



CITY COUNCIL REPORT

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SUBJECT: 2010 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 continue to reflect an overall decrease in Group A crimes in 2010. 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 additional interest are areas that may be depicting trends, specifically increases in Breaking and Entering and Destruction / Damage / Vandalism, and the decrease in Larceny/Theft Offenses. Statistics for the first and second quarters of 2010 show incidents of Breaking and Entering increased by 37.2% when compared to the same period last year (129 in the first half of 2010, which is an increase of 35 incidents), incidents of Destruction / Damage / Vandalism increased 49.3% (200 in the first half of 2010, which is an increase of 66 incidents), and incidents of Larceny/Theft Offenses decreased 18.9% (605 in the first half of 2010, which is a decrease of 141 incidents).

Breaking and Entering includes business break-ins, as well as home invasions. The Police Department has been very successful in identifying, arresting, and prosecuting persons responsible for a large number of crimes involving both. In the last few months, officers have arrested twelve (12) individuals for either B/E or Home Invasion in nine (9) separate incidents. Several of these arrests were the result of Troy PD surveillance operations and occurred in other jurisdictions. Follow-up investigation revealed the individuals arrested were responsible for numerous B & E / Home Invasions throughout Oakland and Macomb counties. Investigators believe that the arrested individuals may be responsible for up to 51% of the incidents that occurred in Troy. Many of these arrests and/or clearances are not yet reflected in the mid-year statistics.

Crimes involving destruction/damage/vandalism often involve juveniles. The increase in this area is being investigated by officers of the Juvenile Unit. Juvenile Investigators have been diligently pursuing leads and attempting to educate children and parents through their school contacts. In addition, officers assigned to the uniformed and plain clothes operations have increased patrols in subdivisions and other areas where these incidents typically occur. The category also includes vandalism, which reflects incidents involving such actions as egging homes, where typically there is no actual property damage. Of note, is a recent trend where

buildings and residences have been damaged by spray painting. Often trends such as these are connected and are being perpetrated by the same individuals. Generally, once they are caught, the crime trend comes to an end.

Larceny/Theft offenses include larcenies from autos/larceny of auto parts, all other non-auto related larcenies, and retail frauds. Auto related larcenies decreased 9% when compared to the same period last year (169 incidents in the first half of 2010, which is a decrease of 16 incidents). This decrease may be related to several recent Larceny from Auto (LFA) arrests. Oftentimes as with B& E / Home Invasions, LFA suspects are responsible for more than just single, isolated incidents. When arrests are made, they can have a notable impact on the number of crimes that occur and the number of crimes that are cleared. Non-auto related larcenies decreased 19% when compared to the same period last year (202 incidents in the first half of 2010, which is a decrease of 47 incidents). Retail Fraud decreased 25% (230 incidents in the first half of 2010, which is a decrease of 78 incidents). Retail Frauds are incidents generally reported to the police by Loss Prevention entities in the retail community.

- Group A Crime decreased 4.3% (68 less incidents) from the 2009 level. Within the group, the following categories show notable variations:
 - Breaking and Entering: Up 37.2% (35 more incidents)
 - Counterfeiting/Forgery: Down 60.0% (9 less incidents)
 - Destruction/Damage/Vandalism: Up 49.3% (66 more incidents)
 - Drug/Narcotic Offenses: Down 12.6% (14 less incidents)
 - Embezzlement: Down 26.1% (6 less incidents)
 - Larceny/Theft Offenses: Down 18.9% (141 less incidents)
- Group B Crime decreased 14.7% (89 less incidents). Significant variations from the 2009 levels occurred in the following:
 - Bad Checks: Down 21.9% (7 less incidents)
 - Driving Under the Influence: Down 18.0% (38 less incidents)
 - Liquor Law Violations: Down 16.7% (4 less incidents)
- Total incidents of crime (Group A & B combined) decreased by 7.2% (157 less incidents).
- Clearance rates, the percentage of offenses for which a perpetrator has been prosecuted, or positively identified but not prosecuted, continue to be high:
 - 32.8% of reported Group A Crime
 - 80.5% of reported Group B Crime
 - 46.0% of all reported crime has been cleared
- Total Arrests decreased 17.7% (214 less arrests)
 - Group A Crime Arrests: Decreased 16.5% (107 less arrests)
 - Group B Crime Arrests: Decreased 19.0% (107 less arrests)
- Group C (non-criminal) calls for police service decreased by 3.6% (559 less incidents).
- Year-to-date reported traffic crashes and citations issued are:
 - Property Damage crashes decreased 2.3% (25 less property damage crashes)
 - Injury crashes decreased 39.5% (103 less injury crashes)
 - Fatal crashes increased from 1 to 3

- Total traffic citations issued decreased 17.7% (1272 less citations)
 - Hazardous traffic citations issued decreased 7.0% (321 less citations)
 - Non-Hazardous traffic citations issued decreased 53.7% (432 less citations)
 - License/title/registration citations issued decreased 7.7% (95 less citations)
 - Parking citations issued decreased 77.4% (424 less citations)

Factors that may have impacted fewer traffic citations include the use of Traffic Safety Unit personnel on straight time to staff special events, rather than staffing these events with overtime assignments. This has resulted in a significant reduction in overtime costs for these events, however has had a proportionate impact on traffic enforcement assignments that this unit is traditionally responsible for. Officers continue to focus on crash causing violations, which are reflected in the hazardous traffic citation category. In addition, due to staffing reductions, there are two less Road Patrol Police Service Aides; a significant portion of their responsibilities involved parking enforcement.

