



**Date:** November 12, 2015  
**To:** Patrick H. West, City Manager *T.M.*  
**From:** Robert G. Luna, Chief of Police *R. Luna*  
**For:** Members of the Public Safety Committee  
**Subject:** **REQUEST FOR INFORMATION**

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On September 22, 2015, the Public Safety Committee (Committee) requested the Police Department to provide, in writing, the information presented for Agenda Item No. 2 – a report on recent shooting activity in the City. This memorandum serves to transmit this information to the Committee.

When reviewing the information provided herein, it is important to remember that in 2014, Long Beach experienced a 42-year low for violent crimes, with an 18 percent decrease in the past five years alone (see attached). This can be attributed not only to the work of the Police Department and its law enforcement partners, but also to the work of the other City departments that make up the Public Safety Continuum.

It is also important to bear in mind that Long Beach is not alone in the recent uptick in shootings and violent crimes; it is a nationwide trend. The following statistics are from 35 cities that participated in a recent Major Cities Chiefs Association discussion on violent crime and trends occurring around the country:

- Homicides have increased 19% on average across all cities;
- Non-fatal shootings have increased 62%;
- The use of multiple firearms were used in 40% of the cities;
- Gang-related violence and retaliatory violence was reported by nearly 50% of the cities; and
- An increase in offenders under the influence of synthetic drugs was reported by 30% of the cities.

While Long Beach is currently experiencing an increase in violent crimes, many large cities are experiencing increased crime rates that far exceed our own. That said, please be assured that the Police Department, and all other City departments, are very much concerned with these increases, and that staff will do all they can to mitigate them.

Below please find the statistical information that was verbally presented to the Committee, as well as many strategies the Police Department employs to impact violent crime.

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The data provided is for the period of January 1 through September 21, for each year noted.

### TOTAL SHOOTINGS

- Higher in 2015 when compared to 2014 (194 v. 140)
- Higher than the prior five year average (194 v. 180)

### GANG RELATED SHOOTINGS

- Higher in 2015 when compared to 2014 (81 v. 55)
- Lower than the prior five year average (81 v. 86)

### NON-GANG RELATED SHOOTINGS

- Higher in 2015 when compared to 2014 (113 v. 85)
- Higher than the prior five year average (113 v. 94)

### TOTAL MURDERS

- Higher in 2015 when compared to 2014 (25 v. 18)
- Higher than the prior five year average (25 v. 22.6)

### GANG RELATED MURDERS

- Lower in 2015 when compared to 2014 (9 v. 11)
- Lower than the prior five year average (9 v. 10.6)

### POLICE DEPARTMENT STRATEGIES TO IMPACT VIOLENT CRIME

- Weekly updates from crime analysts to patrol commanders on when and where shootings are occurring.
- Appropriate staffing to coincide with the times shootings are most likely to occur (between 8:00 pm and 4:00 am).
- Enforcement of the local curfew ordinance to deter juveniles from becoming the victim of a crime or committing a crime.
- Weekly updates from gang detectives on intelligence received regarding gang shootings.
- Focused enforcement at the divisional level by patrol officers, Directed Enforcement Teams, Impact Motors and Post Release Community Supervision (PRCS) Team based on intelligence provided by division analysts and gang detectives.

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- Service and enforcement of gang court orders (currently four in effect).
- Local and regional narcotics enforcement to impact one of the common ways gangs finance their operations.
- Two probation officers assigned full time to our department—one is assigned to the Gang Enforcement Section and the other to the PRCS (AB109) Team.
- Partnership with the City Prosecutor's Office in the "Opt Out" program. This is a means for gang members to leave the gang life by undergoing a process to get removed from a gang court order. The process includes community endorsements and beginning employment or education. The program also provides assistance with free gang tattoo removal.
- Aggressive investigations into human trafficking suspects, most of whom are gang members.
- Gang members must register with local law enforcement pursuant to California Penal Code Section 186.30.
- Aggressive residential burglary investigations, supported through non-recurring funds approved by City Council. Gang members commit crimes of various types to finance their lifestyle and to buy drugs and guns. Burglary is one of these crimes.
- Increased staffing in all patrol divisions to address violent crime (funded on an overtime basis).
- Currently evaluating the feasibility of increasing helicopter flight time to augment patrol resources.
- In January the city was awarded a three year, \$1.5 million grant to support anti-gang efforts and prevent the victimization of at-risk female youth. This CAL GRIP grant is being used to promote human trafficking awareness, mental health treatment, housing assistance and mentorship. The grant is managed by the Long Beach GRIP Advisory Council.
- Participation in the city's Violence Prevention Plan, commonly known as "Safe Long Beach."

