of 2017 in Cambridge. On December 31st, a Cambridge 17-year-old was arrested in Boston and charged in connection to the shooting death.
- The first murder of 2017 in Cambridge occurred on October 14th when Ednilson DaCosta, 28, of Dorchester, was shot in a vehicle on Windsor Street in Cambridge. He was transported to an area hospital where he was pronounced. Shortly after, a second fatal shooting occurred in Somerville. Kevin Raymond, 20, of Somerville, was shot in a parking lot. On November 3rd, Tony Harris, 28, of Everett was arrested for Raymond's murder. The murder of Ednilson DaCosta remains under investigation.

- **Update on 2015 homicide**:
  - Carlos Colina, 35, of Cambridge, was found guilty on 5/18/18 in Middlesex Superior Court of first-degree murder and improper disposal of human remains in connection with the April 2015 death and dismemberment of Jonathan Camilien, 26, of Somerville.



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Characteristics of Murder in Cambridge

For the 30-year period between 1960 and 1989, the City of Cambridge averaged slightly less than five murders per year. The annual average since 1990 has fallen to approximately two per year. Trend analysis over recent years points to two recurring murder scenarios in Cambridge: domestic murder, in which one family member is brutally killed by another in a homicidal rage, and the murder of young males by a handgun or knife in acts of retaliatory street violence.

Cambridge Murder Statistics, 1990-2017

- 60 people murdered in 55 incidents (in 4 of the incidents, 2 or more people were killed)
- 41 victims were male (average age of 34)
- 19 victims were female (average age of 41)
- Most common weapons: handguns (29 incidents) and knives (13 incidents)
- 18 of the 55 cases are still under investigation or remain unsolved
- 25 of the 34 cases since 2000 have been cleared by arrest or by the death of the suspect, including all three murders in both 2013 and 2015, and one of the two murders in 2014 and 2017. There have been no arrests in the two murders in 2016.

Unsolved Murders: 1999 to 2017

Colin Burton, 30, of Dorchester, was shot and killed outside of Hi - Fi Pizza on Mass Ave in Central Square on September 18th, 1999. Burton was talking with the occupants of a Ford Explorer when the subject in the passenger seat fired through the window. Two suspects fled the scene. The case remains under active investigation.



September 18, 1999, Mass Ave



April 5, 2002, Mass Ave

Ian Gray,19, of Mattapan, was in an argument outside of the Rhythm & Spice restaurant that spilled out onto Mass Ave. A suspect that had left the scene returned with a group of people and a fight ensued. A knife was produced during the altercation and four gunshots were fired, fatally wounding Gray. This case remains open.

On June 17th, 2002 at 7:00PM, **Ricardo Williams**, 27, of Malden, was found in the driver's seat of a motor vehicle suffering from a gunshot wound to his face. Williams was taken to CCH where he was pronounced dead. This case remains open.



June 17, 2002, Windsor St.

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Jason Ellcock, 33, of Malden, formerly of Cambridge and father of three, was found with multiple gunshot wounds in front of the driveway to 364 Rindge Ave at 3:05 AM on the night of June 16th, 2009. He was pronounced dead at the scene. This incident remains under investigation.



June 16, 2009, Rindge Ave



March 12, 2011, Brookline St.

James Lauture, 30, of Cambridge, was sitting in a vehicle near Brookline and Watson Streets just after midnight on Saturday, March 12th, 2011, when an unknown gunman opened fire. The occupants in the car were able to drive to Central Square. Lauture died from multiple gunshot wounds. The other man in the vehicle survived. This case remains open.

On June 3rd, 2012, **Charlene Holmes**, 16, of Cambridge, was shot while sitting on a porch on Willow St. She later succumbed to her wounds at the hospital. The investigation into this incident remains active, but no arrests have been made to date.



June 3, 2012, Willow St



July 3, 2014, Windsor Street.

On July 3rd, 2014, at 10:00 PM, **Kensley David**, 22, suffered a single gunshot wound to the head while on Windsor Street. Investigators believe that the incident was not random. This case remains under investigation.

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The first murder of 2016 in Cambridge occurred on the night of March 22nd when **Armando Hernandez Jr**, 30, of Belmont was killed by gunfire on Mt. Auburn St just before 10 PM. Area residents said they heard 10 or 11 gunshots. A second victim was hospitalized with a leg wound. This case remains under investigation.



March 22, 2016, Mt Auburn St



June 25, 2016, 140 Harvard St.

On June 25th of 2016, Cambridge Police responded to a report of a shooting outside of 140 Harvard Street. Arriving officers discovered the victim, **Anthony Clay**, 49, of Cambridge suffering from a gunshot wound. The victim was transported to Massachusetts General Hospital where he was pronounced dead. This case remains under investigation.

At 3:40 a.m. on October 14, 2017, Ednilson DaCosta, 28, of Dorchester, was shot in a motor vehicle in the area of Windsor Street & Evereteze Way. He was pronounced deceased at a local hospital. Minutes later, another male was shot and killed in Somerville. On November 3, 2017, Tony Harris, 28, of Everett, was arrested for the Somerville homicide, but the murder of Ednilson DaCosta remains under investigation.



October 14, 2017, Windsor St.

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RAPE

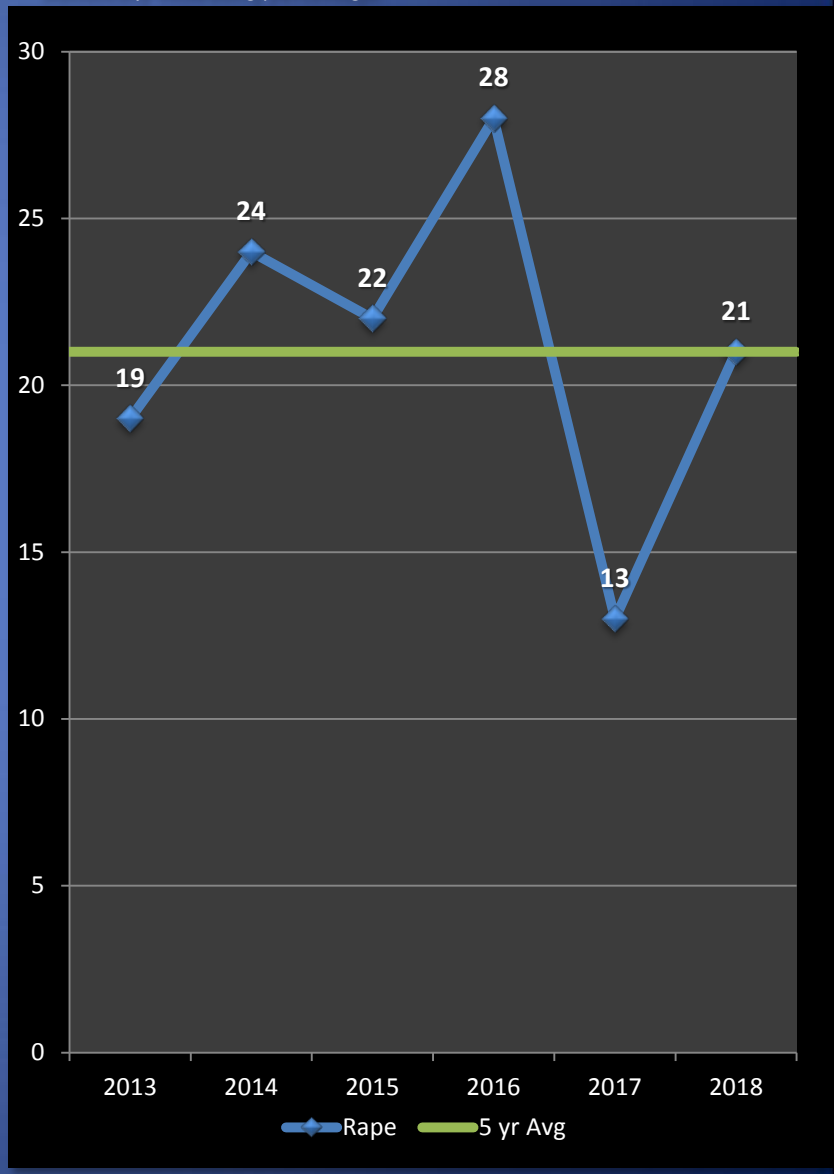
No Patterns

- There were three rapes reported during September of 2018 in Cambridge. One of the incidents was categorized as a domestic-related sexual assault and the other two were classified as acquaintance scenarios. There have been zero stranger-to-stranger rapes recorded in Cambridge so far in 2018.
- After recording three reported rapes during the month of January, there was one rape reported in Cambridge in February, two in March and one in April of 2018. Two of the January rapes were classified as acquaintance incidents, the other as a contact scenario. The February rape was categorized as a domestic situation, the March incidents were classified as domestic and acquaintance scenarios. The April incident was classified as an acquaintance situation. There were five rapes reported during May of 2018. Two of the incidents were classified as domestic, with one of the assaults resulting in the arrest off the husband. The other May incidents were contact and acquaintance scenarios. Two rapes were reported in June, both involving acquaintances, while there were three reports in July, two involving acquaintances and one involving a domestic situation. The one rape recorded in August was domestic.
- Overview on Rape Statistics for the United States released by the FBI on September 30th 2017: There were an estimated 95,730 forcible rapes reported to law enforcement nationally in 2016. This estimate was 4.9% higher than the 2015 estimate, 12.4% higher than the 2012 estimate, and 3.9% higher than the 2007 estimate. The rate of forcible rapes in 2016 was estimated at 34.1 per 100,000 inhabitants.

Percent Change*

Last 4 Weeks	Previous Year	5-Year Average
+200%	+62%	0%

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AGGRAVATED ASSAULT

No Patterns

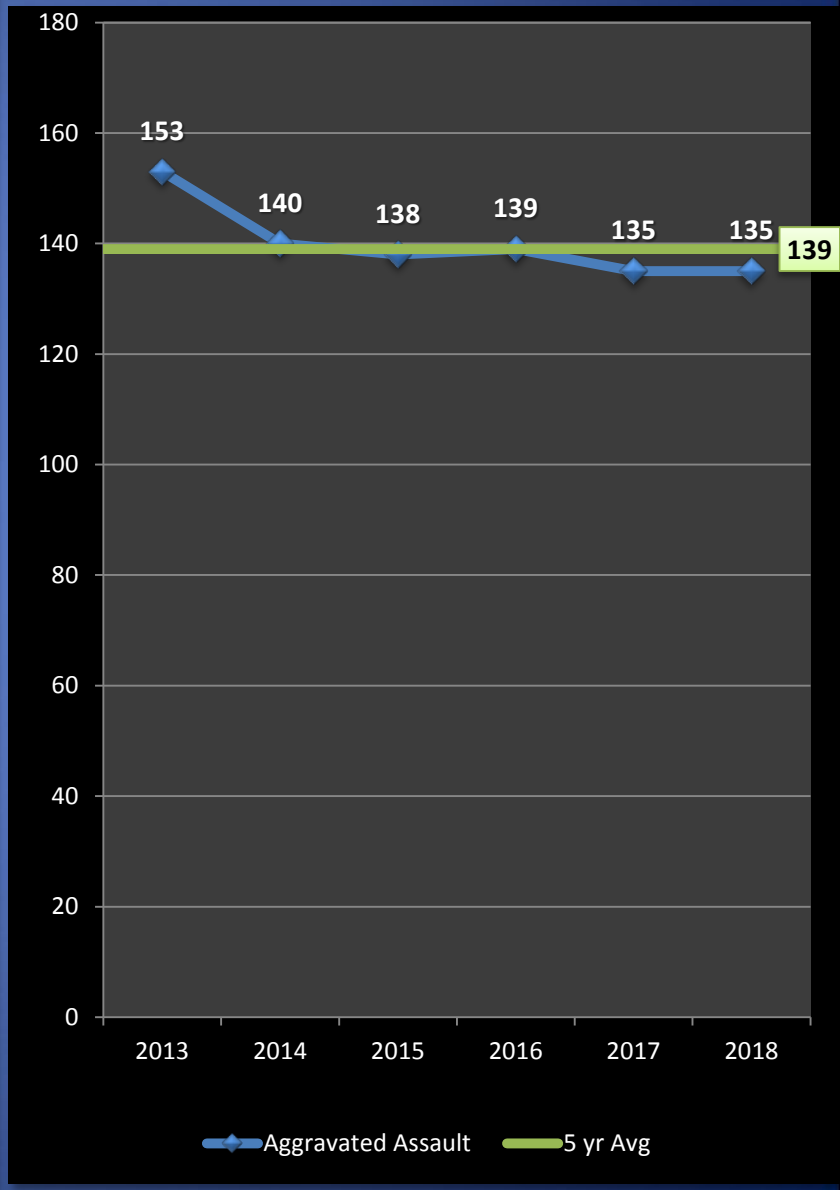
- There were 135 aggravated assaults reported in the first nine months of both 2017 and 2018. A small decline of 3% was registered against the five-year average for the first three quarters of the year, with four fewer incidents recorded below the 139 crimes forecasted through October 1st of 2018. After registering an especially low total of 9 assaults in August, the number rose to 17 for September (+89%) which is closer to the average monthly total for this crime.
- The 135 aggravated assaults reported so far in 2018 are composed of the following classifications: 44 domestic altercations; 30 unprovoked scenarios; 12 fights among acquaintances; 8 homeless disputes; 8 road rage incidents; 11 juvenile related; 8 affrays; 4 assaults on a police officer; 3 bar /alcohol fights; 2 each of the following: shopliftings that escalated, and landlord/neighbor disputes; and one each of the following: a drug deal gone awry, a workplace incident, and one involving a third romantic partner. Major aggravated assault trends identified in 2018: domestic assaults and unprovoked assaults around Central & Harvard Squares.
- **There have been 16 incidents between early May and October 1st of 2018 where shots were confirmed/suspected in Cambridge, with half of the incidents involving ShotSpotter activations.**

