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Metropolitan Police Department Releases 2014 Crime Statistics

Statistics cite a 3.3 percent decrease in overall crime

St. Louis, Mo. - Today, the Metropolitan Police Department released 2014 Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) statistics citing a 3.3 percent decrease in overall crime in the City of St. Louis. While person crime increased 5.3 percent, property crimes dropped 5.4 percent. The City of St. Louis has achieved record low numbers for eight straight years.

In 2014, the department reported 25,462 Part I Crimes which represents a 3.3 percent decrease compared to 2013 when 26,342 Part I Crimes were reported. Part I Crimes are comprised of homicides, forcible rapes, robberies, aggravated assaults, burglaries, larcenies/thefts, vehicle thefts and arsons.

“Through the month of July, overall crime in the City of St. Louis was down 12.3 percent, with a 5.8 percent decrease in person crime and a 13.8 percent decrease in property crime. In the past five months, our region has experienced many challenges stemming from civil unrest. Throughout this time, our officers displayed a high degree of professionalism while protecting the First Amendment rights of the citizens we serve,” Chief Sam Dotson said. “As we begin 2015, officers will refocus their efforts on hot-spot policing and implementing new policing strategies in our neighborhoods, ultimately working towards continuing the decreases in crime we’ve seen over the past decade.”

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 12.5 percent when compared to 2013. Complete Part II Crime statistics are released with the publication of the department’s Annual Report.

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2014 Part I Crime Statistics

2014 At a Glance

- **Total Part I Crimes decreased 3.3 percent** when compared to 2013, from 26,342 crimes to 25,462 crimes
 - The last year in which fewer crimes were reported was in 1966, when 25,798 crimes were reported
- **Violent Crime (Crimes Against Persons) increased 5.3 percent** when compared to 2013, from 5,078 crimes to 5,348 crimes
- **Property Crimes decreased 5.4 percent** when compared to 2013, from 21,264 crimes to 20,114 crimes

2014 Reported Crimes Against Persons

- **Homicides** increased 32.5 percent from 120 to 159
- **Rapes**, which include both Forced Rapes and Attempted Rapes, decreased 16.2 percent from 333 to 279
- **Robberies** increased 7.1 percent from 1,458 to 1,562
- **Aggravated Assaults** increased 5.7 percent from 3,167 to 3,348

2014 Reported Property Crimes

- **Burglaries** decreased 2.2 percent from 4,305 to 4,209
 - This represents the lowest number since 1950 when there were 3,744 burglaries reported
- **Larcenies** decreased 7.3 percent from 13,452 to 12,465
- **Vehicle Thefts** decreased by 2.5 percent from 3,330 to 3,247
 - This represents the lowest number since 1952 when 2,789 vehicle thefts reported
- **Arsons** increased 9.0 percent from 177 to 193

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