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SUBJECT: Agenda Item - 2005 Police Department Calls for Service

Attached is a spreadsheet detailing calendar year 2005 calls for police service, criminal offenses, arrests, clearance rates, traffic crashes, and citations issued. This report complies with National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS) requirements. NIBRS requires the reporting of incidents and offenses within an incident. As you can see from the attached spreadsheet, there is very little difference between reported incidents and offenses.

Included with this report is a spreadsheet detailing a 10-year history of such occurrences. For the purposes of comparison, the 10-year history is formatted into Part I, Part II, Part III, and Part V categories. The NIBRS system is relatively new and without reformatting, year-to-year comparison is difficult.

GROUP A CRIME

During the year 2005, Group A incidents decreased by 5.3% (194 actual incidents) from 2004 levels.

Within Group A, the following specific crimes decreased significantly:

- Destruction/Damage/Vandalism – decreased by 17.8% (79 incidents)
- Robbery – decreased 5.0% (5 incidents)
- Drug/Narcotic Offenses – decreased by 8.6% (15 incidents)
- Fraud Offenses – decreased by 32.5% (53 incidents)
- Assault Offenses – decreased by 9.6% (66 incidents)

Significant Group A offenses showing an increase over 2004 levels are as follows:

- Breaking and Entering – increased by 15.5% (37 incidents)
- Motor Vehicle Theft – increased 13.4% (15 incidents)

GROUP B CRIME

Group B incidents decreased 4.3% (95 incidents) from 2004 levels. Group B categories showing somewhat significant changes are as follows:

- Disorderly Conduct – decreased 5.1% (13 offenses)
- Family Offenses, Nonviolent – decreased by 41.7% (10 offenses)
- Drunkenness – increased by 20 incidents (666.7%)

TOTAL GROUP A & B CRIME

Together, Group A and B crime decreased 4.9% or 289 incidents.

ARRESTS/CLEARANCE RATES

Overall, arrests for Group A offenses decreased by 2.6% (34 arrests). Within Group A significant increases occurred in the following categories:

- Assault Arrests – increased by 9.3% (17 arrests)
- Larceny/Theft Arrests – increased by 9.8% (60 arrests)

Group A arrests showing significant decreases from 2004 levels include the following:

- Drug/Narcotic Arrests – decreased by 17.0% (38 arrests)
- Fraud Arrests – down 22% (11 arrests)
- Stolen Property Arrests – decreased 55.0% (11 arrests)
- Prostitution Arrests – decreased by 96.2% (25 arrests)

Group A clearance rates (the number of crimes where a perpetrator has been identified, arrested, and charged, or where a perpetrator has been identified but not prosecuted due to specified exceptional reasons) remains high at 38.7%, a 1.8% increase.

Group B crime arrests decreased by 0.7% (9 arrests). Only Driving Under the Influence, which increased by 5.1% (22 arrests), showed a significant change.

58.7% of Group B crimes were cleared, a 1.5% decrease from 2004 levels.

TRAFFIC CRASHES AND ENFORCEMENT

Total traffic crashes increased by 2.6% (119 crashes). Crash categories showing a decrease in occurrences are as follows:

- Fatal Crashes – decreased by 40% (4 crashes)
- Injury Crashes – decreased 8.4% (60 crashes)
- Reported Private Property Crashes – decreased 0.3% (3 crashes)

Increases in reported crashes occurred in the following category:

- Property Damage Crashes – increased 7.1% (186 crashes)

Alcohol use was involved in 1.9% of all crashes.

Hazardous traffic violation citations increased by 2.9% (331 citations). Non-hazardous citations decreased by 5.2% (83 citations), while License/title/registration citations increased 11.2% (389 citations).

TOTAL CALLS FOR POLICE SERVICE

Overall, total calls for police service increased by 3.4% or 1310 calls. Alarms decreased by 4.9%, or 223 alarms.