Review of suspected shooting in Cambridge during September 2018:

- Multiple calls for shots fired on Chestnut St shortly after 12:50am on 9.5. No injuries were reported or shell casings found, but the incident is being investigated as a likely shots fired event. A firearm was also located nearby in a discarded bag. This incident remains under investigation.

Percent Change

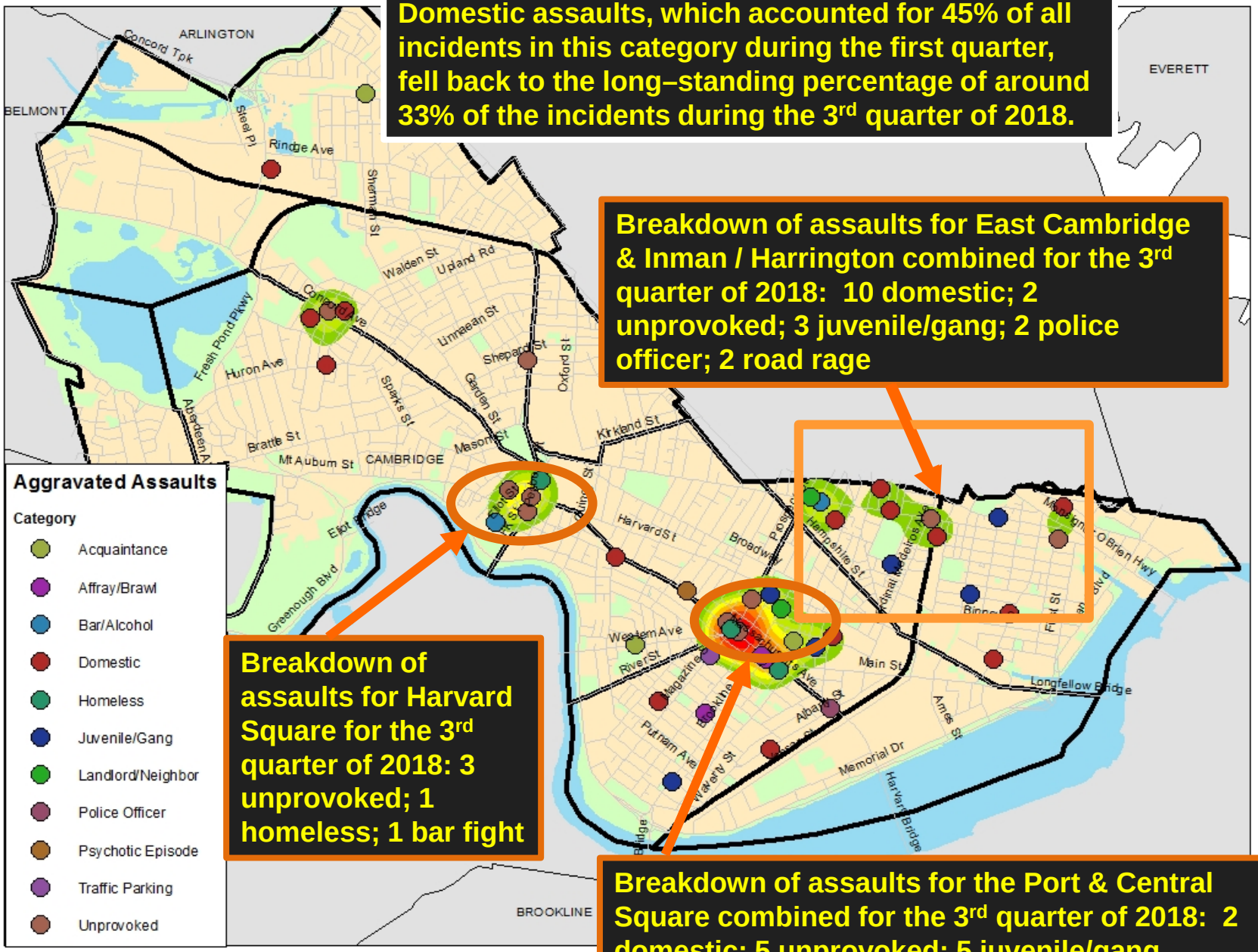
Last 4 Weeks	Previous Year	5-Year Average
+89%	0%	-3%



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Geographic Breakdown of Aggravated Assaults: 7.1.18 to 10.1.18

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Shootings & Shots Fired in Cambridge: 1.1.18 - 7.30.18

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Shots fired on 7.14 at 9pm
Jackson St:
One shot reported, one shell casing recovered. No injuries or damage reported.

Shots fired on 5.20 at 3:20am
200 block of Elm St:
ShotSpotter alert. Evidence of shots fired into residence. Shell casings located outside. No injuries. Jean Griffin of Boston arrested on 5.24.

Shots w/ victim on 5.30 at 4am
1001 Cambridge St (Richie's Shell):
ShotSpotter alert. Clerk was non-fatally shot in foot during altercation with suspect over stolen water bottle. Warrants have been issued for the suspect.

Shots fired on 6.16 at 9:25pm
Harvard St & Moore St:
ShotSpotter alert. Six shell casings and two bullet fragments recovered. No injuries.

Shots fired on 5.29 at 11:55pm
100 block of Harvard St:
ShotSpotter alert. Four shell casings recovered and two vehicles sustained bullet damage. No injuries.

Shots fired on 4.16 at 1:40am
100 block of Columbia St:
ShotSpotter alert and 3-5 shots reported. Three shell casings recovered.

Shots w/ victim on 7.14 at 12:15am
Cambridge St & Fifth St:
28-year-old Cambridge male non-fatally shot in the arm while sitting in a car. Six shell casings and one spent round recovered.

Shots fired on 5.9 at 2:30am
Bishop Allen Dr & Norfolk St:
ShotSpotter alert. One shell casing found in the middle of Lot 5.

Shots fired on 5.2 at 2:45am
Bishop Allen Dr & Douglass St:
ShotSpotter alert. Seven shell casings found on Bishop Allen Dr.

Shots w/ victim on 7.14 at 1:25am
Cherry St & Eaton St:
ShotSpotter alert. 20-year-old Somerville male non-fatally shot in the arm. Ten shell casings and one live bullet recovered. Two vehicles and a residence on Cherry St sustained bullet damage.

Shots fired on 7.23 at 1:45am
Henry St & Waverly St:
Six shell casings recovered at Waverly & Chestnut St, and a car window was found shattered on Henry St.

Shots fired on 6.6 at 4:40pm
Columbia St @ Columbia Ter.:
Two parties exchanged words and then fired at each other. No injuries reported. Several shell casings of 2 different calibers found. Shawndell Johnson of Cambridge arrested on 6.8.

Shots fired on 1.31 at 6pm and 3.31 at 4am
Cherry St & School St:
Two separate incidents. ShotSpotter alerts in both. Four casings found on 1.31. Four casings of a different caliber found on 3.31. No injuries.

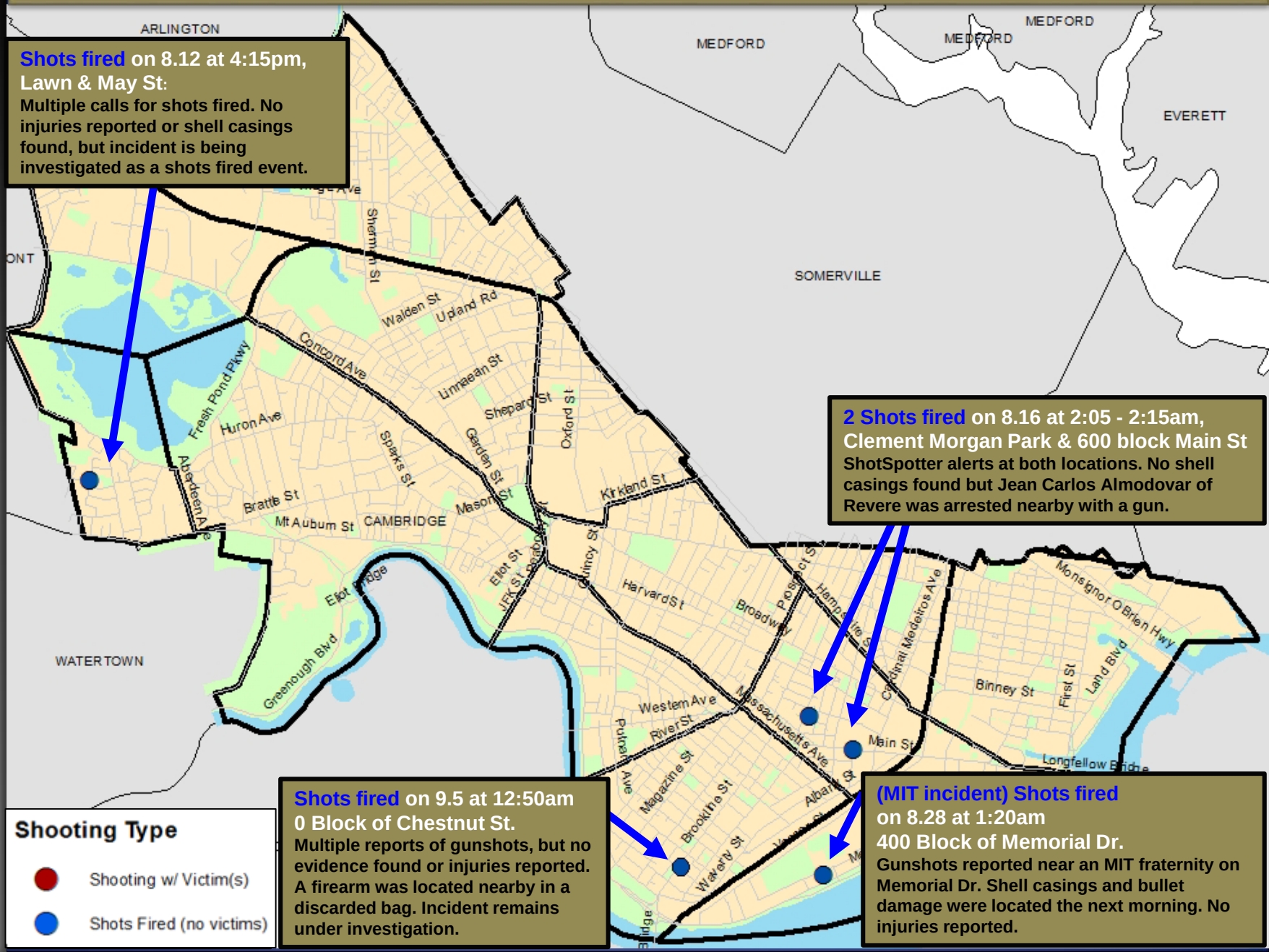
Shooting Type

- Shooting w/ Victim(s)
- Shots Fired (no victims)

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Shootings & Shots Fired in Cambridge: 8.1.18 - 10.1.18

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Shots fired on 8.12 at 4:15pm, Lawn & May St:
Multiple calls for shots fired. No injuries reported or shell casings found, but incident is being investigated as a shots fired event.