If you have any questions, please contact me, or my Chief of Staff, Commander Lisa Lopez, at extension 87301.

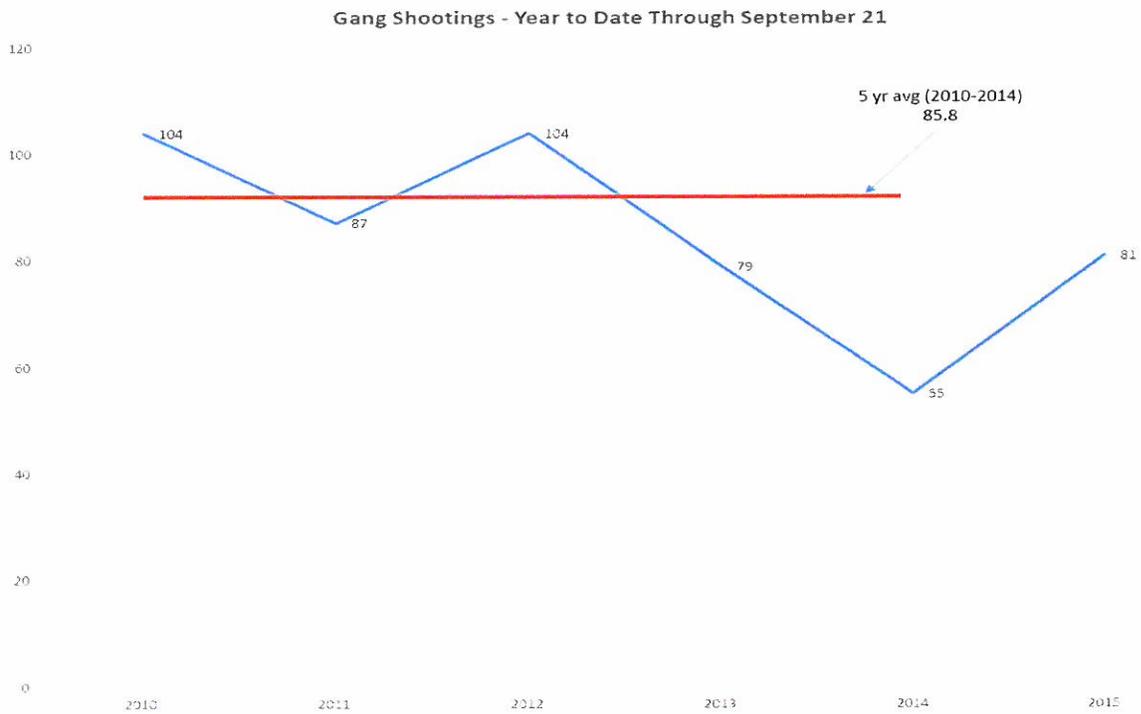
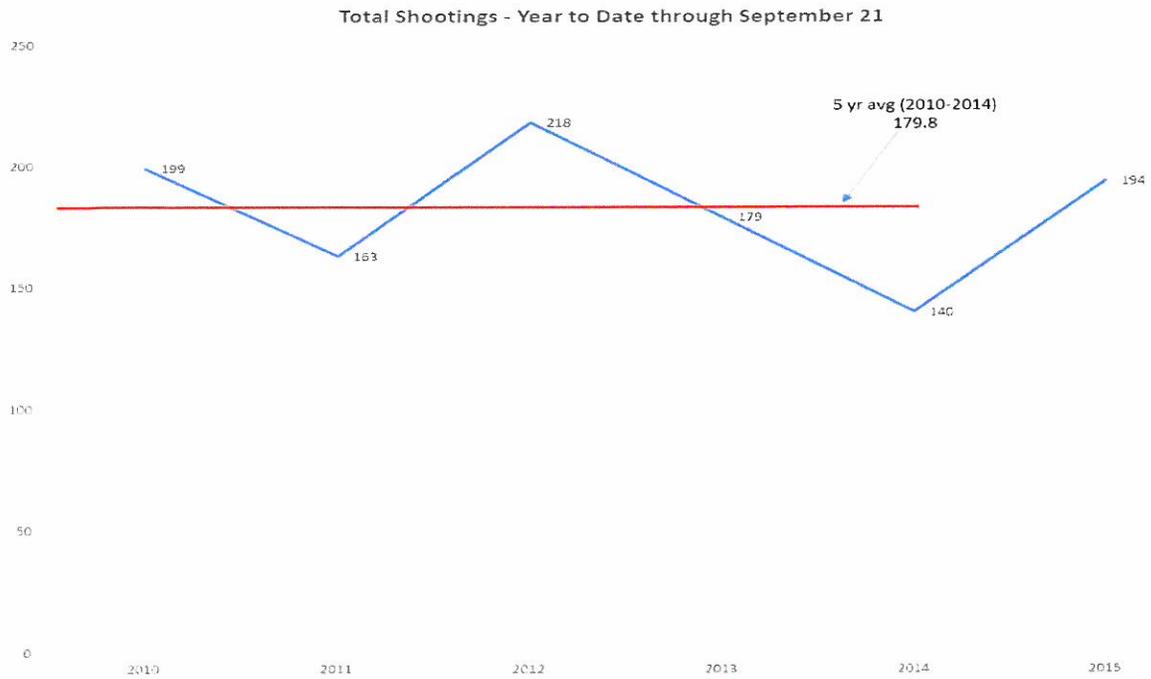
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Attachments

