

"Placerville, a Unique Historical Past Forging into a Golden Future"



City Manager's Report
March 10, 2014 City Council Meeting
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Item#: 3.2

Subject: Recommend City Council acceptance of an informational report regarding Placerville's Crime Statistics for January through December 2014 as compared to January through December 2013.

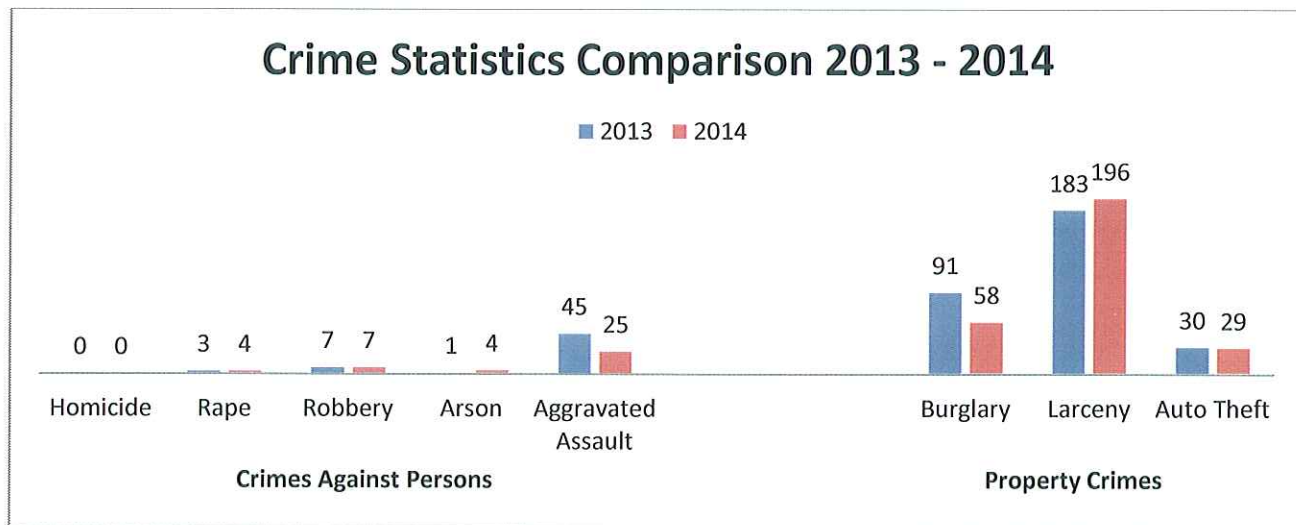
Discussion: The attached report is Placerville's Crime Statistics for January through December 2014. This report is presented to the City Council as an informational item on crime statistics within the City of Placerville.

Placerville's Part I Crime statistics showed an overall decrease of 11% in 2014 when compared to 2013. Crimes Against Persons (violent crimes) have decreased (30%). Property Crimes have decreased (7%). The burglary rate is down (36%) this year compared to last. Larcenies are up (7%) and auto theft is down (3%). Calls for service have also increased from 14,649 in 2013 to 16,365 in 2014 (12%). The State of California Realignment of Prisoners (AB109), recent passage of Prop 47, the habitual transient offender challenges, and slow economic recovery are all believed to be environmental factors influencing increases in the lower level crime rate in the City of Placerville. While overall major crime is down, we continue to see rising crime amongst lower level property crimes (larceny) and lower level crimes against persons (non-aggravated/simple assaults).

During the beginning of 2014, habitual transient offender (HTO) incidents continued to climb, competing with limited policing resources. During the middle of 2014, we saw our first decrease in HTO incidents since tracking began over two years ago. The last part of 2014 saw a minor spike at the end of summer before mostly flattening out close to 2013 numbers. We believe the HTO challenge continues to compete with our limited resources, thus sometimes pulling resources from other crime prevention efforts. However, progress is definitely being made through growing partnerships with businesses and community based organizations. Also, the emphasis on mental health issues including advanced officer training in this area has assisted in identifying those in crisis, in need of intervention and services, vs. those choosing a lifestyle. The overall sense of the HTO challenge is we have gained traction on the once exploding trend and have returned to a place where we can more readily manage it.