2 Shots fired on 8.16 at 2:05 - 2:15am, Clement Morgan Park & 600 block Main St
ShotSpotter alerts at both locations. No shell casings found but Jean Carlos Almodovar of Revere was arrested nearby with a gun.

Shots fired on 9.5 at 12:50am
0 Block of Chestnut St.
Multiple reports of gunshots, but no evidence found or injuries reported. A firearm was located nearby in a discarded bag. Incident remains under investigation.

(MIT incident) Shots fired
on 8.28 at 1:20am
400 Block of Memorial Dr.
Gunshots reported near an MIT fraternity on Memorial Dr. Shell casings and bullet damage were located the next morning. No injuries reported.

Shooting Type

- Shooting w/ Victim(s)
- Shots Fired (no victims)

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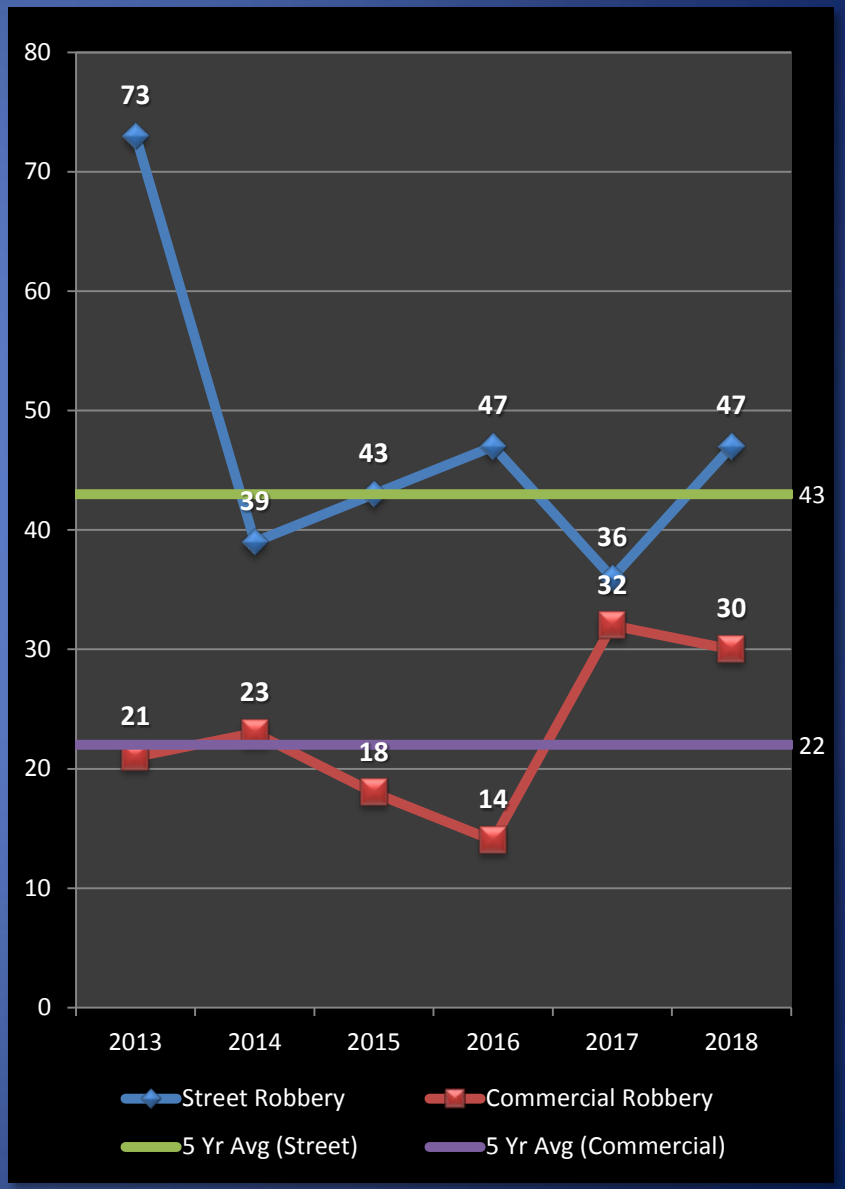
Robbery

No Patterns

Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks	Previous Year	5-Year Average
-14%	+13%	+17%

- The 5-year average for overall robbery in Cambridge for the first three quarters of the year is 66 incidents. Through October 1st of 2018, 77 robberies have been recorded, which translates to a 17% increase above the projected total and a 13% increase when measured against the same time frame in 2017.
- After only 13 scattered and unrelated street robberies were recorded over the first five months of 2018, a surge of 26 incidents were reported during June and July, fueling a 111% increase for the first seven months of 2017. That upsurge was ameliorated when a 60% decrease for this crime was recorded between July and August. That downturn continued during September with only three incidents reported. The Crime Analysis Unit has not identified a street robbery pattern in the City in over 18 months.
- There have been 30 commercial robberies recorded through October 1st of 2018, with three occurring during September. Commercial robbery is down two crimes, 6%, when compared with the first three quarters of 2017.
- A Boston resident was arrested in July for a series of regional armed commercial robberies over the first six months of 2018 in Boston, Braintree, Brookline, Everett, Lynn, Chelsea, Revere, Somerville and Cambridge (in January and again in May). All of these robberies occurred between 7PM and 11PM.



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Geographic Breakdown of Commercial Robberies: 7.1.18 to 10.1.18

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Gas station robbery in 2500 block of Mass Ave on 7.24.18 – believed to involve the 2 suspects from 7.10 and 7.23 robberies at the gas station nearby

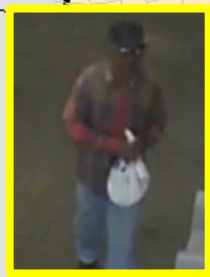
Gas Station in 2600 block of Mass Ave robbed twice - on 7.10.18 (suspect ARRESTED) & 7.23.18 (different male suspect)



Four of the six Commercial Robberies during August & September were shoplifting incidents that escalated into a confrontation

Bank at 500 block of Mass Ave on 7.26.18 @ 3:50PM – suspect implies weapon





Bank in 600 block of Central Square on 8.28.18 at 1:30PM

River Street Store on 7.2.18 at 8:30PM – suspect with handgun



Convenience store on Magazine St on 9.28.18 at 10 PM – suspect with handgun

Suspect pulls gun on clerk at convenience store in Tech Square after shoplifting goes awry on 7.2.18 at 1AM ARREST on 7.7.18

Commercial Robberies

Premise Type

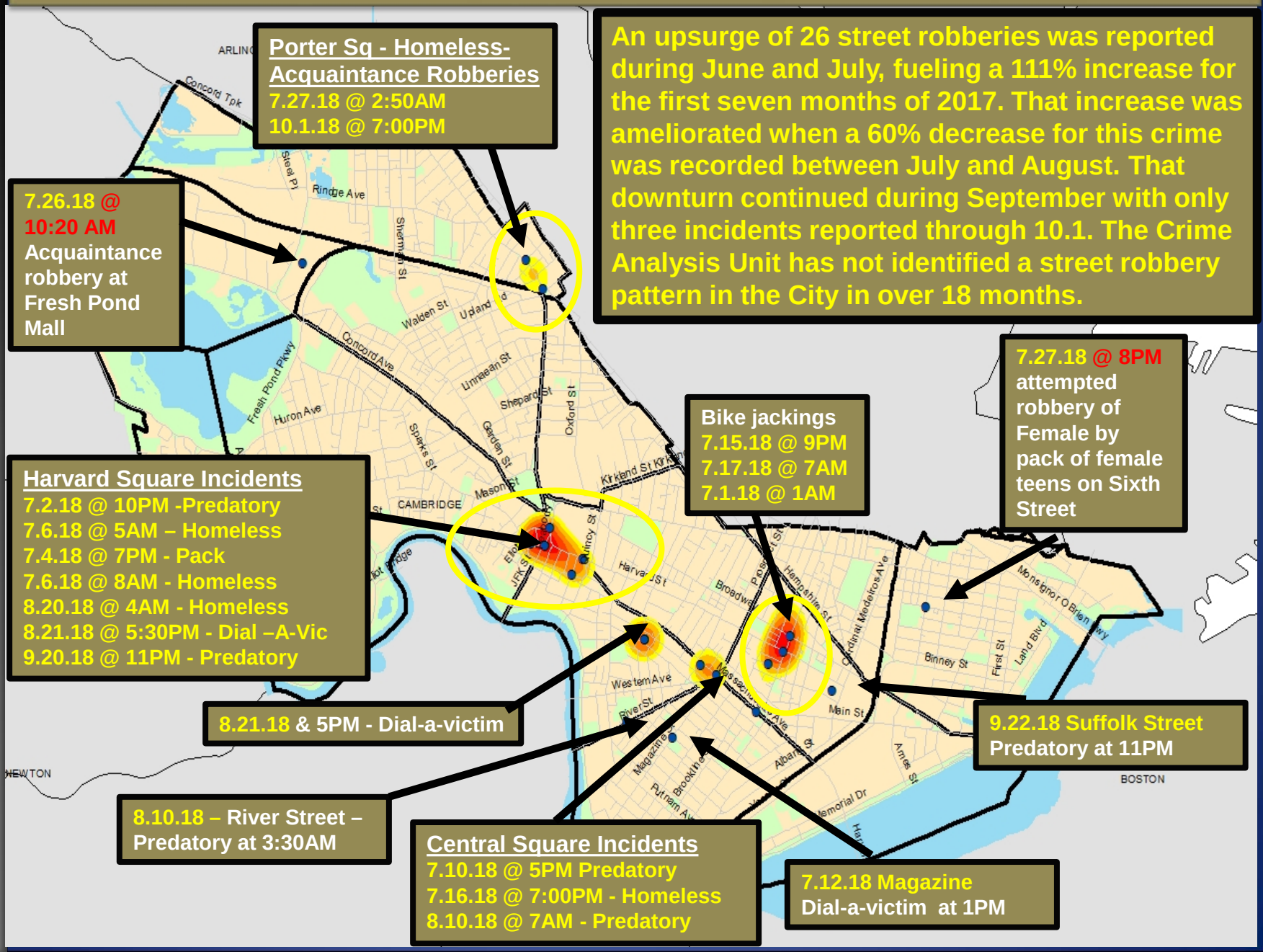
- Bank
- Convenience Store
- Department Store
- Drug Store
- Gasoline Station

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Geographic Breakdown of Street Robberies: 7.1.18 to 10.1.18

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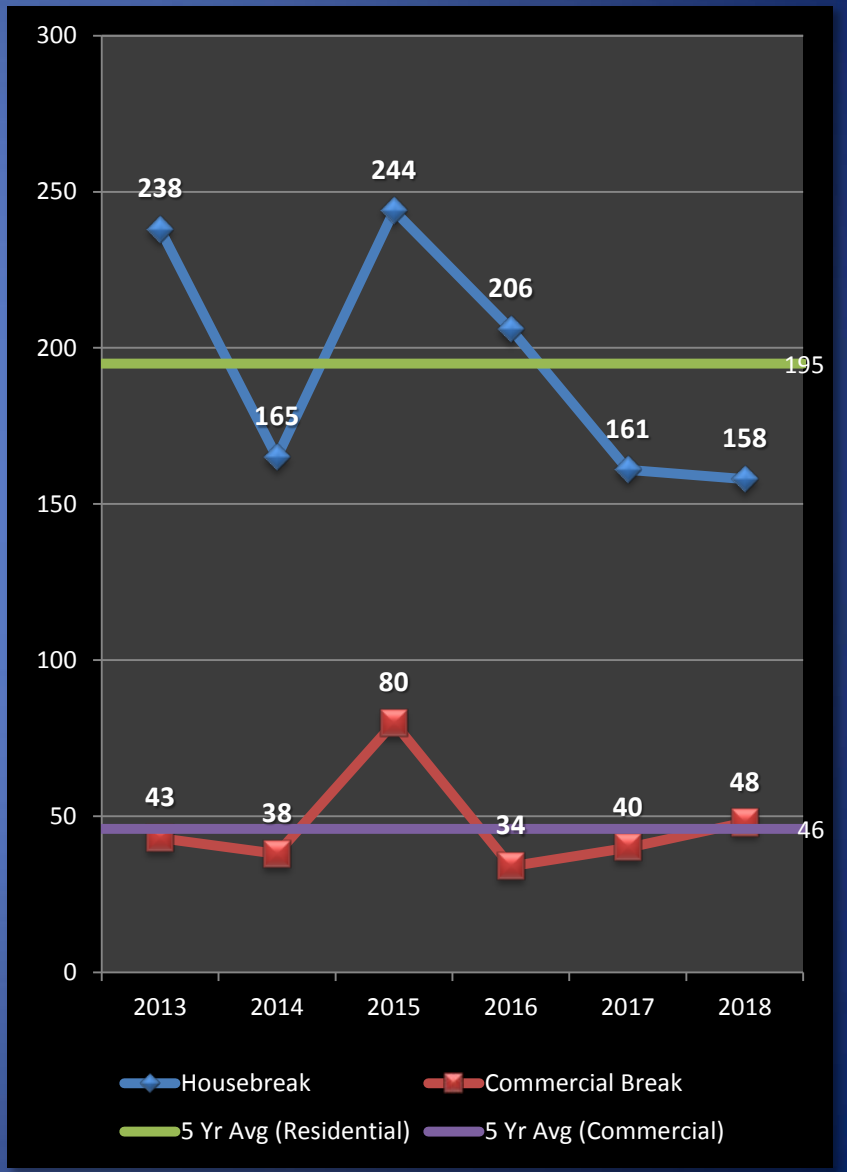
Burglary

