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Metropolitan Police Department Releases 2016 Crime Statistics

Statistics cite a 4.1 percent decrease in overall crime

St. Louis, Mo. - Today, Police Commissioner Sam Dotson and Mayor Francis Slay released 2016 Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) statistics citing a 4.1 percent decrease, or 1,072 less crimes, in the City of St. Louis. Person crime increased 4.4 percent and property crimes decreased 6.6 percent.

In 2016, the department reported 24,941 Part I Crimes which represents a 4.1 percent decrease compared to 2015 when 26,013 Part I Crimes were reported. Part I Crimes are comprised of homicides, rapes, robberies, aggravated assaults, burglaries, larcenies/thefts, vehicle thefts and arsons.

“The decrease in overall crime is a reflection of the hard work of the men and women of this department,” said Commissioner Dotson. “The number of total Part I crimes reported in 2016 represents the lowest number since 1963. However, we must remain focused on keeping our citizens and visitors safe and continue our efforts to combat aggravated assaults and homicides.”

“The list of initiatives, policies, and efforts we have employed to reduce crime is lengthy, but many of them will take time to take root and grow change within individuals and communities,” said Mayor Slay. “We are encouraged by the work we have done to cut crime in half over the past 10 years, but until everyone in every neighborhood can live, work, and play without fear -- or reality -- of criminals lurking to harm them, we have more work to do. I hope the next Administration will use the PIER Plan as a blueprint by which to add new ideas, replicate what works, and fine-tune what doesn't.”

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 increased 1.2 percent when compared to 2015. Complete Part II Crime statistics are released with the publication of the department’s Annual Report.

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2016 Part I Crime Statistics

2016 At a Glance

- **Total Part I Crimes** decreased 4.1 percent when compared to 2015, from 26,013 crimes to 24,941 crimes
- **Violent Crime (Crimes Against Persons)** increased 4.4 percent when compared to 2015, from 5,763 crimes to 6,018 crimes
- **Property Crimes** decreased 6.6 percent when compared to 2015, from 20,250 crimes to 18,923 crimes

2016 Reported Crimes Against Persons

- **Homicides** remained the same, as there were 188 homicides in 2015 and 188 homicides in 2016
- **Rapes**, which include both Forced Rapes and Attempted Rapes, increased 9.5 percent from 263 to 288
- **Robberies** increased 6.4 percent from 1,790 to 1,904
- **Aggravated Assaults** increased 3.3 percent from 3,522 to 3,638

2016 Reported Property Crimes

- **Burglaries** decreased 23.8 percent from 4,203 to 3,201
 - This represents the lowest number since 1947 when there were 2,246 burglaries reported
- **Larcenies** decreased 2.3 percent from 12,680 to 12,394
 - This represents the lowest number since 1953 when there were 9,831 larcenies reported
- **Vehicle Thefts** decreased 2.8 percent from 3,146 to 3,058
 - This represents the lowest number since 1952 when 2,789 vehicle thefts reported
- **Arsons** increased 22.2 percent from 221 to 270

Crime Comparisons

- **Total Part I Crimes** decreased 49.9 percent when compared to 2006, from 49,743 crimes to 24,941 crimes
- **Total Part I Crimes** decreased 26.2 percent when compared to 2010, from 33,782 crimes to 24,941 crimes
- **Total Part I Crimes** decreased 10.5 percent when compared to 2012, from 27,853 crimes to 24,941 crimes

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