On the next page is a breakdown and comparison of Part I Crimes by category followed by a comparison chart of the data.

<u>January-June</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>%Increase/Decrease</u>
Homicide*	0	0	0%
Rape*	3	3	0%
Robbery*	7	7	0%
Arson*	1	4	300%
Aggravated Assault*	45	25	-44%
Crimes Against Persons (Violent)	56	39	-30%
Burglary*	91	58	-36%
Larceny*	183	196	7%
Auto Theft*	30	29	-3%
Property Crimes	304	283	-7%
*Total Part I Crimes	360	322	-11%



The Placerville Police Department continues to take an aggressive stance on property crimes. The department continues to research and adopt emerging technologies to identify, track, and combat stolen property. We also deployed plain clothes operations to augment uniformed patrols to focus on identified hot spots where property crimes were occurring during this past year. These tactics have proven successful in significantly reducing burglaries. We are currently researching ways to better partner with residents and businesses to better target larcenies.

The department is in the process of deploying bicycle patrols and an electric motorcycle on the bike and jogging paths throughout the City. We believe this will continue to reduce and manage crime and assist in our goal of providing the safest bike and hiking trails possible. We are

currently in the process of hiring reserve police officers to augment our full time force. Reserve officers will assist with the habitual transient offender challenges, provide extra patrols in impacted areas, and free up the full time force to proactively focus on current crime trends.

The Placerville Police Department continues to utilize social media (Nixle, Facebook, Twitter, etc.) in a constant effort to enhance community policing. We also have a mobile device app that aims to maximize communication between the police department and the community and further assist our community policing efforts. The app takes already existing data from numerous locations and centralizes it in one spot on the end user's smart phone and/or mobile device. The app is free to download in either Apple or Android device formats and includes a crime mapping module that takes data from our computer aided dispatch system and maps it to provide citizens with up to date public safety awareness in their neighborhoods.

Options: N/A

Cost: None.

Budget Impact: None.

Recommendation: Recommend City Council acceptance of an informational report regarding Placerville's Crime Statistics for January through June 2014 as compared to January through June 2013.



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Scott Heller, Chief of Police

Attachment: 2014 Crime Statistics Report

PLACERVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT STATISTICS DECEMBER 2014

	THIS MONTH	THIS MONTH LAST YEAR	% of Change	THIS YEAR TO DATE	LAST YEAR TO DATE	% of Change	Number of cases cleared			Percentage of Cases Cleared		
							THIS MONTH	THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR TO DATE	THIS MONTH	THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR TO DATE
Homicide	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0%	0	1	0	0.00%	33.33%	0.00%
Rape	1	0	0.0%	3	3	0.0%	1	2	2	33.33%	66.67%	66.67%
Robbery	0	1	-100.0%	7	7	0.0%	0	2	8	0.00%	28.57%	114.29%
Arson	0	0	0.0%	4	1	100.0%	0	2	1	0.00%	8.00%	2.22%
Aggrav. Assault	3	2	50.0%	25	45	-44.4%	2	44	40	66.67%	176.00%	88.89%
Burglary	1	6	-83.3%	58	91	-36.3%	0	13	26	0.00%	22.41%	28.57%
Larceny	12	17	-29.4%	196	183	7.1%	4	36	36	33.33%	18.37%	19.67%
Auto Theft	1	2	-50.0%	29	30	-3.3%	1	4	8	100.00%	13.79%	26.67%
SUBTOTAL	18	28^f	-36%	322	360^f	-11%	8	104	121	44.44%	32.30%	33.61%
Non Aggrv Assault	13	5	160%	141	71	99%	11	105	60	84.62%	74.47%	84.51%
Part I Crime as Rej												
TOTAL												
PART I	18	28	-36%	322	360	-11%	8	104	121	44.44%	32.30%	33.61%
Part II Offenses	105	77	36.36%	1336	1262	5.86%						
Public Service	39	24	62.50%	333	322	3.42%						
GRAND TOTAL	162	129^f	26%	1991	1944	2%						