- Overall incidents or calls for service, criminal and non-criminal, are down 4.2% (740 less overall incidents/calls for service).

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Midyear 2010/2009 Comparison

Group A Crime Categories	INCIDENTS			OFFENSES			ARRESTS			CLEARANCES	
	Y-T-D		Percent	Y-T-D		Percent	Y-T-D		Percent	Y-T-D	
	2010	2009	Change	2010	2009	Change	2010	2009	Change	2010	Percent
Arson	1	2	-50.0%	1	2	-50.0%	0	0	NC	0	0.0%
Assault Offenses	303	297	2.0%	382	343	11.4%	77	78	-1.3%	119	31.2%
Bribery	0	0	NC	0	0	NC	0	0	NC	0	0.0%
Breaking and Entering	129	94	37.2%	130	97	34.0%	11	20	-45.0%	10	7.7%
Counterfeiting/Forgery	6	15	-60.0%	8	15	-46.7%	1	4	-19.4%	1	12.5%
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism	200	134	49.3%	210	143	46.9%	5	2	150.0%	7	3.3%
Drug/Narcotic Offenses	97	111	-12.6%	149	181	-17.7%	99	140	-29.3%	136	91.3%
Embezzlement	17	23	-26.1%	17	24	-29.2%	14	17	-17.6%	7	41.2%
Extortion/Blackmail	1	0	+	1	0	+	0	0	NC	0	0.0%
Fraud Offenses	86	81	6.2%	89	87	2.3%	33	14	135.7%	30	33.7%
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	2	-	0	4	-	0	0	NC	0	0.0%
Larceny/Theft Offenses	605	746	-18.9%	620	765	-19.0%	287	356	-19.4%	223	36.0%
Motor Vehicle Theft	36	35	2.9%	37	39	-5.1%	0	1	-	2	5.4%
Pornography/Obscene Material	1	0	+	1	0	+	0	0	NC	0	0.0%
Prostitution Offenses	0	0	NC	0	1	-	0	1	-	0	0.0%
Robbery	2	7	-71.4%	2	7	-71.4%	2	3	-33.3%	1	50.0%
Sex Offenses, Forcible	6	13	-53.8%	6	14	-57.1%	1	1	NC	2	33.3%
Sex Offenses, Nonforcible	0	0	NC	0	0	NC	0	0	NC	0	0.0%
Stolen Property Offenses	5	4	25.0%	7	11	-36.4%	2	5	-60.0%	2	28.6%
Weapon Law Violations	7	6	16.7%	10	7	42.9%	8	5	60.0%	8	80.0%
Group A Total	1,502	1,570	-4.3%	1,670	1,740	-4.0%	540	647	-16.5%	548	32.8%
Group B Crime Categories											
Bad Checks	25	32	-21.9%	25	33	-24.2%	6	8	-25.0%	3	12.0%
Curfew/Loitering/Vagrancy	1	2	-50.0%	1	2	-50.0%	1	0	+	1	0.0%
Disorderly Conduct	33	52	-36.5%	38	65	-41.5%	5	9	-44.4%	10	26.3%
Driving Under the Influence	173	211	-18.0%	200	247	-19.0%	177	226	-21.7%	196	98.0%
Drunkenness	0	0	NC	0	0	NC	0	0	NC	0	0.0%
Family Offenses, Nonviolent	4	5	-20.0%	4	5	-20.0%	0	1	-	0	0.0%
Liquor Law Violations	20	24	-16.7%	41	56	-26.8%	46	65	-29.2%	36	87.8%
Peeping Tom	1	0	+	1	0	+	0	0	NC	0	0.0%
Runaway (Under 18)	15	4	275.0%	15	4	275.0%	0	0	NC	0	0.0%
Trespass of Real Property	10	10	NC	14	10	40.0%	5	3	66.7%	5	35.7%
All Other	236	267	-11.6%	298	323	-7.7%	215	250	-14.0%	262	87.9%
Group B Total	518	607	-14.7%	637	745	-14.5%	455	562	-19.0%	513	80.5%
Group A and B Total	2,020	2,177	-7.2%	2,307	2,485	-7.2%	995	1,209	-17.7%	1,061	46.0%
Above data includes both completed and attempted offenses.											