Patterns Cooling

- The property index crime of burglary, the combination of residential and commercial breaks, has recorded a convincing drop of 15% below the five-year average for the first three quarters of 2018 with 36 fewer incidents reported below the projected total of 242 breaks, and has edged upward to a 2% increase when measured with last year's total through October 1st of 2018, with 5 additional crimes counted.
- There was a slight decline in housebreaks from 161 incidents in the first three quarters of 2017 to 158 (-2%) through October 1st of 2018. When measured against the five-year average for housebreaks, there has been a substantial decrease of 19% with 37 fewer incidents recorded than the 195 forecasted for the first nine months of the year.
- At the end of April, the Crime Analysis Unit was monitoring two emerging series of housebreaks that materialized at that time. Patrol units in and around the neighborhoods of Central Square gave extra attention to a clustering of smashed window entries between 3AM and 5AM with laptops the target of the thieves. These patterns appeared to be on the wane with very sporadic activity recorded and a 50% reduction in housebreaks confirmed when the July totals were measured versus the June total. However, activity in this area increased in August until the arrest of the same known offender who has been a bane to this area for a number of years.

Percent Change

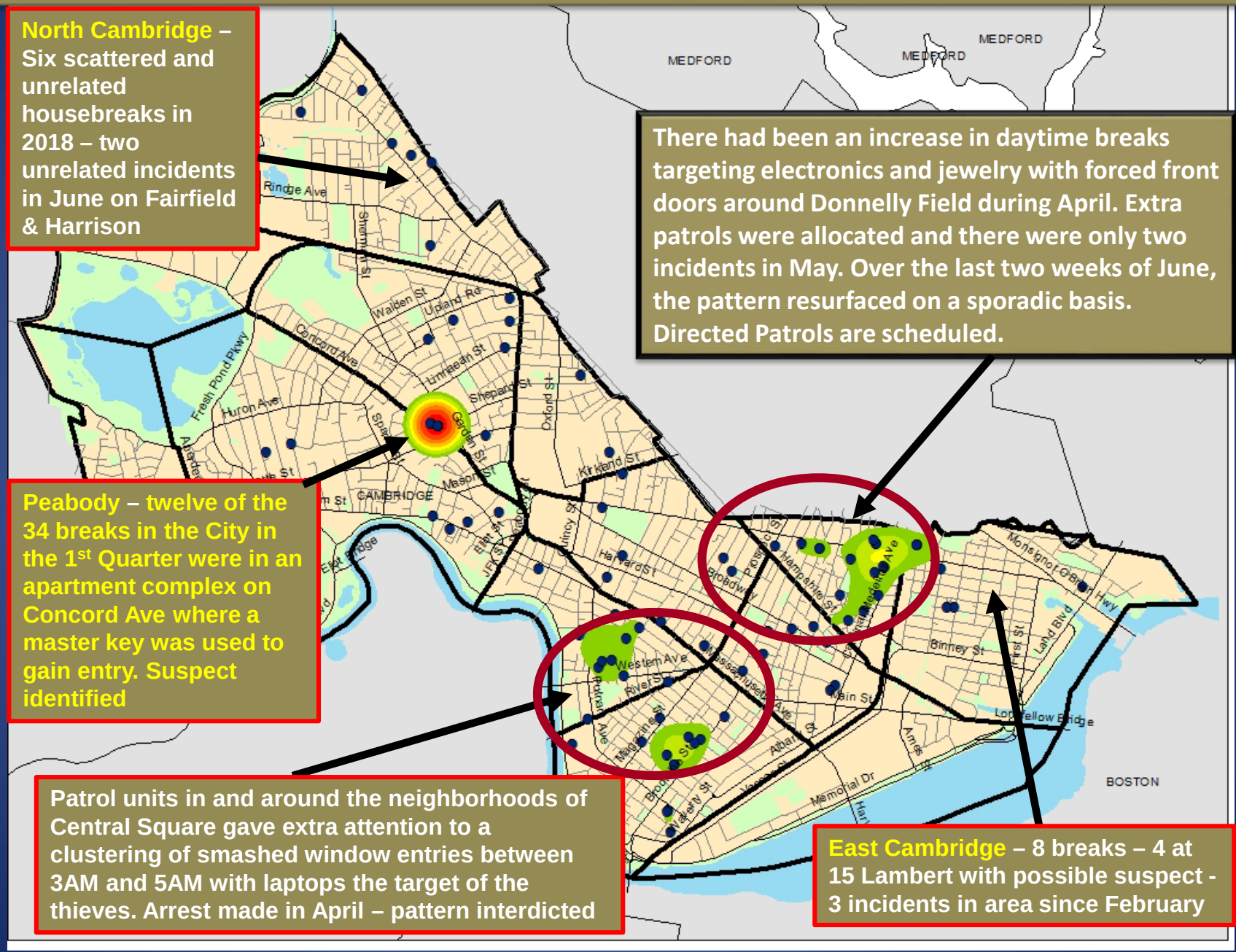
Last 4 Weeks	Previous Year	5-Year Average
-10%	+2%	-15%



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Geographic Breakdown of Housebreaks: 1.1.18 – 6.30.18

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North Cambridge – Six scattered and unrelated housebreaks in 2018 – two unrelated incidents in June on Fairfield & Harrison

There had been an increase in daytime breaks targeting electronics and jewelry with forced front doors around Donnelly Field during April. Extra patrols were allocated and there were only two incidents in May. Over the last two weeks of June, the pattern resurfaced on a sporadic basis. Directed Patrols are scheduled.

Peabody – twelve of the 34 breaks in the City in the 1st Quarter were in an apartment complex on Concord Ave where a master key was used to gain entry. Suspect identified

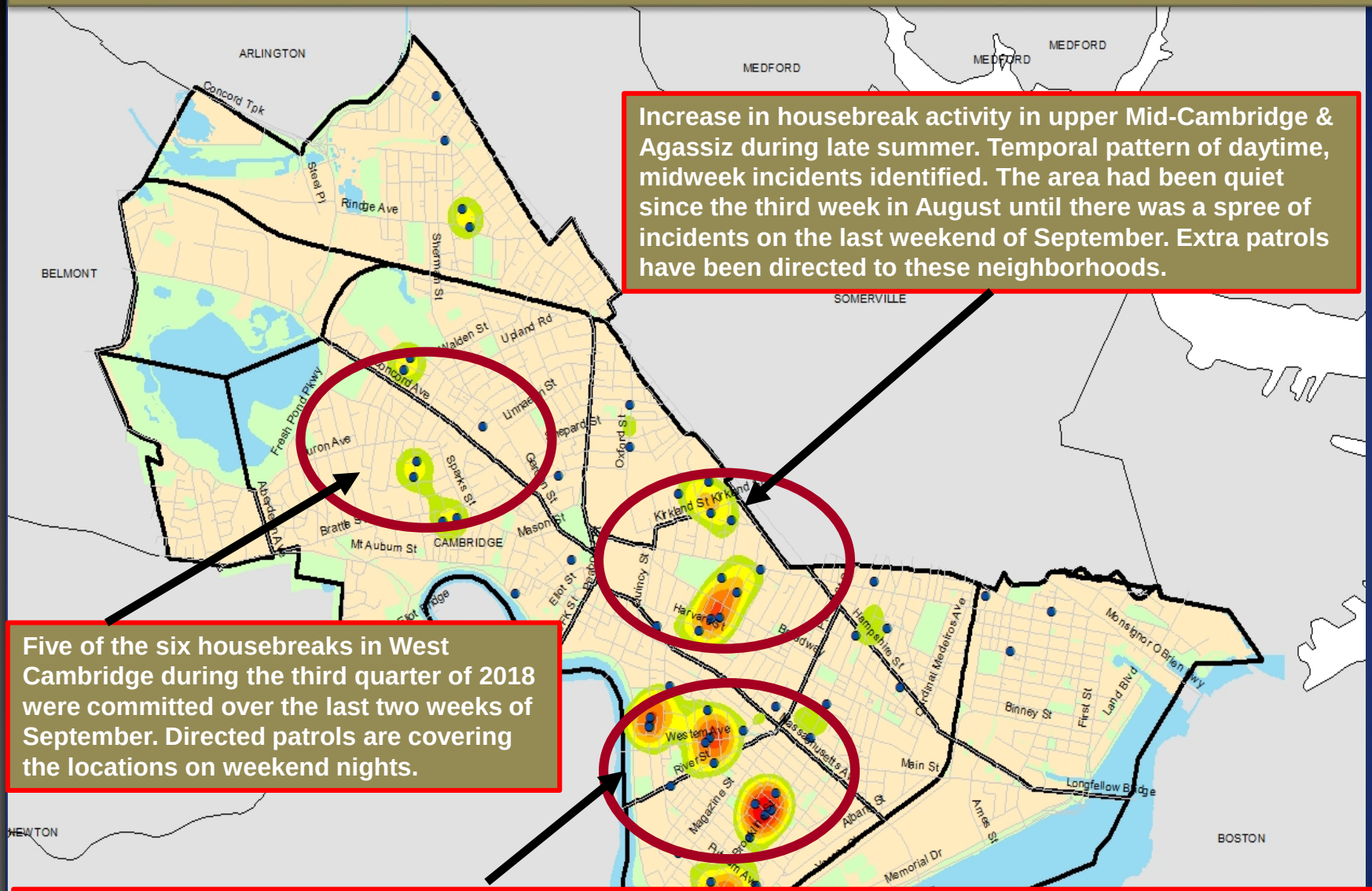
Patrol units in and around the neighborhoods of Central Square gave extra attention to a clustering of smashed window entries between 3AM and 5AM with laptops the target of the thieves. Arrest made in April – pattern interdicted

East Cambridge – 8 breaks – 4 at 15 Lambert with possible suspect - 3 incidents in area since February

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Geographic Breakdown of Housebreaks: 7.1.18 – 10.1.18

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Increase in housebreak activity in upper Mid-Cambridge & Agassiz during late summer. Temporal pattern of daytime, midweek incidents identified. The area had been quiet since the third week in August until there was a spree of incidents on the last weekend of September. Extra patrols have been directed to these neighborhoods.