TEN-YEAR CRIME TREND REPORT

For purposes of comparison, the ten-year crime is presented in the pre-NIBRS, Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) format, which utilizes Part I and Part II crime categories as opposed to Group A and Group B. You will note that the UCR format is similar to the NIBRS, but not identical. The NIBRS reporting system took effect in 1997, so we will soon have sufficient data to present the ten-year crime

trend report in the same format as our quarterly and annual reports. Regardless of format, the offenses/crimes are the same under each.

2005 Part I reported crime is slightly higher than the 2004 total (65 crimes in total). That increase resulted primarily from the increase in Breaking & Entering (37 offenses) and Motor Vehicle Theft (15). While up slightly, those categories are still the third lowest number of occurrences within the last ten-years. The Part I Crime total, although up from 2004, is the second lowest total of the last ten-years.

Reported 2005 Part II crime is at a 10 year low. Group B incidents are down 33.0% (1768 reported crimes) from 1996 levels.

SUMMARY

Criminal incidents (Part I and Part II crime combined) comprise only 14% of the police departments total call volume. This percentage is consistent with those of previous years. Traffic crashes account for 11.5%, and Alarms account for approximately 11%, of the total calls for police service.

The single most frequently reported criminal offense continues to be larceny/theft, which comprises 3.9% of the total calls for police service. Larceny/theft offenses include what is commonly referred to as “shoplifting”, and have been the most frequently occurring crime in each of the last ten years. Typically they comprise between 4% and 6% of the total police calls.

The year-to-year variances in criminal offenses, as well as the more frequently occurring non-criminal calls for service, tend to be small. Increases in criminal offenses can often be directly linked to one perpetrator or a very small group of perpetrators. Historically, the department has adhered to a policing philosophy that is pro-active in nature, and has devoted resources to identifying those individuals and quickly making arrests. I believe this philosophy minimizes the impact these individuals have on our crime rate and our community. A similar philosophy has been adhered to in dealing with the more frequently occurring non-criminal incidents. The City of Troy’s alarm ordinance, and our highly trained, well-staffed Traffic Safety Unit are examples of how we focus resources on problems and do so proactively.

Following presentation to City Council, this information will be posted on our website. Please feel free to contact us should you require additional information.

Troy Police Department Annual 2005/2004 Comparison

Description	INCIDENTS			OFFENSES			ARRESTS			CLEARANCES	
	Annual	Annual	Percent	Annual	Annual	Percent	Annual	Annual	Percent	Annual	
	2005	2004	Change	2005	2004	Change	2005	2004	Change	2005	Percent
Alarms	4,328	4,551	-4.9%	4,328	4,551	-4.9%	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
All Other	30,136	28,320	6.4%	30,551	28,702	6.4%	771	616	25.2%	NA	NA
Group C Miscellaneous Total	34,464	32,871	4.8%	34,879	33,253	4.9%	771	616	25.2%	NA	NA
Group E Fire Total	64	58	10.3%	64	58	10.3%	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Grand Totals	40,134	38,824	3.4%	40,978	39,590	3.5%	3,310	3,198	3.5%	2,798	46.4%
Traffic Crashes and Citations											
Reportable Traffic Crashes			2005 Alcohol Involved Crashes								
Personal Injury	656	716	-8.4%	22 Incidents--3.4% involved alcohol.							
Property Damage	2,824	2,638	7.1%	41 Incidents--1.5% involved alcohol.							
Fatal	6	10	-40.0%	2 Incidents--33.3% involved alcohol.							
Total Reportable	3,486	3,364	3.6%	65 Incidents--1.9% of all reportable crashes involved alcohol.							
Private Property Crashes	1,130	1,133	-0.3%								
Crashes Grand Total	4,616	4,497	2.6%								
Traffic Citations											
Hazardous	11,869	11,538	2.9%								
Non-hazardous	1,513	1,596	-5.2%								
License, Title, Registration	3,865	3,476	11.2%								
Parking	1,195	798	49.7%								
Traffic Citations Total	18,442	17,408	5.9%								

