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Subject: 2013 Mid-Year 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 second quarter statistics reflect a slight 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 of increases or decreases. Statistics for the second quarter of 2013 show incidents of Burglary/Home Invasion offenses increased 29.5% (23 incidents), incidents of Drug/Narcotic offenses increased by 40.0% (52 incidents), and incidents of Motor Vehicle Theft offenses decreased 36.8% (21 incidents) when compared to the same period last year.

- Group A Crime decreased 4.4% (67 fewer incidents) from the 2012 level. Within the group, the following categories show notable variations:
 - Breaking & Entering: Increased 29.5% (23 more incidents)
 - Destruction/Damage to Property/Vandalism: Decreased 30.6% (48 fewer incidents)
 - Drug/Narcotic Offenses: Increased 40.0% (52 more incidents)
 - Fraud Offenses: Increased 23.6% (17 more incidents)
 - Larceny/Theft Offenses: Decreased 10.5% (74 fewer incidents)
 - Motor Vehicle Theft: Decreased 36.8% (21 fewer incidents)
 - Robbery: Decreased 50.0% (5 fewer incidents)
 - Sex Offenses, Forcible: Decreased 23.1% (3 fewer incidents)

Although the second quarter statistics reflect an increase in the number of Breaking and Entering incidents from the second quarter of 2012, over half of those incidents involve the forced entry into storage lockers located in the basements of apartment complexes. Due to national crime reporting requirements, these incidents are classified as Breaking and Entering/Home Invasions. This accounts for the notable increase over normal reporting fluctuations.



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Drug/Narcotics offenses rose from 139 arrests in the second quarter of 2012 to 210 arrests in the second quarter of 2013, a 51.1% increase.

- The K-9 Unit and Directed Patrol Unit perform a drug interdiction detail monthly.
- Officers have had additional training on detection, investigation and enforcement of drug related offenses.
- Increased patrols around the hookah lounges based on citizen complaints.

The number of Fraud Offenses increased 23.6% from the second quarter of 2012. There is a national trend toward an increase in fraud crimes combined with a decrease in violent crime. Financial/fraud crimes can be much more profitable with a decreased risk of being prosecuted along with lighter penalties if prosecuted. Violent crimes such as Armed Robbery bring harsher penalties and a greater risk of prosecution. The likelihood of apprehension for online fraudulent crimes is minimized due to the difficulties in determining the identity of the perpetrator and the venue where the crime was committed.

Larceny/Theft Offenses decreased 10.5% from the second quarter of 2012. Though the staffing of a full time officer at the Somerset Collection and the concentrated efforts of the Directed Patrol Unit, we have seen a decrease in the number of larceny and thefts, from 708 in 2012 to 634 in 2013.

Motor Vehicle Thefts continue to trend down. Overall motor vehicle thefts have declined for the last two years. Our proactive response to crimes and patrol officers patrolling areas where motor vehicle thefts generally occur helps this decrease. In addition, technological measures installed by automobile manufacturers (i.e. use of computer chips in motor vehicle keys) are making it more difficult to steal a motor vehicle.

Robberies were down 50% during this reporting period. Troy typically has very few robberies reported. Therefore slight variances can result in a large percentage of change. The 5 reported robberies in the second quarter of 2013 are consistent with statistics from previous reporting periods.

Reported Forcible Sex Offenses were 23.1% less the same period of 2012. It is difficult to prevent these crimes because in our city the offender is most often known by the victim.

- Group B Crime increased 11.1% (61 more incidents). Significant variations from the 2012 levels occurred in the following categories:
 - Nonviolent Family Offenses: Increased 80.0% (4 more incidents)
 - Liquor Law Violations: Increased 22.7% (5 more incidents)

Nonviolent Family Offenses increased 80.0% from the second quarter of 2012. This increase can be attributed to 4 reports of children left in cars while the parents were shopping and a child who wandered away from the parents. As previously noted, with such a small number of incidents, slight variances can result in a large percentage of change.

Liquor law violation arrests decreased by 46.8% or 37 arrests. This decrease can be attributed to increased enforcement by patrol Officers and Directed Patrol Officers at bars and hookah



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establishments during the previous year. Officers' hard work and extra patrols are apparently making a difference in the number of people choosing to violate liquor laws.

