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To: Brian Kischnick, City Manager

From: Gary G. Mayer, Chief of Police 

Subject: 2014 Mid-Year Calls for Police Service Report

Background

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. When reviewing this data it is important to note that because of the low number of incidents in many categories even minor changes can appear to be significant. The police department data reporting format complies with the National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS).

In the second quarter of 2014 there was a decrease in overall incidents or calls for service, both criminal and non-criminal, of 0.3% (58 fewer incidents/calls for service overall). Non-criminal calls for police service increased by 1.3% (185 more incidents).

The second quarter statistics show a decrease of 13.8% with 201 fewer incidents in Group A crimes, which are typically the most serious offenses and closely correspond to the categories the FBI uses to determine serious crime rates for a community. Group B Crime decreased by 8.0% with 49 fewer incidents. Total incidents of crime, both Group A & B combined, decreased by 12.1%.

Clearance rates, the percentage of offenses for which the perpetrator has been prosecuted or positively identified, continue to be high with 56.8% of all reported crime cleared. Total arrests decreased 5.3% with 58 fewer arrests in 2014.

Changes in the following categories are of particular significance:

- Breaking and Entering incidents decreased 33.7% when compared to the second quarter report of 2013. This is the second quarterly report with more than a 30% decrease in Breaking and Entering incidents. Despite the decrease in incidents, there is a 6% increase in the clearance rate. The increase in clearance rate is a reflection of the diligent efforts of department personnel in placing a high priority on these types of crimes.
- Counterfeiting/Forgery incidents increased 87.5% during this reporting quarter. While the percentage increase may be high, the overall number of incidents is low. Any notable change is going to indicate a significant percentage change. A group of individuals were passing counterfeit currency throughout the Detroit metropolitan area. The counterfeit currency is usually discovered at the end of the business day. These cases are turned over to the U.S.



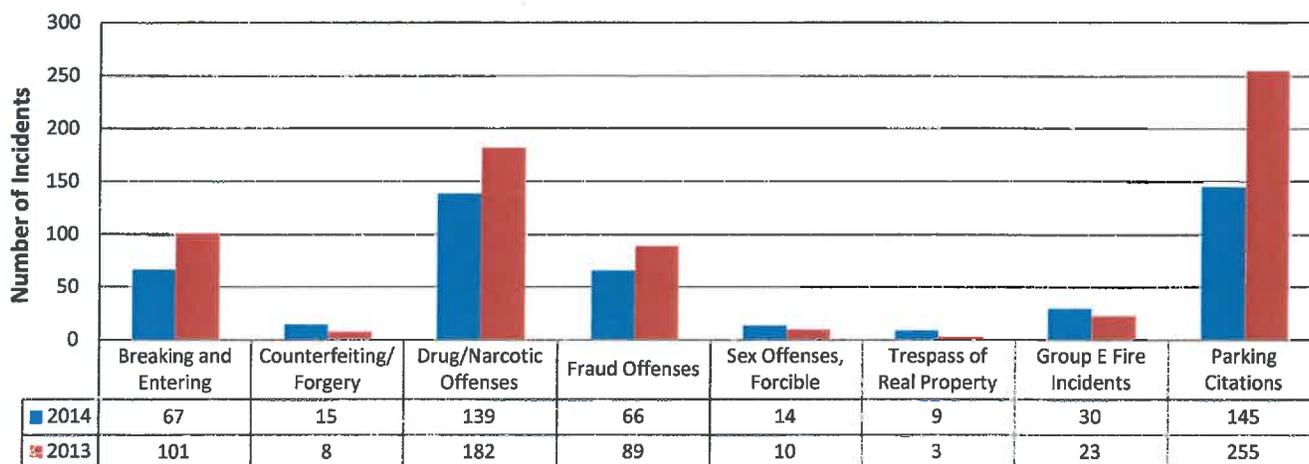
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Secret Service and if suspects are identified, prosecution is initiated within the federal judicial system.

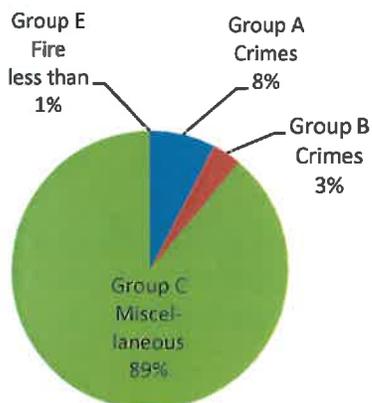
- Forcible Sex Offenses increased 40% in this reporting period, from 10 reported incidents in 2013 to 14 reported incidents in 2014. This is a notable increase due to the overall low number of incidents. The 14 reported offenses are consistent with the number of offenses (13) reported in the 2012 mid-year report. Most importantly, these types of crimes do not involve strangers but typically involve victims who have some type of established relationship with suspects.
- Trespass of Real Property incidents increased by 200.0% in the second quarter of 2014 from 3 in 2013 to 9 in 2014. The increase in violations has occurred, almost exclusively, at the Somerset Collection. This increase is because we have an officer assigned to the Somerset Collection full time. The Officer works closely with the stores to provide direct service such as guiding them in banning known retail fraud crews from their private property. This prevents crime from occurring.
- Group E Fire Incidents increased 30.4%, from 23 reported in 2013 to 30 reported in 2014. Actual fire runs are down 4.29%. The increase is only in false fire alarms.

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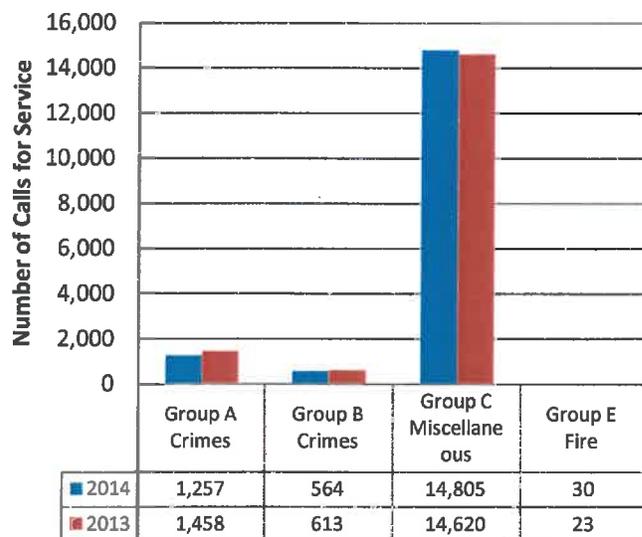
2nd Quarter 2014/2013 Incident Comparison



2nd Quarter Calls for Service 2014



2nd Quarter 2014/2013 Comparison



2nd Quarter Vehicle Crashes

