



POLICE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF BURLINGTON

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Local media partners and neighbors, the Burlington Police Department would like to provide a friendly reminder regarding our [Priority Response Plan](#). The Plan has not changed, but we have posted a new and more thorough description online. The [Priority Response Plan](#) is a categorization of incidents due to our limited staffing and the increase of incident volume.

Our primary goal remains neighbors' physical safety and their sense of safety. As such, categories of incidents consist of Priority 1, 2, and 3 classifications. Each incident reported will receive a specific response from our department's personnel and resources depending on its classification. The [Priority Response Plan](#) goes into effect when two or fewer sworn police officers are available for response; when that happens, Priority 2 and Priority 3 incidents get "stacked" and do not receive an in-person response. When three or more officers are available, officers are dispatched to all incidents regardless of Priority category.

The [Priority Response Plan](#) can be found on the top of our [webpage](#) and viewed at the following link:

<https://www.burlingtonvt.gov/sites/default/files/20240417%20Priority%20Response%20Plan%202024%20UPDATE.pdf>

Information is preliminary and subject to change.

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