- Total incidents of crime (Group A & B combined) decreased by 0.3% (6 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:
 - 42.4% of reported Group A Crime
 - 83.6% of reported Group B Crime
 - 55.4% of all reported crime has been cleared
- Total Arrests increased 3.1% (41 more arrests)
 - Group A Crime Arrests: Increased 12.2% (67 more arrests)
 - Group B Crime Arrests: Increased 12.2% (59 more arrests)
- Group C (non-criminal) calls for police service increased by 1.6% (237 more incidents).
- Overall incidents or calls for service, criminal and non-criminal, are up 1.4% (225 more incidents/calls for service overall).
- Year-to-date reported traffic crashes increased 13.8% (227 more incidents).
 - Injury crashes increased 12.9% (22 more incidents)
 - Property Damage crashes increased 20.0% (223 more incidents)
 - Fatal crashes were unchanged with 2 incidents in both 2012 and 2013
- Total traffic citations issued decreased 11.1% (626 fewer citations)
 - Hazardous traffic citations issued decreased 16.7% (630 fewer citations)
 - Non-Hazardous traffic citations issued decreased 16.8% (81 fewer citations)
 - License/title/registration citations issued increased 11.0% (121 more citations)
 - Parking citations issued decreased 12.4% (36 fewer citations)

Data indicates a 13.8% increase in the total number of traffic crashes occurring in the City, while over the same period the number of traffic citations issued decreased by 11.1%. Two issues appear to have had a direct impact on these changes. First, in April of 2012 there were 47 officers assigned to Operations. In April of 2013, only 42 officers were assigned, a 10.6% reduction. Second, in 2012, the Department was not training any new officers and as such no patrol officers were active in the field training program. In 2013, six of the 42 remaining patrol officers were training new officers. An officer involved in the training of a new officer will have a decrease in the number of citations and other found on patrol activity compared to periods when they are not training new officers. A training officer will spend their time actively training a new recruit in all phases of police work. While a portion of that time will certainly be spent conducting training in traffic enforcement, the majority of that time will be spent conducting training in other areas. Considering the reductions in staff seen from the second quarter of 2012 to 2013, it's noteworthy that the data doesn't show even greater changes.



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There was a 15.5% decrease in the number of alarm calls from the second quarter of 2012 as compared to 2013 which is 249 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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Midyear 2013/2012 Comparison

Group A Crime Categories	INCIDENTS			OFFENSES			ARRESTS			CLEARANCES	
	2nd Quarter		Percent Change	2nd Quarter		Percent Change	2nd Quarter		Percent Change	2nd Quarter	
	2013	2012		2013	2012		2013	2012		2013	Percent
Arson	2	7	-71.4%	2	7	-71.4%	2	0	+	2	100.0%
Assault Offenses	234	230	1.7%	285	274	4.0%	61	65	-6.2%	100	35.1%
Bribery	0	0	NC	0	0	NC	0	0	NC	0	0.0%
Breaking and Entering	101	78	29.5%	102	79	29.1%	7	11	-36.4%	16	15.7%
Counterfeiting/Forgery	8	15	-46.7%	9	15	-40.0%	2	1	100.0%	3	33.3%
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism	109	157	-30.6%	114	165	-30.9%	3	9	-66.7%	10	8.8%
Drug/Narcotic Offenses	182	130	40.0%	271	196	38.3%	210	139	51.1%	255	94.1%
Embezzlement	34	32	6.3%	35	33	6.1%	24	19	26.3%	8	22.9%
Extortion/Blackmail	0	0	NC	0	0	NC	0	0	NC	0	0.0%
Fraud Offenses	89	72	23.6%	93	80	16.3%	21	11	90.9%	19	20.4%
Gambling Offenses	0	0	NC	0	0	NC	0	0	NC	0	0.0%
Homicide Offenses	0	0	NC	0	0	NC	0	0	NC	0	0.0%
Kidnapping/Abduction	0	0	NC	0	1	-	0	0	NC	0	0.0%
Larceny/Theft Offenses	634	708	-10.5%	652	725	-10.1%	265	272	-2.6%	254	39.0%
Motor Vehicle Theft	36	57	-36.8%	40	59	-32.2%	4	2	100.0%	5	12.5%
Pornography/Obscene Material	0	1	-	1	1	NC	0	0	NC	0	0.0%
Prostitution Offenses	0	1	-	0	2	-	0	2	-	0	0.0%
Robbery	5	10	-50.0%	5	10	-50.0%	3	5	-40.0%	3	60.0%
Sex Offenses, Forcible	10	13	-23.1%	13	15	-13.3%	4	2	100.0%	6	46.2%
Sex Offenses, Nonforcible	0	0	NC	0	0	NC	0	0	NC	0	0.0%
Stolen Property Offenses	6	6	NC	6	8	-25.0%	7	5	40.0%	6	100.0%
Weapon Law Violations	8	8	NC	11	12	-8.3%	4	7	-42.9%	8	72.7%
Group A Total	1,458	1,525	-4.4%	1,639	1,682	-2.6%	617	550	12.2%	695	42.4%
Group B Crime Categories											
Bad Checks	20	18	11.1%	21	20	5.0%	10	3	233.3%	4	19.0%
Curfew/Loitering/Vagrancy	0	0	NC	0	0	NC	0	0	NC	0	0.0%
Disorderly Conduct	8	10	-20.0%	11	14	-21.4%	6	6	NC	7	63.6%
Driving Under the Influence	210	184	14.1%	257	224	14.7%	213	185	15.1%	253	98.4%
Drunkenness	0	1	-	0	2	-	0	0	NC	0	0.0%
Family Offenses, Nonviolent	9	5	80.0%	10	6	66.7%	1	0	+	3	30.0%
Liquor Law Violations	27	22	22.7%	55	49	12.2%	42	79	-46.8%	52	94.5%
Peeping Tom	1	2	-50.0%	1	2	-50.0%	0	0	NC	0	0.0%
Runaway (Under 18)	5	10	-50.0%	5	10	-50.0%	0	0	NC	0	0.0%
Trespass of Real Property	3	8	-62.5%	3	11	-72.7%	1	2	-50.0%	1	33.3%
All Other	330	292	13.0%	391	353	10.8%	268	207	29.5%	310	79.3%
Group B Total	613	552	11.1%	754	691	9.1%	541	482	12.2%	630	83.6%
Group A and B Total	2,071	2,077	-0.3%	2,393	2,373	0.8%	1,158	1,032	12.2%	1,325	55.4%
Above data includes both completed and attempted offenses.											

