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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 format complies with the National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS).

The first 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 increases in incidents of Breaking & Entering, Drug/Narcotic Offenses and Fraud Offenses and decreases in incidents of Counterfeiting/Forgery, Destruction/Damage/Vandalism, Motor Vehicle Theft and Forcible Sex Offenses when compared to the same period last year.

- Group A Crime decreased 2.8% (21 fewer incidents) from the 2012 level. Within the group, the following categories show notable variations:
 - Breaking & Entering: Increased 15.0% (6 more incidents)
 - Counterfeiting/Forgery: Decreased 42.9% (3 fewer incidents)
 - Destruction/Damage to Property/Vandalism: Decreased 35.6% (32 fewer incidents)
 - Drug/Narcotic Offenses: Increased 85.1% (40 more incidents)
 - Fraud Offenses: Increased 83.3% (20 more incidents)
 - Motor Vehicle Theft: Decreased 40.6% (13 fewer incidents)
 - Sex Offenses, Forcible: Decreased 33.3% (3 fewer incidents)
- Group B Crime increased 8.0% (21 more incidents). Significant variations from the 2012 levels occurred in the following categories:
 - Driving Under the Influence: Increased 22.5% (18 more incidents)
 - Liquor Law Violations: Increased 157.1% (11 more incident)
- Total incidents of crime (Group A & B combined) remained stable with no increase or decrease in the number of incidents.



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- Clearance rates, the percentage of offenses for which a perpetrator has been prosecuted, or positively identified but not prosecuted, continue to be high:
 - 39.5% of reported Group A Crime
 - 86.7% of reported Group B Crime
 - 54.1% of all reported crime has been cleared

- Total Arrests increased 6.4% (39 more arrests)
 - Group A Crime Arrests: Increased 19.5% (50 more arrests)
 - Group B Crime Arrests: Increased 12.6% (29 more arrests)

First quarter statistics reflect an increase (15.0%) in the number of Breaking and Entering incidents, from 40 in the first period of 2012 to 46 incidents in the first period of 2013. Our Special Investigations Unit arrested a man directly linked to three Home Invasions in Troy but who is believed to be responsible for additional home invasions in Troy and the area.

Counterfeit/Forgery incidents dropped 42% from 7 incidents in 2012 to 4 incidents in 2013. In 2012, there were 5 incidents of counterfeit bills passed at stores in the city, in 2013, we have only had 1 incident of a counterfeit bill passed in the first quarter.

Damage to Property/ Vandalism incidents dropped 35.6% from 90 incidents in 2012 to 58 in 2013. There was a noticeable drop in the number of mischievous type incidents including eggings, spray painting/graffiti and similar minor nuisances. These types of crimes are usually perpetrated by juveniles and they show a noticeable drop during the first quarter of 2013.

There was a notable increase (40 more incidents) in Drug/Narcotics offense incidents reported during this quarter. This increase can be attributed to increased Found on Patrol activity by officers resulting in more persons being found in possession or using drugs. Extra Patrols at the Hookah lounges also caused an increase in persons found loitering in the parking lots smoking marijuana. Please note that while the number of incidents increased, there was also an increase in the number of arrests (+76.8%) and a clearance rate of 94.1% is associated with these crimes. It is interesting to note that while Marijuana continues to be the most prevalent narcotic a person is arrested for, Troy cases do show an increase of subjects charged for Possession of Prescription Drugs which matches a nationwide trend. There has been an increase from one case during first quarter of 2012 to six cases in the first quarter of 2013.

Fraud offenses increased by 83% from 24 incidents in 2012 to 44 incidents in 2013. There was an increase in the number of fraudulent credit cards used. Troy detectives, while working a fraudulent credit card case, uncovered an organization that was responsible for manufacturing fake credit cards. The Troy detectives, working with the Secret Service and Southfield Police, conducted search warrants and made several arrests related to the credit card fraud in Troy.



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The decrease in Motor Vehicle Theft incidents (-40.6%) from 32 incidents last year to 19 incidents this year represents a return to past levels. Two subjects arrested in Troy attempting to steal cars in early March brought a quick drop in reported thefts for the remainder of the quarter. Also, technological advances (such as the increase in the number of vehicles that have computer chips in the key) may have resulted in a reduction.

Forcible Sex Offenses decreased by 3 incidents, from 9 incidents last year to 6 incidents this year. With such a low numbers even a minor change is going to cause a high percentage change.

Driving Under the Influence incidents increased 22.5%. Traffic Crashes were up 20.1% which typically leads to an increase in OWI arrests. One of the Department's goals was to increase OWI arrests and the officers have met the challenge.

