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Subject: 2013 Year-To-Date Calls for Police Service Report

Each quarter the police department publishes a year-to-date report comparing the current year's data to the previous year. This data includes calls for police service, criminal offenses, arrests, clearance rates, traffic crashes, and citations issued. The police department data reporting complies with the National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS).

The third quarter statistics reflect a small decrease in Group A crimes. Group A crimes are typically the most serious offenses and closely correspond to the categories the FBI uses to determine serious crime rates for a community. Of particular interest are areas that may be depicting trends, specifically:

- Group A Crime decreased 3.7% (83 fewer incidents) from the 2012 level. Within the group, the following categories show notable variations:
 - Arson: Down 83.3% (10 fewer incidents)
 - Breaking and Entering: Up 33.1% (41 more incidents)
 - Destruction/Damage/Vandalism: Down 24.6% (60 fewer incidents)
 - Drug/Narcotic Offenses: Up 24.6% (48 more incidents)
 - Motor Vehicle Theft: Down 43.5% (40 fewer incidents)
 - Robbery: Down 45.5% (5 fewer incidents)
 - Weapon Law Violations: Up 33.3% (5 more incidents)

The number of Arson incidents reported in Troy dropped 83.3% from 2012. In late 2011 and 2012, Troy experienced a rash of dumpster fires that were categorized as arson. Through the efforts of the police department, the subjects involved in those incidents were identified and charged criminally. Those efforts are reflected in the reduced incidents of arson. The 2013 statistics are a more accurate reflection of arson crimes that occur in Troy.

Breaking and Entering incidents increased 33.1% this quarter in comparison to 2012. While the number of reported incidents has increased, there has also been an increase in the number of arrests and clearances. The FBI Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program reports that nationally 12.7% of breaking and entering incidents are cleared. The Troy Police Department has a 19.8% clearance rate this year. The Department continues to take a proactive approach to this crime, utilizing intelligence sharing and surveillance techniques. On October 18, 2013 a suspect was arrested by the Special



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Investigations Unit while breaking into a residence. Ultimately, it was determined that this suspect was responsible for at least five Home Invasions / Breaking & Entering crimes in the City of Troy, and numerous others in surrounding cities.

Destruction/Damage/Vandalism incidents decreased 24.6%, from 244 incidents in 2012 to 184 incidents in 2013. Officers have increased patrols in both residential and business sectors which reduces the number of these types of incidents. Officers are also being provided with electronic crime alerts to notify them of problem areas requiring extra patrols.

Drug/Narcotics offenses rose from 195 incidents in the third quarter of 2012 to 243 incidents in the third quarter of 2013, a 24.6% increase. The K-9 Unit and Directed Patrol Units continue to perform monthly drug interdiction details. Officers have had additional training on detection, investigation and enforcement of drug related offenses.

There has been a decrease in motor vehicle thefts nationwide. Incidents of motor vehicle theft reported in Troy are consistent with that national trend. One factor is the increased security that is a standard feature of the automobile manufacturers.

Although the reported incidents for Robbery have decreased in the City of Troy (-45.5%) over last year's statistics, the number of reported incidents are so low that any change causes a significant change in percentages.

Weapon Law Violations increased 33.3%, from 15 incidents in 2012 to 20 incidents in the the third quarter of 2013. This increase can be attributed to the increase of proactive patrols for suspicious activities by officers.

- Group B Crime increased 7.8% (66 more incidents). Significant variations from the 2012 levels occurred in the following categories:
 - Driving Under the Influence: Up 5.8% (16 more incidents)
 - Family Offenses, Nonviolent: Up 75.0% (6 more incidents)
 - Trespass of Real Property: Down 68.4% (13 fewer incidents)

Driving under the influence offenses rose from 278 offenses in the third quarter of 2012 to 294 offenses in the third quarter 2013, an increase of 5.8%. One of the Operation Division goals is to increase the number of OWI arrests. Officers have worked hard to meet this goal and have increased the number of alcohol related arrests.

Incidents of Trespass of Real Property saw a reduction of -68.4% compared to the same reporting period as last year. Last year, there were 9 incidents reported through Somerset Collection Security, with 5 of those incidents directly related to the Apple store located within the mall. The Apple store previously had a policy that led to a significant number of subjects obtaining popular phones with criminal intent. Through problem-solving techniques, the Police department was able to encourage the Apple store to change their policy. The policy change, a vigilant Somerset Collection Security initiative, and strict enforcement of trespassing ordinances by Troy PD personnel addressed the



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problem. The reduction and overall number of reported Trespass incidents this year is more consistent with previous years