Cc: Mayor and Members of the City Council

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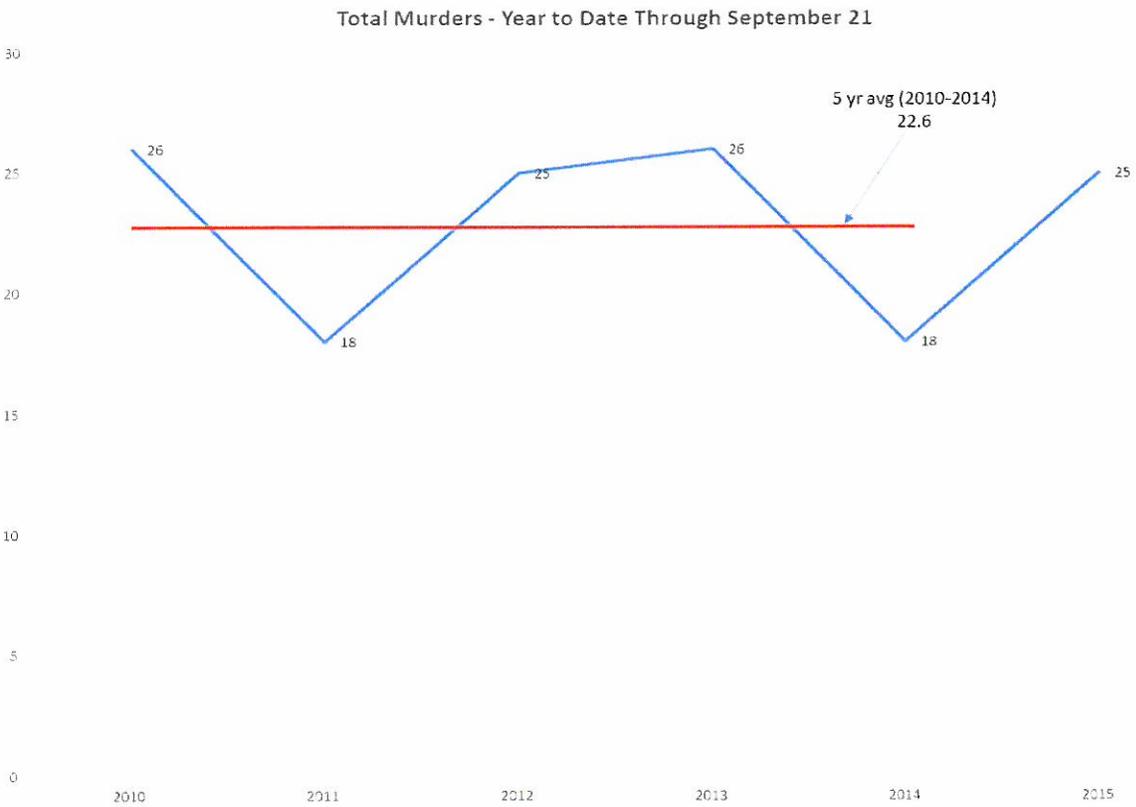
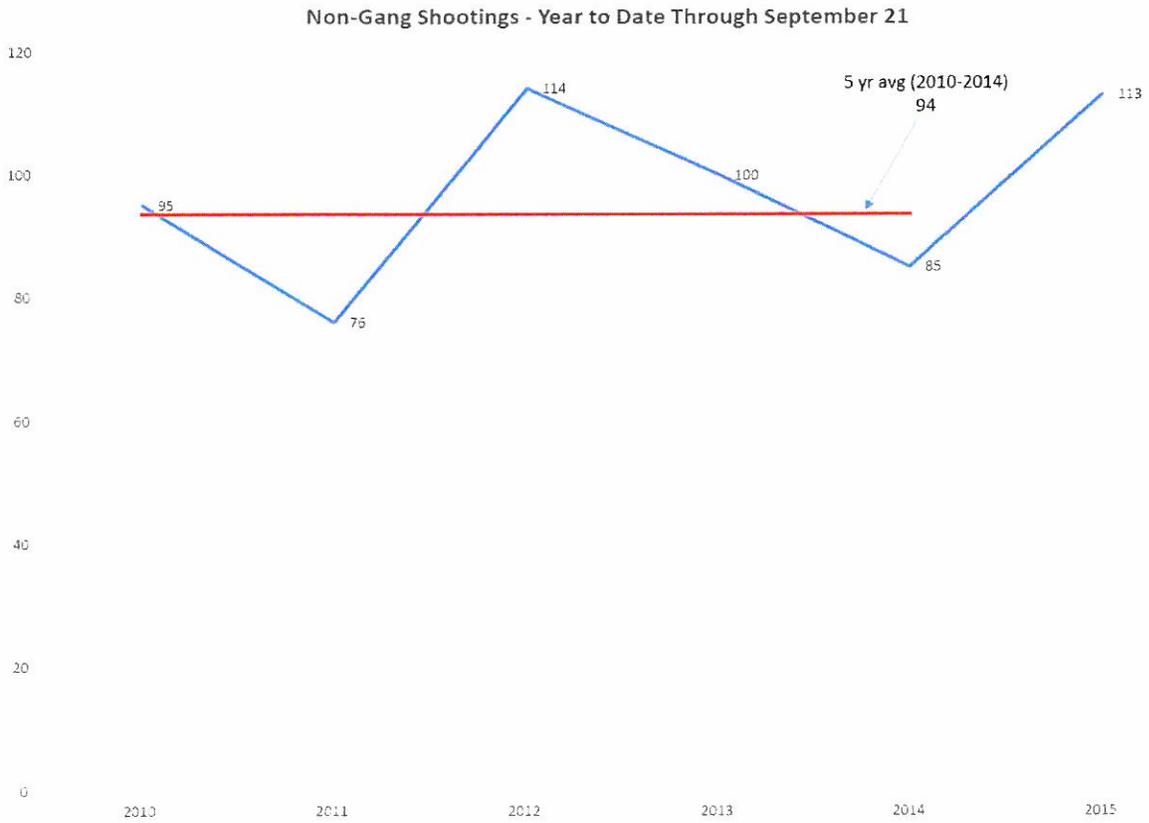