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Description	INCIDENTS			OFFENSES			ARRESTS			CLEARANCES	
	2nd Quarter		Percent Change	2nd Quarter		Percent Change	2nd Quarter		Percent Change	2nd Quarter	
	2013	2012		2013	2012		2013	2012		2013	Percent
Alarms	1,362	1,611	-15.5%	1,362	1,611	-15.5%	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
All Other	13,258	12,772	3.8%	13,439	12,940	3.9%	207	292	-29.1%	NA	NA
Group C Miscellaneous Total	14,620	14,383	1.6%	14,501	14,551	1.7%	207	292	-29.1%	NA	NA
Group E Fire Total	23	29	-20.7%	23	29	-20.7%	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Grand Totals	16,714	16,489	1.4%	17,217	16,958	1.6%	1,305	1,324	3.1%	1,325	55.4%

Traffic Crashes and Citations

Reportable Traffic Crashes

	2013	2012	Percent Change	2013 Alcohol involved Crashes	2012 Alcohol involved Crashes
Personal Injury	192	170	12.9%	13 incidents-6.8% involved alcohol	10 incidents-5.9% involved alcohol
Property Damage	1,338	1,115	20.0%	30 incidents-2.2% involved alcohol	10 incidents-0.9% involved alcohol
Fatal	2	2	NC	0 Incidents-0.0% involved alcohol	0 Incidents-0.0% involved alcohol
Total Reportable	1,532	1,287	19.0%	43 incidents-2.8% involved alcohol	20 incidents-1.6% involved alcohol
Private Property Crashes	345	363	-5.0%		
Crashes Grand Total	1,877	1,650	13.8%		

Traffic Citations

Hazardous	3,137	3,767	-16.7%
Non-hazardous	400	481	-16.8%
License, Title, Registration	1,223	1,102	11.0%
Parking	255	291	-12.4%
Traffic Citations Total	5,015	5,641	-11.1%

Distracted Driving	Citations			Warnings			Combined		
	2nd Quarter		Percent Change	2nd Quarter		Percent Change	2nd Quarter		Percent Change
	2013	2012		2013	2012		2013	2012	
Handheld Device	42	78	-46.2%	50	82	-39.0%	92	160	-42.5%
Other Action	2	6	-66.7%	9	17	-47.1%	11	23	-52.2%
Texting	8	10	-20.0%	6	12	-50.0%	14	22	-36.4%
Distracted Driving Total	52	94	-44.7%	65	111	-41.4%	117	205	-42.9%

Distracted driving citation totals are included in hazardous total.