



Date: August 4, 2017

To: Patrick H. West, City Manager *T.H.W.*

From: Robert G. Luna, Chief of Police *R. Luna*

For: Mayor and Members of the City Council

Subject: 2017 Second Quarter Citywide Reported Crime Statistics

This memorandum has been prepared to present you with Citywide crime statistics for the second quarter of 2017. Also included are strategies that are being utilized to address crime Citywide and some significant accomplishments achieved during this period. By the end of the second quarter of 2017, Citywide Part 1 crime was down 5.4 percent when compared to 2016. Violent crime experienced an increase of 10.4 percent, while property crime continued to decline with an 8.6 percent decrease over the same period last year. The categories of murder and rape showed notable double digit decreases; however, reported incidents of robbery and aggravated assault increased by 14.4 percent and 12 percent, respectively. While this is a notable increase, we have developed, and will continue to implement, strategies to combat this rise.

The majority of property crime categories showed reductions with the greatest decreases occurring in bike theft -44.7 percent, petty theft (> \$50) -41.1 percent, garage burglary -27 percent, and auto burglary -17.1 percent. Arson crimes showed a significant increase of 45.5 percent when compared to last year.

STRATEGIES

In response to the increase in the violent crimes category, our Investigation Bureau/Gang and Violent Crimes Division has assigned a detective to concentrate efforts on individuals prohibited from possessing firearms and other gun-related offenses. We also liaison with the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, Department of Justice and Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF) to enhance our investigations by tracing firearms that are involved in crimes. Proactive policing and relentless follow-up by officers and detectives resulted in the removal of 403 guns from our streets so far this year, with 260 of those seized as evidence in a crime.

The Patrol and Investigations Bureaus continue to collaborate and share information in an effort to impact crime throughout the city. These efforts have resulted in notable arrests of both murder and robbery suspects, including several known gang members, during this reporting period. Crime analysts work closely with patrol officers to ensure that emerging crime trends are quickly identified so that appropriate resources can be deployed to effectively address the problem. Additional personnel conducting focused patrols have been deployed along the main corridors and thoroughfares to help deter robberies.

Community engagement remains a key focus of the department. The Department continues to promote neighborhood involvement in the Community Watch program. Additionally, the LBPD has hosted two Community Police Academy classes and one Community Police Dialogue this quarter to create opportunities for increased trust and understanding between the Department and the community we serve. "Talk with a Cop" sessions have been implemented in LBUSD middle and high schools to allow young people to ask officers tough questions in a safe environment, and to see beyond the uniform to the human side of the profession.

Other notable accomplishments during the second quarter include:

- We are currently working with the Innovation Team on implementing a data-driven risk assessment tool that will help identify repeat offenders and develop intervention techniques to reduce recidivism in the city.
- In collaboration with the Fire Department, the Police Department invested significant time and resources towards proactive enforcement of possession and sales of illegal fireworks. Numerous arrests were made and large amounts of illegal fireworks were seized in the weeks leading up to the 4th of July. Additionally, the Department participated in the citywide public education campaign to help inform community members that all fireworks are illegal in Long Beach.
- On June 29, the Police Department hosted a news conference to highlight the July 1, 2017, start of LBPD's enforcement on portions of the Metro Blue Line and the platforms located within the City's jurisdiction.
- To help promote traffic and pedestrian safety, the Department conducted several traffic enforcement operations focused on Motorcycle Safety, Distracted Driving, and Driving Under the Influence.
- E-Commerce Exchange Zones have been designated at the North, West and East Substations. Cameras and signage have been installed so that sellers and buyers from online, private party, sale websites can arrange to meet and conduct e-commerce exchanges. By offering these exchange zones, the Department hopes to reduce the number of citizens who are victims of e-commerce theft crimes.

CLOSING

The Police Department continues to strategically focus its resources, identify best practices, and seek new and innovative solutions to fight crime. Collaboration with our community members and local businesses remains the cornerstone to our community policing efforts and we are committed to policing our community with professionalism, compassion, and respect.

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If you have any questions, please contact me, or my Chief of Staff, Commander Wally Hebeish, at (562) 570-7301.

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LONG BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT
PART I CRIMES
CITYWIDE
JUNE 2017



VIOLENT CRIME	JUNE 2017				YTD			
	2017	2016	#	%	2017	2016	#	%
Murder	0	2	-2	-100.0%	11	15	-4	-26.7%
Rape	15	16	-1	-6.3%	93	109	-16	-14.7%
Robbery	100	79	21	26.6%	618	540	78	14.4%
Agg Assault	184	144	40	27.8%	833	744	89	12.0%
TOTAL	299	241	58	24.1%	1555	1408	147	10.4%

PROPERTY CRIME	JUNE 2017				YTD			
	2017	2016	#	%	2017	2016	#	%
Res Burg	167	152	15	9.9%	924	986	-62	-6.3%
Garage Burg	19	18	1	5.6%	127	174	-47	-27.0%
Comm Burg	69	47	22	46.8%	391	367	24	6.5%
Auto Burg	126	133	-7	-5.3%	808	975	-167	-17.1%
Grand Theft	116	67	49	73.1%	579	659	-80	-12.1%
Petty Theft >\$50	37	55	-18	-32.7%	216	367	-151	-41.1%
Petty Theft <\$50	254	341	-87	-25.5%	1672	1755	-83	-4.7%
Bike Theft	23	40	-17	-42.5%	140	253	-113	-44.7%
GTA	225	197	28	14.2%	1413	1351	62	4.6%
Arson	10	12	-2	-16.7%	64	44	20	45.5%
TOTAL	1,046	1,062	-16	-1.5%	6,334	6,931	-597	-8.6%

TOTAL PART I	JUNE 2017				YTD			
	2017	2016	#	%	2017	2016	#	%
Violent Crime	299	241	58	24.1%	1,555	1,408	147	10.4%
Property Crime	1,046	1,062	-16	-1.5%	6,334	6,931	-597	-8.6%
TOTAL	1,345	1,303	42	3.2%	7,889	8,339	-450	-5.4%