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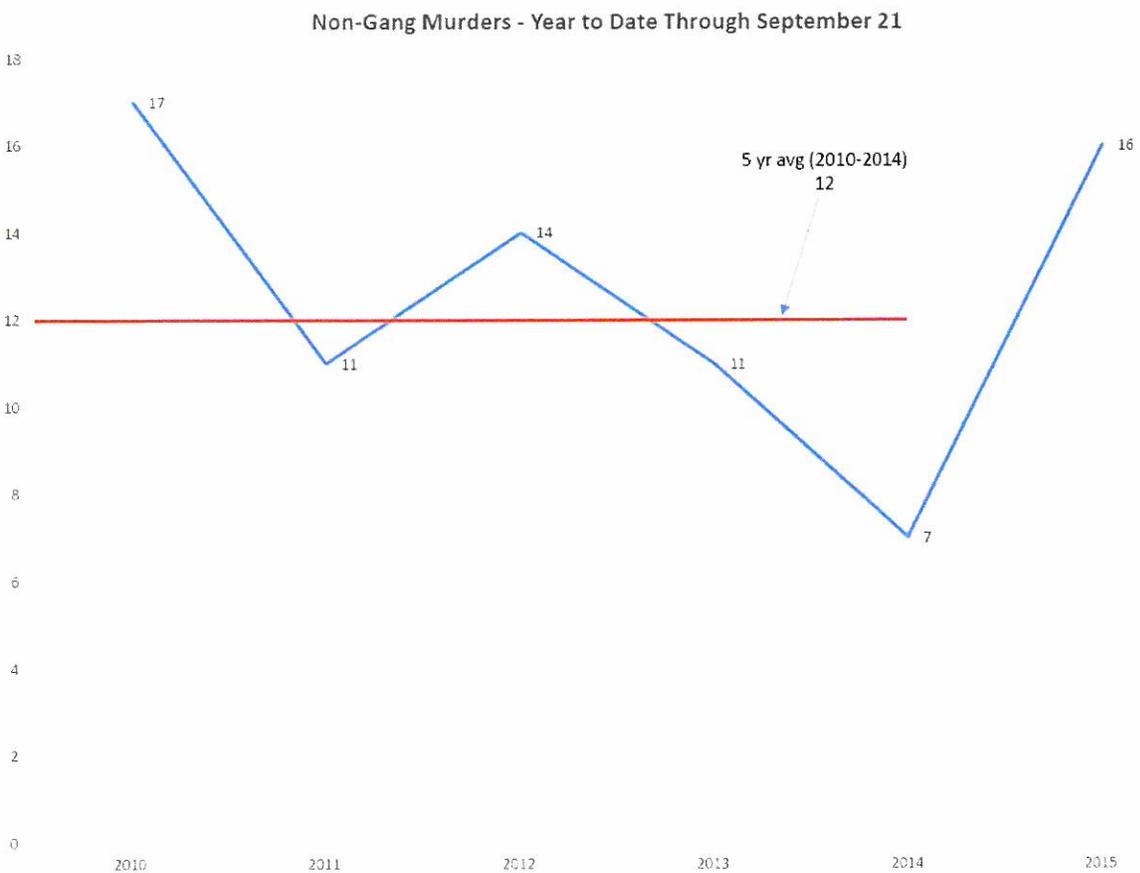
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# CRIME