- Total incidents of crime (Group A & B combined) had a slight decrease of 0.5% (17 fewer incidents).
- Clearance rates, the percentage of offenses for which a perpetrator has been prosecuted, or positively identified but not prosecuted, continue to be high:
 - 42.0% of reported Group A Crime
 - 84.1% of reported Group B Crime
 - 55.2% of all reported crime has been cleared
- Total Arrests increased 4.2% (84 more arrests)
 - Group A Crime Arrests: Increased 13.5% (108 more arrests)
 - Group B Crime Arrests: Increased 12.9% (94 more arrests)
- Group C (non-criminal) calls for police service increased by 1.3% (294 more incidents).
- Overall incidents or calls for service, criminal and non-criminal, are up 1.1% (278 more incidents/calls for service overall).
- Year-to-date reported traffic crashes by category were:
 - Personal Injury crashes were up by 13.7% (37 more incidents)
 - Property Damage crashes increased 13.3% (224 more incidents)
 - Fatal crashes were unchanged with 3 incidents in both 2012 and 2013
- Total traffic citations issued decreased 7.0% (605 fewer citations)
 - Hazardous traffic citations issued decreased 7.4% (411 fewer citations)
 - Non-Hazardous traffic citations issued decreased 22.0% (176 fewer citations)
 - License/title/registration citations issued increased 2.8% (51 more citations)
 - Parking citations issued decreased 17.6% (69 fewer citations)
- Distracted Driving: 79 citations and 95 warnings total issued through the third quarter of 2013 (decreases of 36.8% and 45.1% respectively). The distracted driving citation total is included in the hazardous traffic citations total.
 - 62 citations and 75 warnings issued for handheld devices (decreases of 42.1% and 42.3% respectively)
 - 10 citations and 6 warnings issued for texting (decreases of 16.7% and 62.5% respectively)
 - 7 citations and 14 warnings issued for other actions (an increase of 16.7% and a decrease of 48.1% respectively)

There was a 9.0% decrease in the number of alarm calls from the third quarter of 2012 as compared to 2013 which is 205 fewer incidents. Officers have been provided with monthly reports listing locations with repeat alarms. Officers have used this information to meet with alarm holders to resolve false alarm issues.



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Total Reportable Traffic Crashes increased from 1,958 reported in 2012 to 2,219 reported in 2013 an increase of 13.3%. Traffic flow in the city has increased due to positive economic growth in both the residential and business sectors which attributes to the slightly increased number of reportable traffic crashes. Understanding the reasons for the increase is important. Part of the explanation has to do with our economic environment. Year to date economic activity in the city is increasing, and that of course is a good thing. While precisely measurements of the increase are still in progress, estimates of the changes in economic activity from last year to this year are available. According to Glenn Lapin, Economic Development Specialist for the City of Troy, since this time last year business development is up, the number of people employed in the city is up, and occupancy rates in the office, industrial and retail sectors are all up. That increased economic activity means more vehicles traveling to and from those jobs on city streets, and more vehicles lead, inevitably, to more traffic crashes. In addition, the increase in economic activity has lead to a dramatic increase in construction seen throughout the city. Unfortunately construction zones also lead to higher congestion and that congestion often leads to traffic crashes. When these factors are taken into consideration a 13.3% increase in traffic crashes, which may sound like a lot but is actually an increase of less than one traffic crash per day, should be anticipated.

The total number of Traffic Citations decreased from 8,599 in 2012 to 7,994 in 2013, a decrease of 7%. At the same time traffic crashes are up, issued traffic citations are down. A review of this data may lead some to wonder if the reason crashes are up is at least partly because officers are issuing fewer citations. And there may, in fact, be a connection. As we are going through the process of hiring new officers, they need to be trained. This requires the use of veteran officers to be removed from other duties, including traffic enforcement, to train the new officers. Of course some of that training time is spent teaching traffic enforcement, but during the training process there will still be a significant reduction in the amount of time spent issuing citations.

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January through September 2013/2012 Comparison