**UCR ACTUAL INCIDENTS BY CRIME CLASS GROUP
TEN YEAR TREND**

Part I Crimes	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996
Criminal Homicide	1	0	1	2	0	2	0	1	4	3
Forcible Rape	7	9	12	12	7	12	7	11	6	10
Robbery	19	20	27	21	18	19	15	21	23	30
Aggravated Assault	39	32	49	45	45	49	50	65	64	60
Burglary	276	239	292	344	314	348	264	385	427	386
Larceny	1,572	1,564	1,563	1,507	1,712	1,819	1,915	2,347	2,659	2,691
Motor Vehicle Theft	127	112	158	120	201	132	157	164	205	292
Arson	3	3	5	10	19	6	3	4	7	15
Total Part I	2,044	1,979	2,107	2,061	2,316	2,387	2,411	2,998	3,395	3,487
Part II Offenses										
Negligent Homicide	5	2	1	2	2	0	3	1	1	0
Non-Aggravated Assault	312	299	273	309	286	318	319	330	379	434
Forgery/Counterfeiting	115	113	109	99	69	51	58	41	41	54
Fraud	108	163	184	207	256	279	317	299	285	269
Embezzlement	80	91	82	100	115	113	105	113	84	107
Stolen Property	7	14	11	8	6	20	22	16	21	41
Vandalism	364	443	558	482	505	638	521	770	735	773
Weapons	12	14	10	12	23	19	22	24	24	25
Accosting and Soliciting	1	10	1	1	1	1	2	0	2	1
Sex Offenses	31	46	37	48	36	39	47	44	50	65
Narcotics	142	134	93	103	128	133	147	143	124	139
Gambling	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Family and Children	13	24	10	15	17	24	12	15	7	24
OUIL/OUIN	446	447	322	455	476	470	452	580	399	370
Liquor Laws	74	71	60	70	86	101	69	120	84	97
Disorderly	74	117	119	100	128	133	111	117	93	217
All Other Offenses	1,778	1,928	2,141	2,209	2,568	2,612	2,822	2,920	2,593	2,714
Total Part II	3,562	3,916	4,011	4,220	4,702	4,951	5,029	5,534	4,922	5,330
Total Part I & II	5,606	5,895	6,118	6,281	7,018	7,338	7,440	8,532	8,317	8,817
Total Part III	34,464	32,871	32,391	33,348	35,797	37,869	37,787	36,738	34,966	36,019
Total Part V Fire	64	58	77	69	140	158	144	149	133	204
Total Incidents	40,134	38,824	38,586	39,698	42,955	45,365	45,371	45,419	43,416	45,040
Traffic Citations										
Hazardous	11,869	11,538	12,356	11,621	13,250	12,240	11,621	11,627	9,800	9,727
Non-Hazardous	5,378	5,072	3,829	5,027	4,161	5,017	5,797	6,091	5,547	5,610
Parking	1,195	798	886	1,120	1,717	1,479	1,686	2,163	1,513	1,534
Total Citations	18,442	17,408	17,071	17,768	19,128	18,736	19,104	19,881	16,860	16,871
Traffic Crashes										
Property Damage	2,824	2,638	2,700	2,474	2,737	3,247	3,049	3,078	3,017	3,010
Personal Injury	656	716	722	753	882	940	930	1,008	1,060	1,149
Fatal	6	10	2	7	9	8	8	3	4	8
Total State Reportable	3,486	3,364	3,424	3,234	3,628	4,195	3,987	4,089	4,081	4,167
Private Property	1,130	1,133	1,137	1,317	1,345	1,440	1,479	1,491	1,406	1,489
Total Crashes	4,616	4,497	4,561	4,551	4,973	5,635	5,466	5,580	5,487	5,656