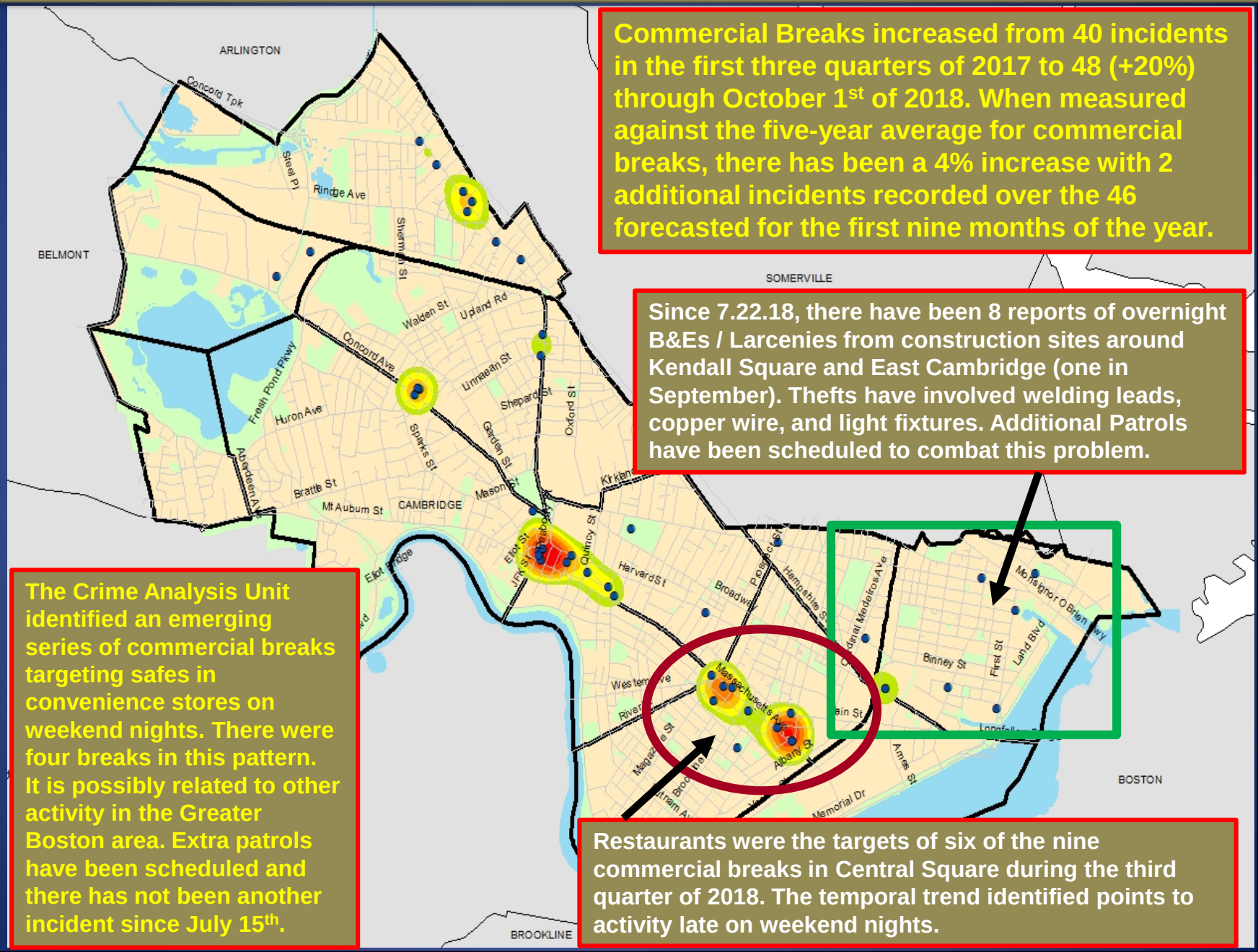
Five of the six housebreaks in West Cambridge during the third quarter of 2018 were committed over the last two weeks of September. Directed patrols are covering the locations on weekend nights.

Two serial burglars were arrested for incidents in Cambridgeport & Riverside this summer. One was arrested on the night of 7.28.18 at 5AM and charged with burglary and auto theft. Another chronic offender, who has been arrested on multiple occasions for housebreaks in this area, was linked to a series of crimes in this area in August. Sporadic late night breaks continued during September.

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Geographic Breakdown of Commercial Breaks: 7.1.18 – 10.1.18

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Commercial Breaks increased from 40 incidents in the first three quarters of 2017 to 48 (+20%) through October 1st of 2018. When measured against the five-year average for commercial breaks, there has been a 4% increase with 2 additional incidents recorded over the 46 forecasted for the first nine months of the year.

Since 7.22.18, there have been 8 reports of overnight B&Es / Larcenies from construction sites around Kendall Square and East Cambridge (one in September). Thefts have involved welding leads, copper wire, and light fixtures. Additional Patrols have been scheduled to combat this problem.

The Crime Analysis Unit identified an emerging series of commercial breaks targeting safes in convenience stores on weekend nights. There were four breaks in this pattern. It is possibly related to other activity in the Greater Boston area. Extra patrols have been scheduled and there has not been another incident since July 15th.

Restaurants were the targets of six of the nine commercial breaks in Central Square during the third quarter of 2018. The temporal trend identified points to activity late on weekend nights.

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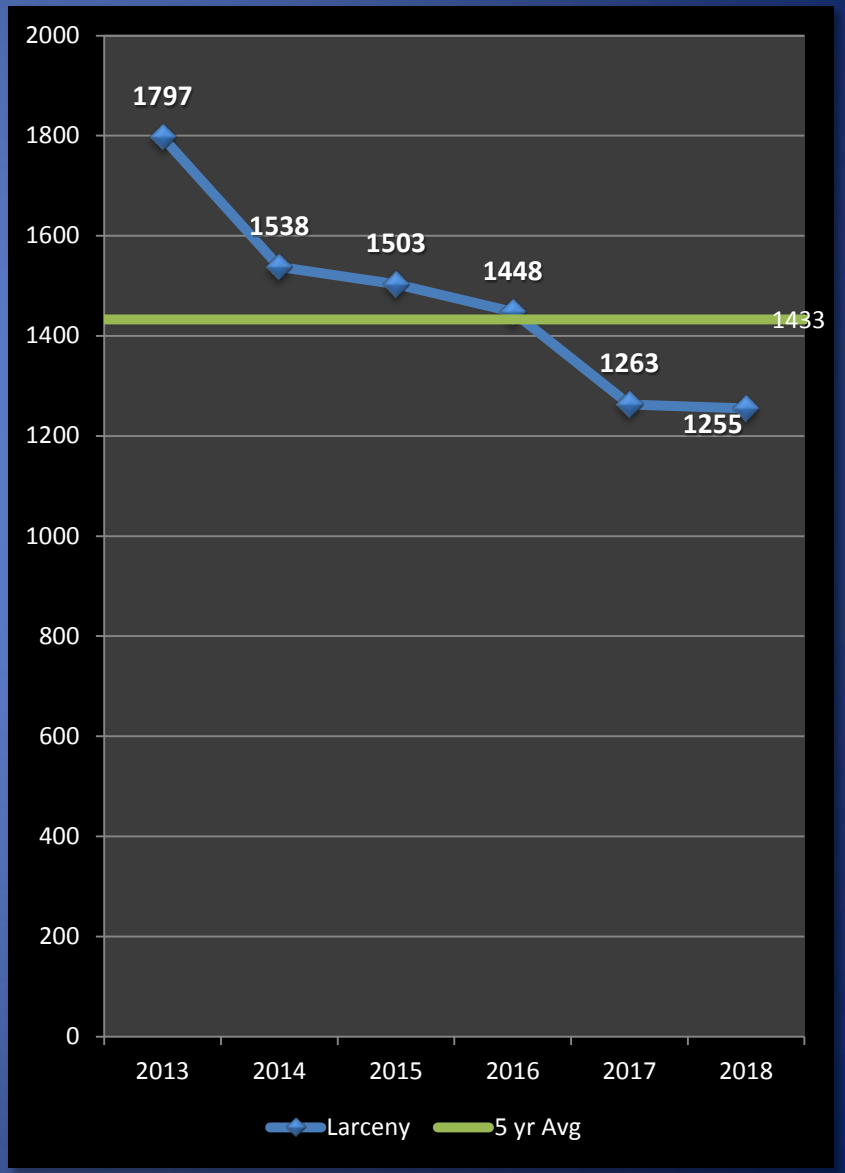
LARCENY

No Patterns

Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks	Previous Year	5-Year Average
-12%	-1%	-12%

- **Overall larceny through Oct 1st of 2018 registered 8 incidents (-1%) below the same time frame in 2017.** The total of 1255 larcenies reported year-to-date in 2018 is also 12% below the 5-year average of 1433 incidents through 10/1.
- **Larcenies from MVs recorded a moderate decrease of 8% below 2017, with 15 fewer incidents reported through Oct 1st.** This property crime has declined 35% when measured against the five-year average, with 98 fewer incidents below the projected total of 282 thefts.
- **Larcenies from the person are on the rise this year and currently measure at 127 through Oct. 1.** This is 5% above this time in 2017 (+6 incidents) and 16% below the 5-year average of 152. Central Square has seen the most activity with 49 incidents, followed by Harvard Square with 39 and East Cambridge/Galleria with 12.
- **There have been 211 larcenies from buildings reported through Oct. 1**. This represents a 1% rise (+3 incidents) above the 208 reported in 2017 and a 11% decrease below the 5-year average of 236.
- **Larcenies from residences saw a decline of 41% in 2017 but this trend has reversed thus far in 2018 with a 31% rise (+40 incidents) over last year's first nine months.** Package thefts from doorsteps and lobbies have represented 61% of the thefts from residences in 2018 (103 of the 170). The Port and Cambridgeport have seen the most reports citywide with 18 thefts each.
- **Larceny of bicycle numbers continue to remain low this year, with only 223 thefts reported through 10/1/18.** This is 10% below the 249 reported during this timeframe last year. Cambridgeport has seen the most so far this year with 34.



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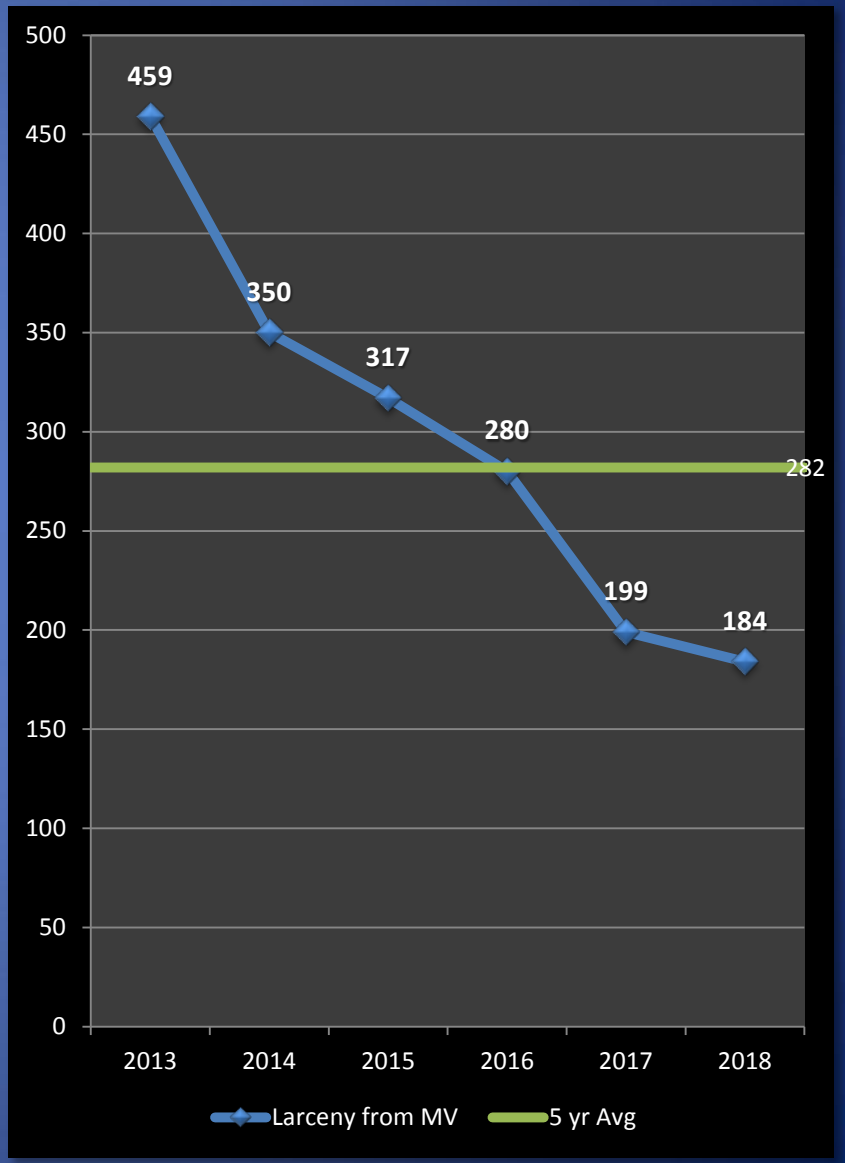
LARCENY From MV