Group A Crime Categories	INCIDENTS			OFFENSES			ARRESTS			CLEARANCES	
	Y-T-D		Percent	Y-T-D		Percent	Y-T-D		Percent	Y-T-D	
	2013	2012	Change	2013	2012	Change	2013	2012	Change	2013	Percent
Arson	2	12	-83.3%	2	12	-83.3%	2	0	+	2	100.0%
Assault Offenses	361	347	4.0%	442	417	6.0%	107	97	10.3%	162	36.7%
Bribery	0	0	NC	0	0	NC	0	0	NC	0	0.0%
Breaking and Entering	165	124	33.1%	167	125	33.6%	15	13	15.4%	33	19.8%
Counterfeiting/Forgery	17	20	-15.0%	18	20	-10.0%	3	3	NC	3	16.7%
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism	184	244	-24.6%	193	258	-25.2%	7	12	-41.7%	17	8.8%
Drug/Narcotic Offenses	243	195	24.6%	358	292	22.6%	284	205	38.5%	337	94.1%
Embezzlement	48	48	NC	50	51	-2.0%	32	27	18.5%	20	40.0%
Extortion/Blackmail	1	0	+	1	0	+	0	0	NC	0	0.0%
Fraud Offenses	120	108	11.1%	127	120	5.8%	29	22	31.8%	31	24.4%
Gambling Offenses	0	0	NC	0	0	NC	0	0	NC	0	0.0%
Homicide Offenses	0	2	-	0	2	-	0	2	-	0	0.0%
Kidnapping/Abduction	0	0	NC	0	1	-	0	0	NC	0	0.0%
Larceny/Theft Offenses	936	1,015	-7.8%	958	1,039	-7.8%	389	378	2.9%	368	38.4%
Motor Vehicle Theft	52	92	-43.5%	57	95	-40.0%	4	4	NC	6	10.5%
Pornography/Obscene Material	1	3	-66.7%	2	3	-33.3%	0	0	NC	0	0.0%
Prostitution Offenses	1	1	NC	1	2	-50.0%	1	2	-50.0%	1	100.0%
Robbery	6	11	-45.5%	6	11	-45.5%	3	7	-57.1%	3	50.0%
Sex Offenses, Forcible	17	20	-15.0%	21	24	-12.5%	5	5	NC	13	61.9%
Sex Offenses, Nonforcible	0	0	NC	0	0	NC	0	0	NC	0	0.0%
Stolen Property Offenses	8	8	NC	9	13	-30.8%	8	8	NC	8	88.9%
Weapon Law Violations	20	15	33.3%	25	20	25.0%	17	13	30.8%	20	80.0%
Group A Total	2,182	2,265	-3.7%	2,437	2,505	-2.7%	906	798	13.5%	1,024	42.0%
Group B Crime Categories											
Bad Checks	26	25	4.0%	27	28	-3.6%	12	7	71.4%	8	29.6%
Curfew/Loitering/Vagrancy	0	0	NC	0	3	-	0	0	NC	0	0.0%
Disorderly Conduct	11	14	-21.4%	15	19	-21.1%	6	6	NC	8	53.3%
Driving Under the Influence	294	278	5.8%	353	335	5.4%	300	277	8.3%	349	98.9%
Drunkenness	1	1	NC	1	2	-50.0%	0	0	NC	0	0.0%
Family Offenses, Nonviolent	14	8	75.0%	15	11	36.4%	2	1	100.0%	4	26.7%
Liquor Law Violations	35	39	-10.3%	82	86	-4.7%	74	125	-40.8%	80	97.6%
Peeping Tom	2	2	NC	2	2	NC	0	0	NC	0	0.0%
Runaway (Under 18)	7	11	-36.4%	7	11	-36.4%	0	0	NC	0	0.0%
Trespass of Real Property	6	19	-68.4%	6	24	-75.0%	4	7	-42.9%	3	50.0%
All Other	511	444	15.1%	602	537	12.1%	426	307	38.8%	482	80.1%
Group B Total	907	841	7.8%	1,110	1,058	4.9%	824	730	12.9%	934	84.1%
Group A and B Total	3,089	3,106	-0.5%	3,547	3,563	-0.4%	1,730	1,528	13.2%	1,958	55.2%
Above data includes both completed and attempted offenses.											

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Description	INCIDENTS			OFFENSES			ARRESTS			CLEARANCES	
	Y-T-D		Percent Change	Y-T-D		Percent Change	Y-T-D		Percent Change	Y-T-D	
	2013	2012		2013	2012		2013	2012		2013	Percent
Alarms	2,062	2,267	-9.0%	2,062	2,268	-9.1%	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
All Other	20,263	19,764	2.5%	20,548	20,042	2.5%	338	456	-25.9%	NA	NA
Group C Miscellaneous Total	22,325	22,031	1.3%	22,610	22,310	1.3%	338	456	-25.9%	NA	NA
Group E Fire Total	43	42	2.4%	43	42	2.4%	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Grand Totals	25,457	25,179	1.1%	26,200	25,915	1.1%	2,068	1,684	4.2%	1,958	55.2%

Traffic Crashes and Citations

Reportable Traffic Crashes

	2013	2012	Change	2013 Alcohol Involved Crashes	2012 Alcohol Involved Crashes
Personal Injury	308	271	13.7%	17 Incidents--5.5%	15 Incidents--5.6%
Property Damage	1,908	1,684	13.3%	42 Incidents--2.2%	21 Incidents--1.2%
Fatal	3	3	NC	0 Incidents--0.0%	0 Incidents--0.0%
Total Reportable	2,219	1,958	13.3%	59 Total Incidents--2.7%	36 Total Incidents--1.8%
Private Property Crashes	548	567	-3.7%		
Crashes Grand Total	2,767	2,525	9.5%		

Traffic Citations

Hazardous	5,179	5,590	-7.4%
Non-hazardous	623	799	-22.0%
License, Title, Registration	1,870	1,819	2.8%
Parking	322	391	-17.6%
Traffic Citations Total	7,994	8,599	-7.0%

Distracted Driving	Citations			Warnings			Combined Total		
	3rd Quarter		Percent Change	3rd Quarter		Percent Change	3rd Quarter		Percent Change
	2013	2012		2013	2012		2013	2012	
Handheld Device	62	107	-42.1%	75	130	-42.3%	137	237	-42.2%
Other Action	7	6	16.7%	14	27	-48.1%	21	33	-36.4%
Texting	10	12	-16.7%	6	16	-62.5%	16	28	-42.9%
Distracted Driving Total	79	125	-36.8%	95	173	-45.1%	174	298	-41.8%

Distracted driving citation totals are included in hazardous total.