The 157.1% Increase in Liquor Law Violations incidents can be linked to the extra patrols conducted at the Hookah lounges which resulted in patrons being found consuming alcohol in their vehicles and were cited for it.

- Group C (non-criminal) calls for police service increased by 2.9% (200 more incidents).
- Overall incidents or calls for service, criminal and non-criminal, are up 2.6% (202 more incidents/calls for service overall).
- Year-to-date reported traffic crashes and citations issued are:
 - Injury crashes increased 2.4% (2 more incidents)
 - Property Damage crashes increased 29.9% (158 more incidents)
 - Fatal crashes were unchanged with 1 incident in both 2012 and 2013
- Total traffic citations issued decreased 2.4% (61 fewer citations)
 - Hazardous traffic citations issued decreased 8.9% (158 fewer citations)
 - Non-Hazardous traffic citations issued decreased 19.7% (31 fewer citations)
 - License/title/registration citations issued increased 21.0% (108 more citations)
 - Parking citations issued increased 13.1% (20 more citations)
- Distracted Driving: 42 warnings and 25 citations total issued in the first quarter of 2013 (warnings increased 2.4% and citations decreased 39.0%). The distracted driving citation total is included in the hazardous traffic citations total.
 - 21 citations and 34 warnings issued for handheld devices (decreases of 32.3% and 3.0% respectively)
 - 3 citations and 4 warnings issued for texting (a decrease of 57.1% in citations and an increase of 300.0% in warnings)
 - 1 citation and 4 warnings issued for other actions (decreases of 66.7% and 42.9% respectively)



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There was an 18.1% reduction in alarm calls during the first quarter. This can be attributed to officers spending quality time utilizing problem solving techniques in addressing the chronic alarms and the continued proper enforcement of billing fines and fees which encourages alarm holders to be more accountable.

Property Damage Accidents increased during the first quarter by 29.9%. This increase can be attributed to more snow and ice in 2013 compared to same time period in 2012 and the loss of Traffic Safety Unit officers working high accident intersections.

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.

Troy Police Department 1st Quarter 2013/2012 Comparison

Description	INCIDENTS			OFFENSES			ARRESTS			CLEARANCES	
	1st Quarter		Percent Change	1st Quarter		Percent Change	1st Quarter		Percent Change	1st Quarter	
	2013	2012		2013	2012		2013	2012		2013	Percent
Alarms	653	797	-18.1%	653	797	-18.1%	NA	NA	NA		NA
All Other	6,411	6,067	5.7%	6,487	6,139	5.7%	87	127	-31.5%		NA
Group C Miscellaneous Total	7,064	6,864	2.9%	7,140	6,836	2.9%	87	127	-31.5%		NA
Group E Fire Total	11	9	22.2%	11	9	22.2%	NA	NA	NA		NA
Grand Totals	8,081	7,879	2.6%	8,295	8,071	2.6%	652	613	6.4%		619 54.1%

Traffic Crashes and Citations

Reportable Traffic Crashes				2013 Alcohol involved Crashes		2012 Alcohol involved Crashes	
Personal Injury	85	83	2.4%	8 Incidents--9.4% involved alcohol		5 Incidents--6.0% involved alcohol	
Property Damage	687	529	29.9%	15 Incidents--2.2% involved alcohol		5 Incidents--0.9% involved alcohol	
Fatal	1	1	NC	0 Incidents--0.0% involved alcohol		0 Incidents--0.0% involved alcohol	
Total Reportable	773	613	26.1%	23 Incidents--3.0% involved alcohol		10 Incidents--1.6% involved alcohol	
Private Property Crashes	161	165	-2.4%				
Crashes Grand Total	934	778	20.1%				

Traffic Citations			
Hazardous	1,612	1,770	-8.9%
Non-hazardous	126	157	-19.7%
License, Title, Registration	623	515	21.0%
Parking	173	153	13.1%
Traffic Citations Total	2,534	2,595	-2.4%

Distracted Driving	Citations			Warnings			Combined		
	1st Quarter		Percent Change	1st Quarter		Percent Change	1st Quarter		Percent Change
	2013	2012		2013	2012		2013	2012	
Handheld Device	21	31	-32.3%	34	33	3.0%	55	64	-14.1%
Other Action	1	3	-66.7%	4	7	-42.9%	5	10	-50.0%
Texting	3	7	-57.1%	4	1	300.0%	7	8	-12.5%
Distracted Driving Total	25	41	-39.0%	42	41	2.4%	67	82	-18.3%

Distracted driving citation total are included in hazardous total.