1990 to 2015

## Part 1 Crime

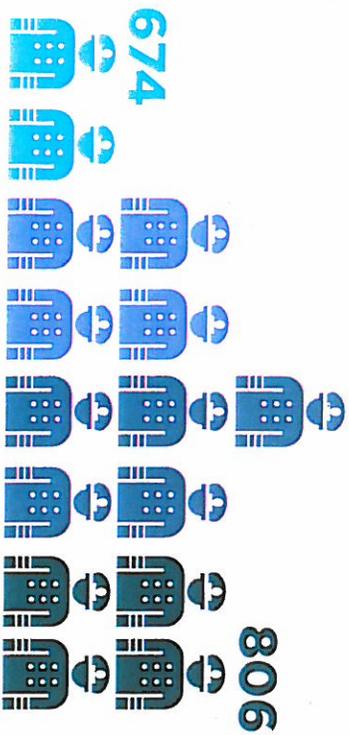
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1992	36,549
1993	36,635
1994	34,133
1995	31,077
1996	26,587
1997	21,830
1998	19,096
1999	18,235
2000	17,756
2001	18,569
2002	19,440
2003	18,614
2004	18,414
2005	17,018
2006	16,285
2007	16,513
2008	16,253
2009	15,889
2010	14,451
2011	15,807
2012	16,931
2013	15,430
2014	14,720

## AGGRAVATED ASSAULT

1990	4,421
1991	5,044
1992	3,100
1993	3,161
1994	2,668
1995	2,645
1996	2,404
1997	2,161
1998	1,768
1999	1,525
2000	1,525
2001	1,804
2002	1,902
2003	1,984
2004	2,035
2005	1,862
2006	1,809
2007	1,741
2008	1,511
2009	1,609
2010	1,370
2011	1,400
2012	1,319
2013	1,094
2014	1,249

## Murder

1990	104
1991	94
1992	104
1993	126
1994	82
1995	81
1996	96
1997	56
1998	42
1999	46
2000	49
2001	49
2002	67
2003	51
2004	48
2005	42
2006	41
2007	39
2008	40
2009	40
2010	37
2011	25
2012	30
2013	32
2014	23



**BUDGETED  
SWORN POLICE  
OFFICERS**