No Patterns

Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks	Previous Year	5-Year Average
-14%	-8%	-35%

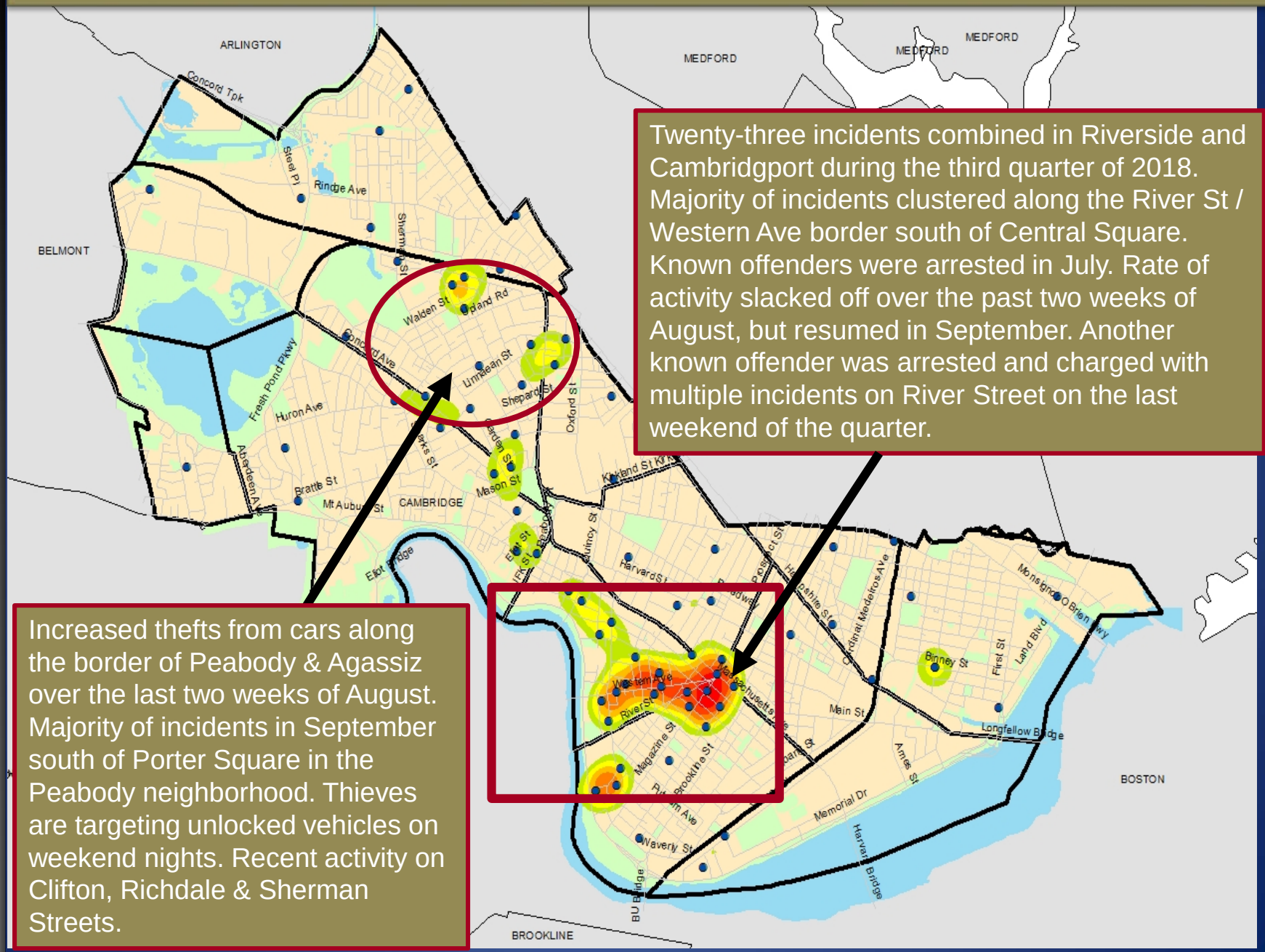
- Larcenies from MVs recorded a fragmentary decline of 8% for the first three quarters of 2018 when compared with the same time period last year, with 15 fewer incidents reported through October 1st. This property crime has declined 35% when measured against the five-year average, with 98 fewer incidents than the projected total of 282 thefts.
- Sporadic clustering of incidents in Cambridgeport and North Cambridge during March fueled the 12% increase for the 1st Quarter. Meanwhile, April saw a decline of one incident when compared with March. After recording a 44% surge in the crime during May, a 22% dip was noted in June, and another 11% drop in July.
- Despite the fact that LMVs jumped up 117% in August from 12 incidents to 26 thefts, that was offset by the fact that in August of 2017 there were 40 car breaks. Historically, the month of August is one of the busiest for this property crime. That trend did not surface in 2018. A moderate decline of 14% was then accrued for thefts from cars in September.
- There were arrests during July and August of car prowlers on Hampshire Street, in Central Square and in Riverside. Presently, there are no operational patterns, series or hot spot concentrations involving larceny from motor vehicles anywhere in Cambridge.



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Geographic Breakdown of Larceny from Motor Vehicles: 7.1.18 – 10.1.18

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Twenty-three incidents combined in Riverside and Cambridgport during the third quarter of 2018. Majority of incidents clustered along the River St / Western Ave border south of Central Square. Known offenders were arrested in July. Rate of activity slacked off over the past two weeks of August, but resumed in September. Another known offender was arrested and charged with multiple incidents on River Street on the last weekend of the quarter.

Increased thefts from cars along the border of Peabody & Agassiz over the last two weeks of August. Majority of incidents in September south of Porter Square in the Peabody neighborhood. Thieves are targeting unlocked vehicles on weekend nights. Recent activity on Clifton, Richdale & Sherman Streets.

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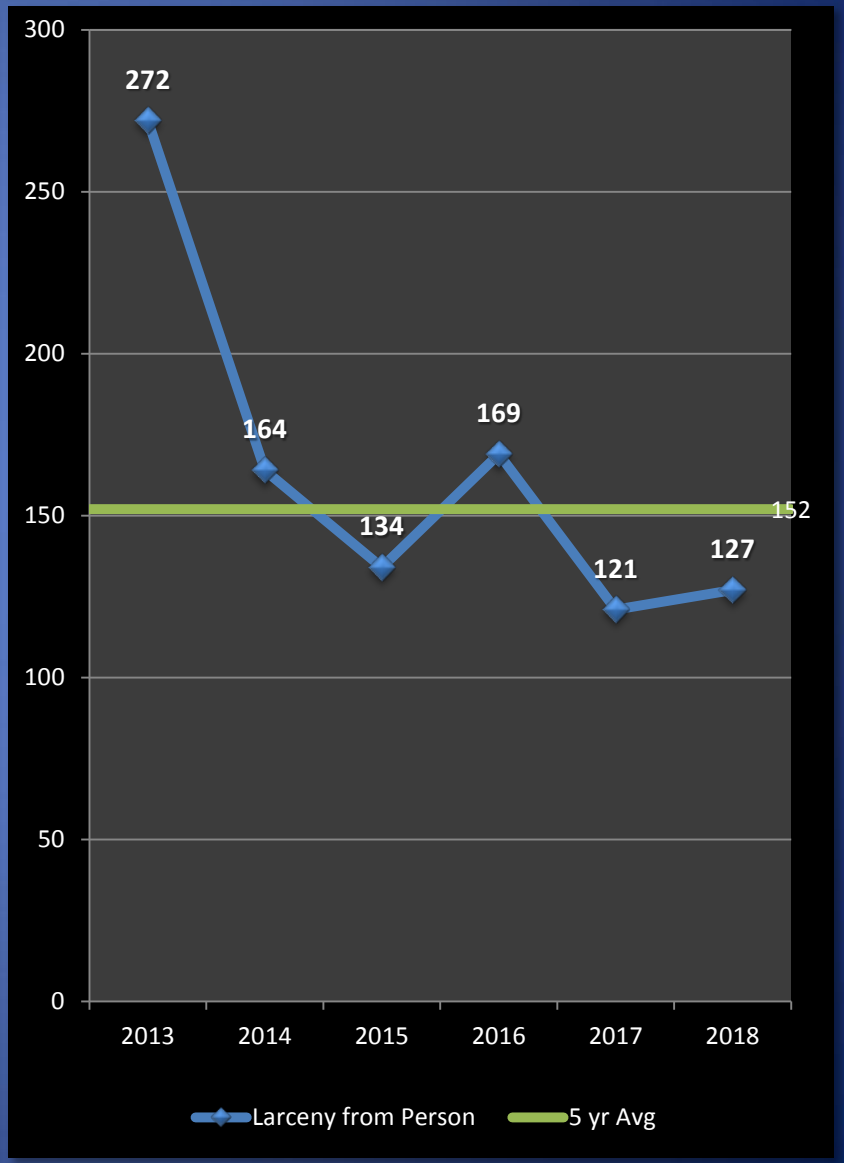
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LARCENY: *from Person*

No Patterns

Percent Change		
Last 4 Weeks	Previous Year	5-Year Average
-7%	+5%	-16%

- After a variable year that eventually ended in an overall decrease in 2017, larcenies from the person through the first nine months of 2018 have increased moderately and currently measure at 127 through October 1st. This is 5% above this time in 2017 (+6 incidents) and is 16% below the five-year average of 152.
- Central Square has seen the most activity in 2018 with 49 incidents, followed by Harvard Square with 39 and East Cambridge/Galleria with 12 incidents. Harvard Square activity has been picking up in recent months while Central Square activity has cooled off.
- A majority of the incidents have spanned all categories: thefts from patrons while dining, grab and runs, pocket-picking incidents, and the theft of unattended items that victims left behind. The most common scenarios for the incidents in Central Square have been thefts of nearby but unattended items (17) or pocket pickings (13).
- There are currently no established patterns of this activity anywhere in Cambridge, but 19 locations throughout the city have reported more than one larceny from the person so far this year. The Galleria Mall has seen the most with 8.
- Although no arrests have been made, suspects have been identified in 15 incidents, nine of which took place in Central Square, four in Harvard Square and two in Porter Square.



