



## CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

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Subject: 2012 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 first quarter statistics reflect a small increase 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 increases in incidents of Larceny/Theft Offenses and Damage to Property Offenses and decreases in incidents of Fraud Offenses and Motor Vehicle Theft Offenses. In the first quarter of 2012 incidents of Larceny/Theft Offenses increased 14.4% (44 incidents), incidents of Damage to Property Offenses increased by 55.2% (32 incidents), and incidents of Fraud Offenses decreased 31.4% and incidents of Motor Vehicle Theft Offenses decreased 15.8% (6 incidents) when compared to the same period last year.

- Group A Crime increased 8.4% (57 more incidents) from the 2011 level. Within the group, the following categories show notable variations:
  - Assault Offenses: Down 12.2% (15 fewer incidents)
  - Counterfeiting/Forgery: Down 46.2% (6 fewer incidents)
  - Destruction/Damage to Property/Vandalism: Increased 55.2% (32 more incidents)
  - Fraud Offenses: Down 31.4% (11 fewer incidents)
  - Larceny/Theft Offenses: Increased 14.4% (44 more incidents)
  - Motor Vehicle Theft: Down 15.8% (6 fewer incidents)
- Group B Crime increased 2.4% (6 more incidents). Significant variations from the 2011 levels occurred in the following categories:
  - Disorderly Conduct: Increased 40.0% (2 more incidents)
  - Driving Under the Influence: Decreased 16.7% (16 fewer incidents)
  - Liquor Law Violations: Increased 16.7% (1 more incident)
- Total incidents of crime (Group A & B combined) increased by 6.8% (63 more incidents).

- Clearance rates, the percentage of offenses for which a perpetrator has been prosecuted, or positively identified but not prosecuted, continue to be high:
  - 32.3% of reported Group A Crime
  - 76.2% of reported Group B Crime
  - 44.7% of all reported crime has been cleared
- Total Arrests increased 1.3% (6 more arrests)
  - Group A Crime Arrests: Decreased 3.4% (9 fewer arrests)
  - Group B Crime Arrests: Increased 7.0% (15 more arrests)
- Group C (non-criminal) calls for police service decreased by 8.4% (626 fewer incidents).
- Overall incidents or calls for service, criminal and non-criminal, are down 6.7% (560 fewer incidents/calls for service overall).
- Year-to-date reported traffic crashes and citations issued are:
  - Injury crashes were unchanged with 83 incidents in both 2011 and 2012
  - Property Damage crashes decreased 22.4% (153 fewer property damage crashes)
  - Fatal crashes increased to 1 incident in 2012
- Total traffic citations issued decreased 18.2% (590 fewer citations)
  - Hazardous traffic citations issued decreased 20.9% (480 fewer citations)
  - Non-Hazardous traffic citations issued increased 3.3% (5 more citations)
  - License/title/registration citations issued decreased 19.3% (124 fewer citations)
  - Parking citations issued increased 6.3% (9 more citations)
- Distracted Driving: 41 warnings and 41 citations total issued in the first quarter of 2012 (a decrease of 72.8% and 70.9% respectively). The distracted driving citation total is included in the hazardous traffic citations total.
  - 31 citations and 33 warnings issued for handheld devices (decreases of 76.2% and 70.0% respectively)
  - 7 citations and 1 warnings issued for texting (decreases of 50.0% and 87.5% respectively)
  - 3 citations and 7 warnings issued for other actions (decreases of 57.1% and 69.6% respectively)

The department remains committed to traffic safety and crash causing traffic enforcement, however the officers formerly assigned to full time duties involving traffic enforcement and crash investigation, have been re-deployed to the regular patrol shifts to maintain minimum patrol staffing and respond to general calls for service. This is certainly reflected in the decrease in traffic citations. When traffic safety officers are not deployed as part of minimum patrol staffing, they are still being assigned to high crash locations, drunken driving enforcement, as well as to complaints from citizens involving specific traffic problems, however the ability to deliver these types of services has been significantly reduced. In addition, there was one fatality this quarter involving a twelve year old youth, as well as



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two serious crashes involving drinking drivers. All three required significant time in terms of follow-up on the part of traffic safety officers performing crash reconstruction. In one of those crashes, our investigators obtained felony charges against the at fault driver as a result of long term injuries sustained by his passenger when she was ejected during the roll-over crash. Charges in the second case that involved the ejection of the driver/sole occupant are pending.



## Troy Police Department

### 1st Quarter 2012/2011 Comparison

Description	INCIDENTS			OFFENSES			ARRESTS			CLEARANCES	
	1st Quarter		Percent	1st Quarter		Percent	1st Quarter		Percent	1st Quarter	
	2012	2011	Change	2012	2011	Change	2012	2011	Change	2012	Percent
Alarms	794	820	-3.2%	794	820	-3.2%	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
All Other	6,059	6,659	-9.0%	6,128	6,768	-9.5%	127	136	-6.6%	NA	NA
Group C Miscellaneous Total	6,853	7,479	-8.4%	6,922	7,030	-1.5%	127	136	-6.6%	NA	NA
Group E Fire Total	9	6	50.0%	9	6	50.0%	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
<b>Grand Totals</b>	<b>7,856</b>	<b>8,416</b>	<b>-6.7%</b>	<b>8,045</b>	<b>8,084</b>	<b>-0.5%</b>	<b>613</b>	<b>616</b>	<b>-0.5%</b>	<b>498</b>	<b>44.7%</b>

### Traffic Crashes and Citations

Reportable Traffic Crashes				2012 Alcohol involved Crashes		2011 Alcohol involved Crashes	
Personal Injury	83	83	NC	5 Incidents--6.0% involved alcohol		9 Incidents--10.8% involved alcohol	
Property Damage	529	682	-22.4%	5 Incidents-0.9% involved alcohol		18 Incidents-2.6% involved alcohol	
Fatal	1	0	+	0 Incidents--0.0% involved alcohol		0 Incidents--0.0% involved alcohol	
<b>Total Reportable</b>	<b>613</b>	<b>765</b>	<b>-19.9%</b>	<b>10 Incidents--1.6% involved alcohol</b>		<b>28 Incidents--3.7% involved alcohol</b>	
Private Property Crashes	165	166	-0.6%				
<b>Crashes Grand Total</b>	<b>778</b>	<b>931</b>	<b>-16.4%</b>				

Traffic Citations			
Hazardous	1,819	2,299	-20.9%
Non-hazardous	156	151	3.3%
License, Title, Registration	519	643	-19.3%
Parking	153	144	6.3%
<b>Traffic Citations Total</b>	<b>2,647</b>	<b>3,237</b>	<b>-18.2%</b>

Distracted Driving	Citations			Warnings			Combined		
	1st Quarter		Percent	1st Quarter		Percent	1st Quarter		Percent
	2012	2011	Change	2012	2011	Change	2012	2011	Change
Handheld Device	31	130	-76.2%	33	110	-70.0%	64	240	-73.3%
Other Action	3	7	-57.1%	7	23	-69.6%	10	30	-66.7%
Texting	7	14	-50.0%	1	8	-87.5%	8	22	-63.6%
<b>Distracted Driving Total</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>-72.8%</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>-70.9%</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>-71.9%</b>

Distracted driving citation total are included in hazardous total.