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## METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

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### **Metropolitan Police Department Releases 2017 Crime Statistics**

*Statistics cite a 1.9% increase in overall crime*

**St. Louis, Mo.** - Today, Police Commissioner John W. Hayden Jr., released 2017 Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) statistics citing a 1.9% increase, or 463 more crimes, in the City of St. Louis. Person crime increased 7.3% and property crimes increased 0.1%.

In 2017, the department reported 25,404 Part I Crimes which represents a 1.9% increase compared to 2016 when 24,941 Part I Crimes were reported. Part I Crimes are comprised of homicides, rapes, robberies, aggravated assaults, burglaries, larcenies/thefts, vehicle thefts and arsons.

“We can do better and we will do better in 2018,” said Commissioner Hayden. “Our pursuit of excellence begins with implementing a comprehensive crime strategy, working closer with the community, and taking a holistic approach to reducing crime in the City of St. Louis.”

The department records crime according to the Federal Bureau of Investigation’s Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) guidelines. More information about the UCR program may be found at <http://www.ucrdatatool.gov/abouttheucr.cfm>.

Total Part II Crimes decreased 7.7 % when compared to 2016. Complete Part II Crime statistics are released with the publication of the department’s Annual Report.

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## 2017 Part I Crime Statistics

### 2017 At a Glance

- **Total Part I Crimes** increased 1.9 % when compared to 2016, from 24,941 crimes to 25,404 crimes
- **Violent Crime (Crimes Against Persons)** increased 7.3% when compared to 2016, from 6,018 crimes to 6,459 crimes
- **Property Crimes** increased 0.1% when compared to 2016, from 18,923 crimes to 18,945 crimes

### 2017 Reported Crimes Against Persons

- **Homicides** increased from 188 in 2016 to 205 in 2017, or 9.0%
- **Rapes**, which include both Forced Rapes and Attempted Rapes, increased 0.3% from 288 to 289
- **Robberies** increased 2.1% from 1,904 to 1,944
- **Aggravated Assaults** increased 10.5% from 3,638 to 4,021

### 2017 Reported Property Crimes

- **Burglaries** decreased 2.0% from 3,201 to 3,138
  - This represents the lowest number since 1947 when there were 2,246 burglaries reported
- **Larcenies** increased 4.0% from 12,394 to 12,894
- **Vehicle Thefts** decreased 11.3% from 3,058 to 2,713
  - This represents the lowest number since 1951 when 2,239 vehicle thefts reported
- **Arsons** decreased 25.9% from 270 to 200

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