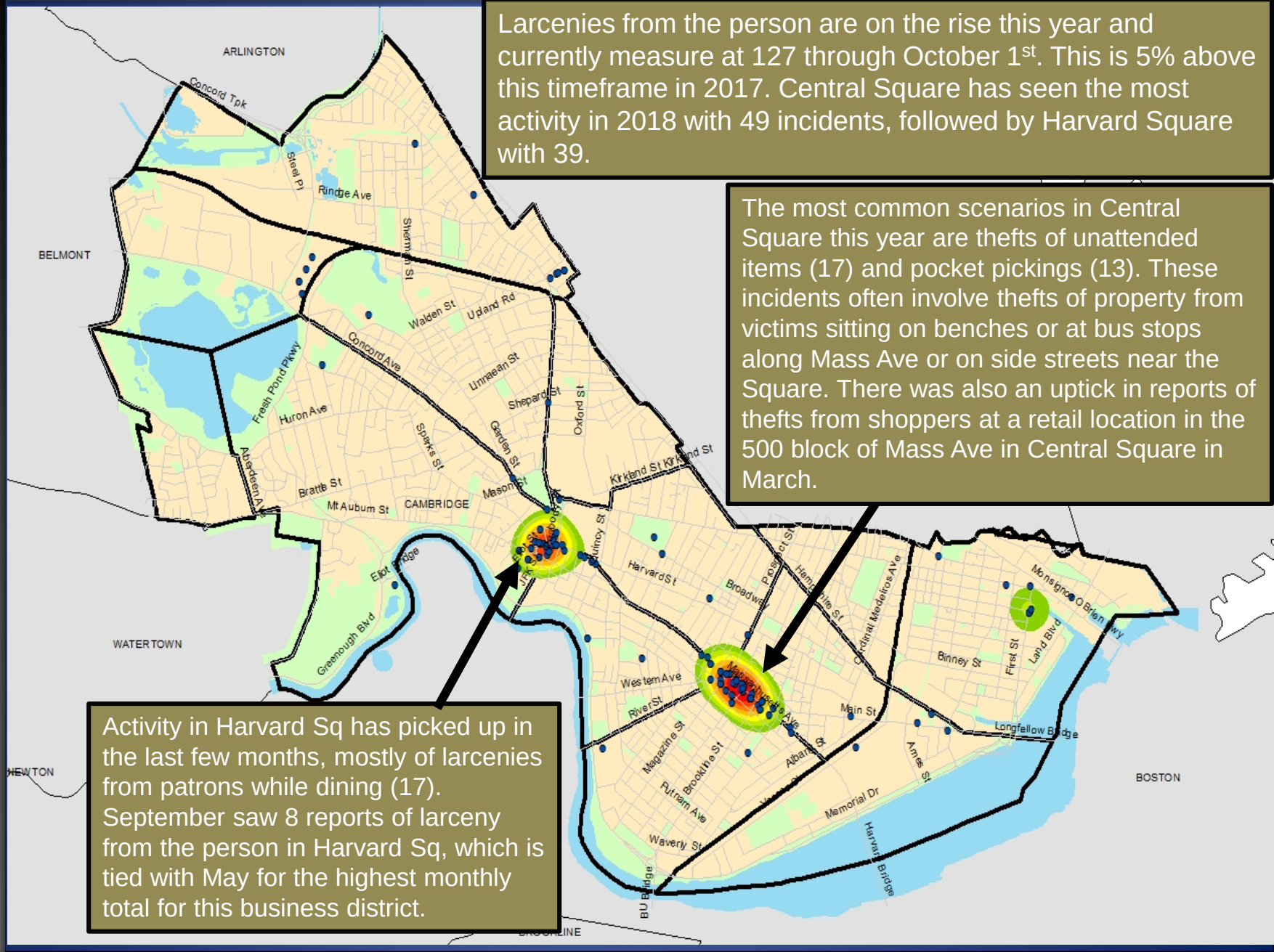
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Geographic Breakdown of Larceny from Persons: 1.1.18 – 10.1.18

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Larcenies from the person are on the rise this year and currently measure at 127 through October 1st. This is 5% above this timeframe in 2017. Central Square has seen the most activity in 2018 with 49 incidents, followed by Harvard Square with 39.

The most common scenarios in Central Square this year are thefts of unattended items (17) and pocket pickings (13). These incidents often involve thefts of property from victims sitting on benches or at bus stops along Mass Ave or on side streets near the Square. There was also an uptick in reports of thefts from shoppers at a retail location in the 500 block of Mass Ave in Central Square in March.



Activity in Harvard Sq has picked up in the last few months, mostly of larcenies from patrons while dining (17). September saw 8 reports of larceny from the person in Harvard Sq, which is tied with May for the highest monthly total for this business district.

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LARCENY: *of Bicycle*

No Patterns

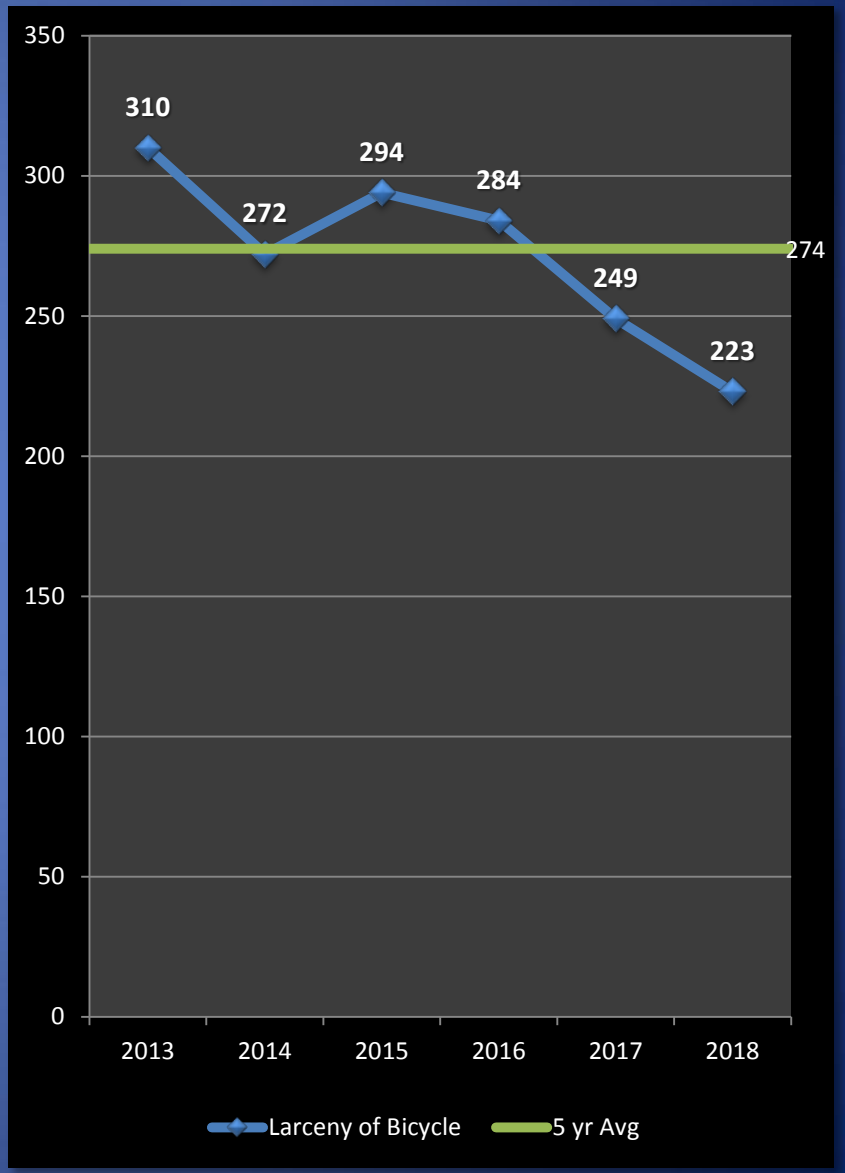
Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks	Previous Year	5-Year Average
-29%	-10%	-19%

- Typically, very few bike thefts are reported in Cambridge during the cold winter months. This was true in 2018, with only 16 reported from January through March. As warmer weather returned, 12 thefts were recorded in April, 23 in May, 35 in June, 45 in July, 53 in August, 37 in September, and 2 on October 1. This equals 223 thefts year-to-date in 2018, which is 26 incidents (-10%) below the number reported through this time in 2017 and is 51 incidents (-19%) below the 5-year average of 274. West Cambridge saw the most in September with seven thefts.
- Of the 223 bike thefts reported so far this year, 162 were reportedly locked at the time of the theft.
- Although there are the typical hotspots for bike thefts in the major squares (Central & Harvard), there are no defined patterns anywhere in the city at this time.

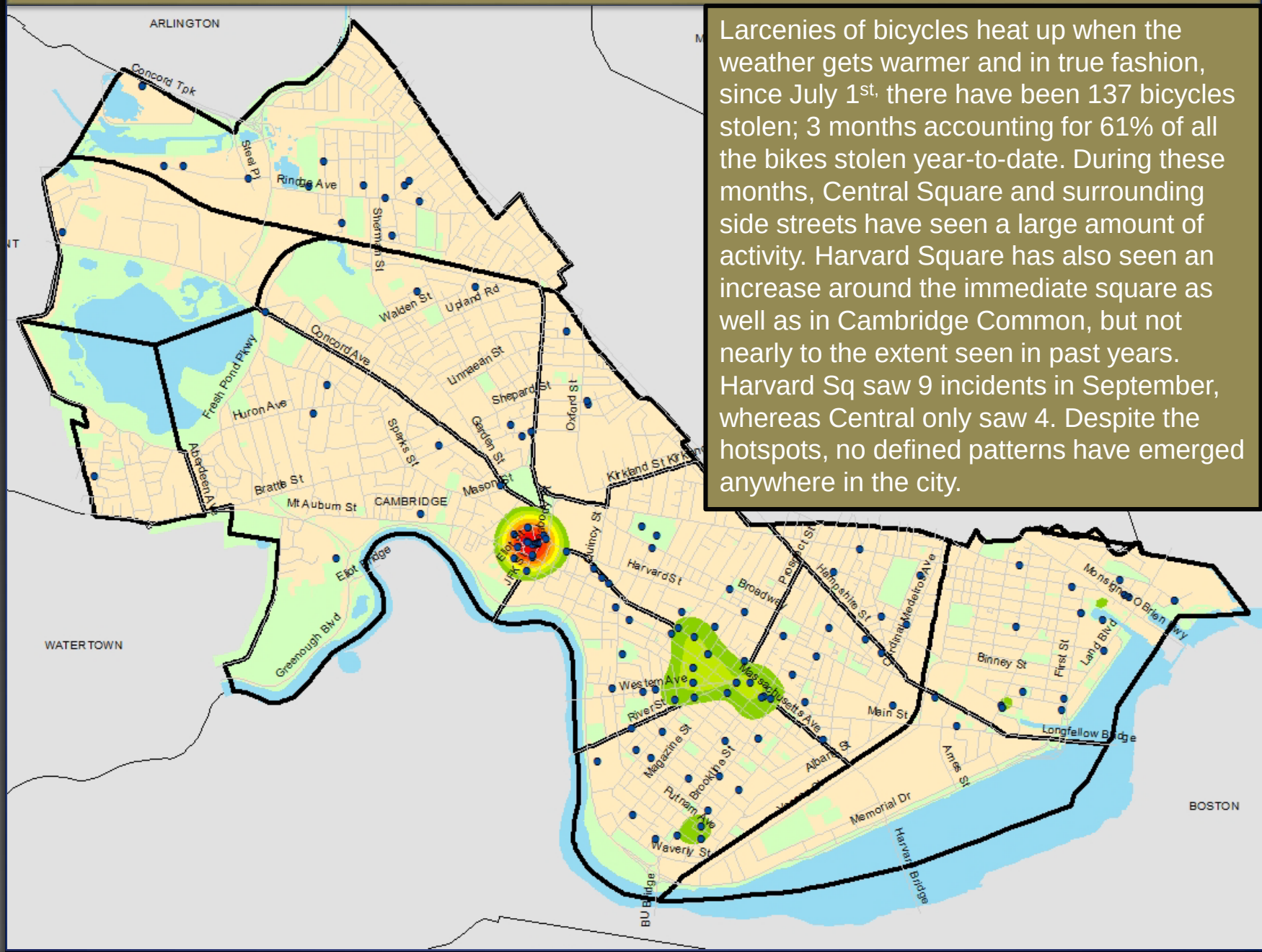
Top Neighborhoods for Bike Thefts Year-to-Date:

Neighborhood	YTD Total	% Citywide
Cambridgeport	34	15%
Riverside & W. Camb.	30 each	13% each
East Cambridge	29	13%
The Port	25	11%
North Cambridge	23	10%



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Geographic Breakdown of Bicycle Thefts: 7.1.18 – 10.1.18



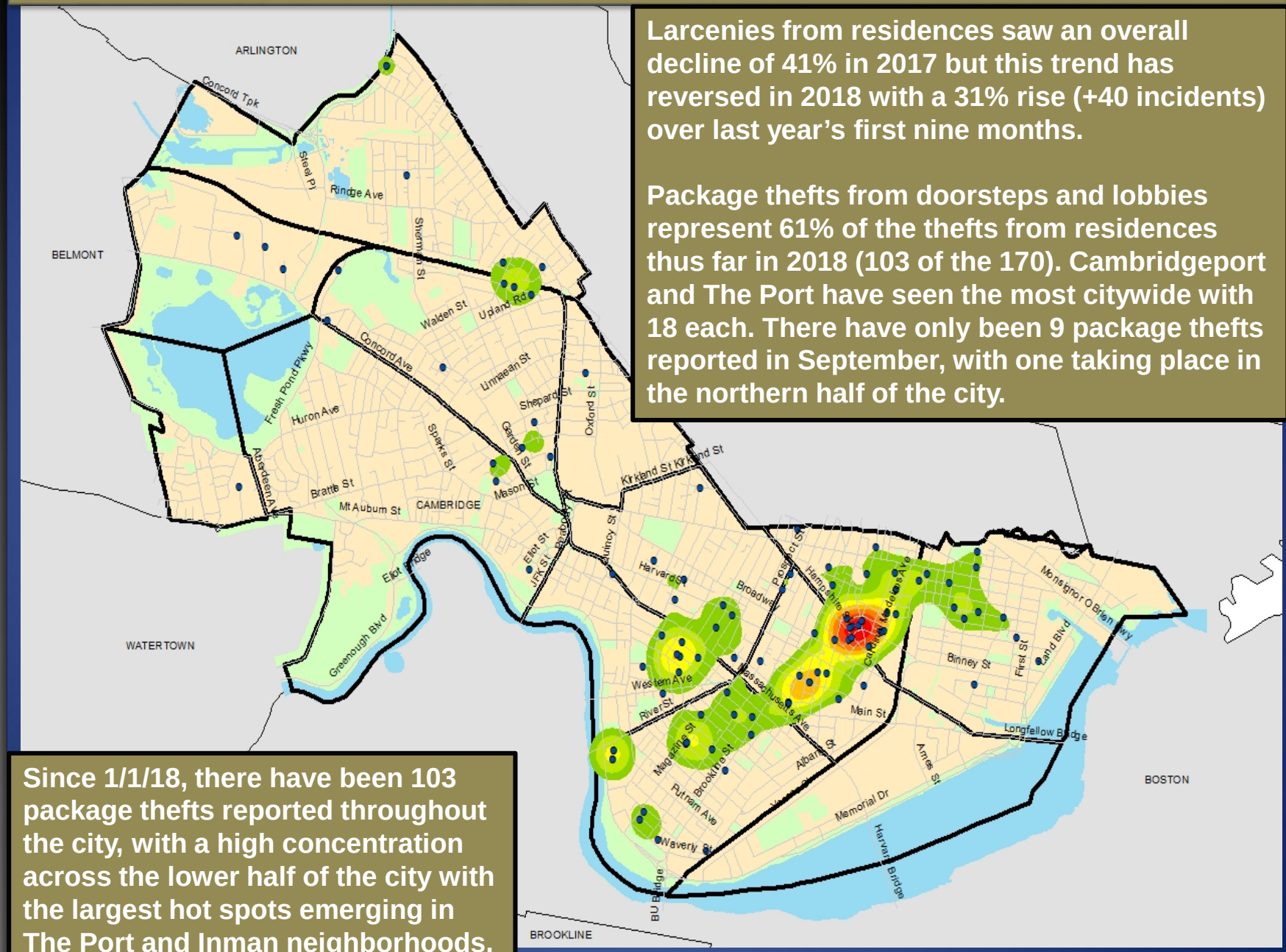
Larcenies of bicycles heat up when the weather gets warmer and in true fashion, since July 1st, there have been 137 bicycles stolen; 3 months accounting for 61% of all the bikes stolen year-to-date. During these months, Central Square and surrounding side streets have seen a large amount of activity. Harvard Square has also seen an increase around the immediate square as well as in Cambridge Common, but not nearly to the extent seen in past years. Harvard Sq saw 9 incidents in September, whereas Central only saw 4. Despite the hotspots, no defined patterns have emerged anywhere in the city.

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Geographic Breakdown of Package Thefts: 1.1.18 – 10.1.18

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Larcenies from residences saw an overall decline of 41% in 2017 but this trend has reversed in 2018 with a 31% rise (+40 incidents) over last year's first nine months.

Package thefts from doorsteps and lobbies represent 61% of the thefts from residences thus far in 2018 (103 of the 170). Cambridgeport and The Port have seen the most citywide with 18 each. There have only been 9 package thefts reported in September, with one taking place in the northern half of the city.

Since 1/1/18, there have been 103 package thefts reported throughout the city, with a high concentration across the lower half of the city with the largest hot spots emerging in The Port and Inman neighborhoods.

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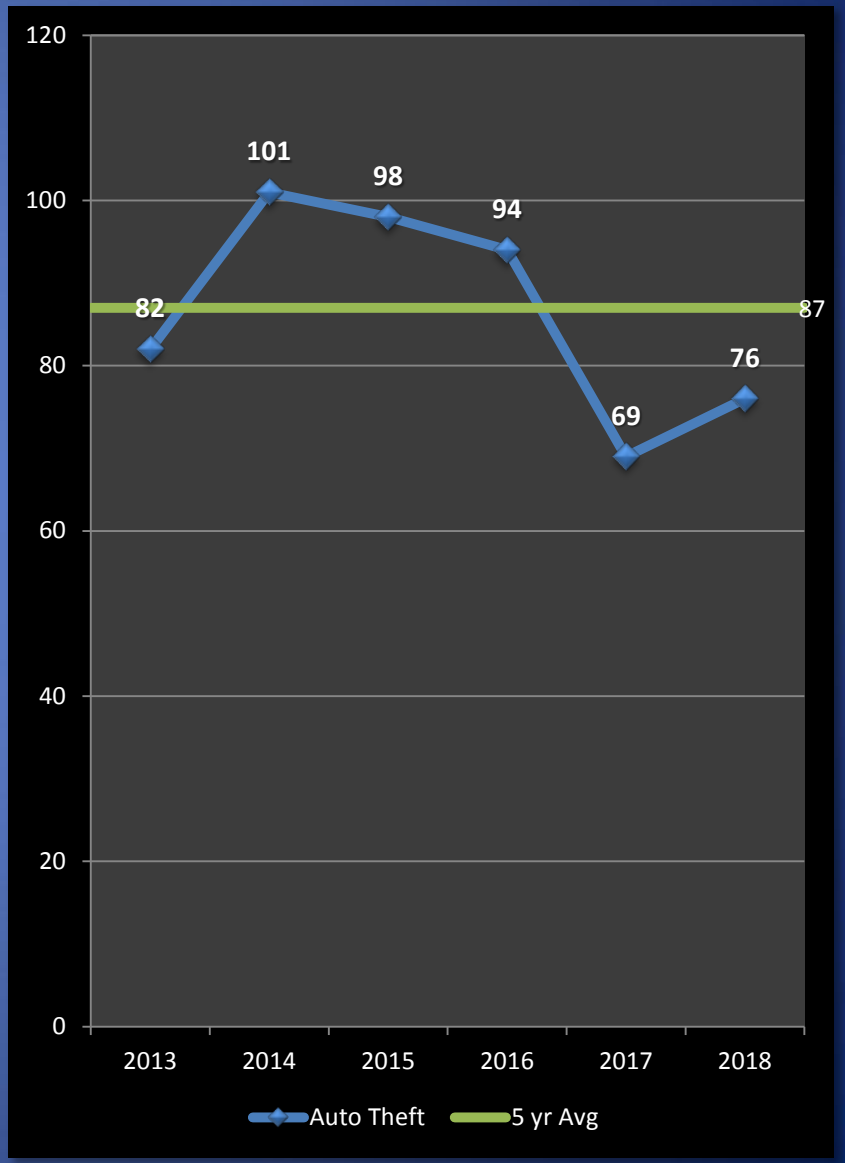
AUTO THEFT

No Patterns

Percent Change

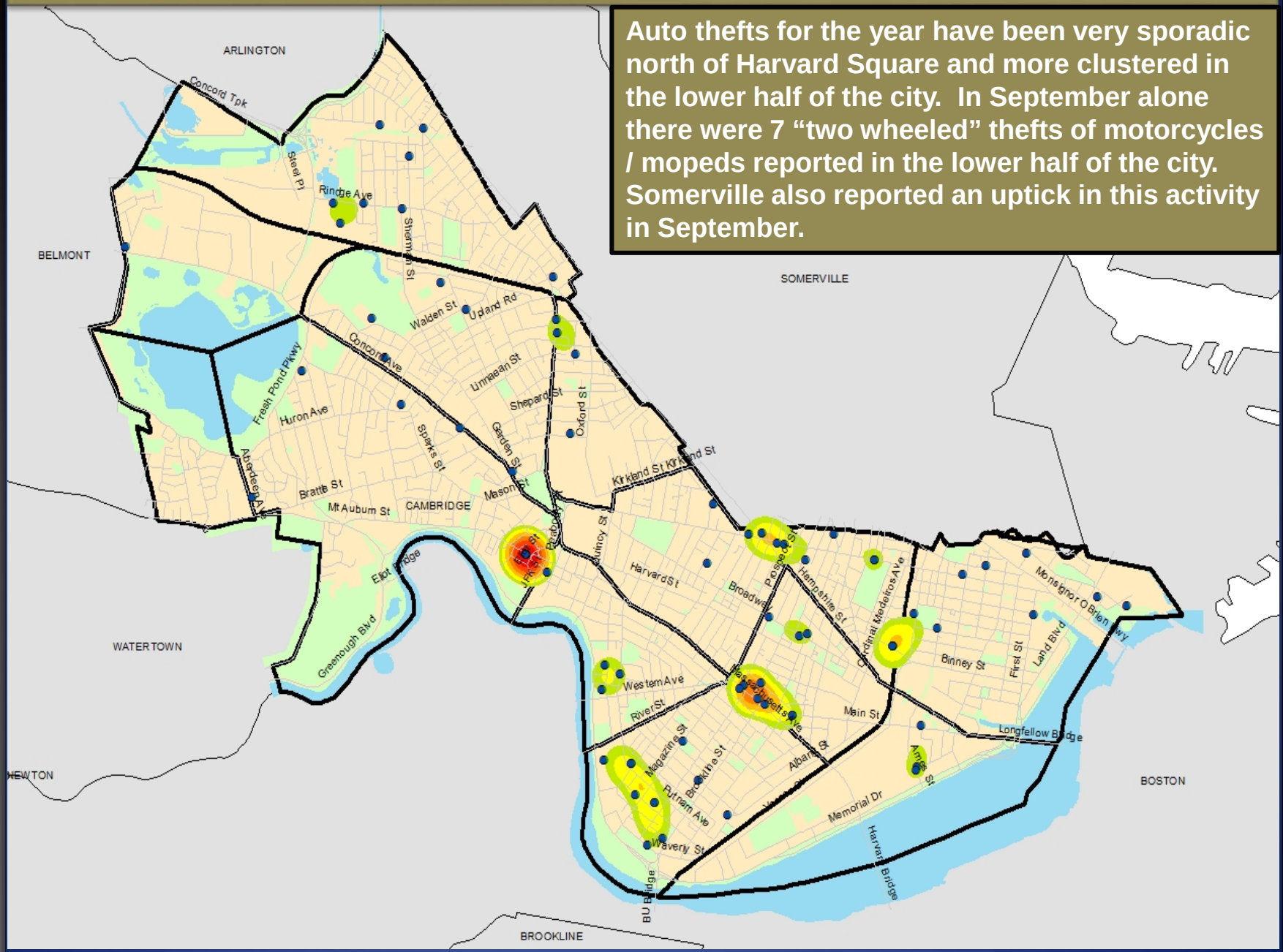
Last 4 Weeks	Previous Year	5-Year Average
0%	+10%	-13%

- The projected five-year weighted average for auto thefts through the first nine months of the year is 87 incidents. With 76 thefts reported thus far in 2018, we are 13% below the average of 87 and 5% (7 incidents) above the 69 reported during this time frame in 2017.
- Notably, 5 of the 6 auto thefts reported in January 2018 involved vehicles that were rented from Hertz or Thrifty Rental Cars in West Cambridge and were never returned. This trend was expected to continue, but it seems to have ended as no similar incidents have been reported in Cambridge since January.
- Typically, we expect to see an increase in thefts of motorcycle/moped thefts during the warmer summer months. Oddly enough, at a time when the weather has started to cool, this is when the increase has occurred this year. There were 7 reported thefts during the month of September, all taking place in the lower half of the city.
- The 76 auto thefts reported thus far in 2018 took place in: Cambridgeport (12), Inman/Harrington (10), the Port, West Cambridge & North Cambridge (all with 9), East Cambridge (8), Peabody, Riverside & Agassiz (all 4 each), Mid Cambridge & MIT (3 each), and the Highlands with one.
- Thirty-one of the 76 reported stolen vehicles, or 41%, have been recovered to date.



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Geographic Breakdown of Auto Thefts: 1.1.18 – 10.1.18



Auto thefts for the year have been very sporadic north of Harvard Square and more clustered in the lower half of the city. In September alone there were 7 "two wheeled" thefts of motorcycles / mopeds reported in the lower half of the city. Somerville also reported an uptick in this activity in September.

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