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**2011 Crime Statistics Released – Overall Crime Continues to Drop**

*Homicides, Violent Crimes, Vehicle Theft are among the categories that show decreases from 2010*

Today the Metropolitan Police Department, City of St. Louis (“the department”) released 2011 Uniform Crime Reporting (“UCR”) statistics showing that when it comes to overall crime as well as the most serious violent crime, the department again had record low numbers.

In 2011 there were 31,811 reported Part I Crimes which is comprised of Homicides, Forcible Rapes, Robberies, Aggravated Assaults, Burglaries, Larcenies/Thefts, Vehicle Thefts and Arsons. This represents a 5.9 percent decrease from 2010 when there were 33,782 reported Part I Crimes.

The department reported 113 Homicides in 2011, a 21.5 percent decrease from the 144 reported in 2010.

“Certainly looking at the numbers for 2011 there are things that tell us we are moving in the right direction. We had another positive year, but there is still much work to be done. We saw a significant drop in homicides but ultimately, even one homicide is more than we want to see. We will continue to work with others in the community and our law enforcement partners to further reduce crime in the city of St. Louis,” said Chief Dan Isom.

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 2.12 percent when compared to 2010. Complete Part II crime statistics are released each summer with the publication of the department’s Annual Report.

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## 2011 Part I Crime Statistics

### 2011 At a Glance

- **Total Part I Crimes decreased 5.8 percent** when compared to 2010, from 33782 to 31811
  - This represents the lowest number since 1967, when 30,826 crimes were reported
- **Violent Crime (Crimes Against Persons) decreased 4.1 percent** when compared to 2010,
  - There were 5,951 Crimes Against Persons reported in 2011 compared to 6,205 in 2010
- **Property Crimes decreased 6.2 percent** when compared to 2010, from 27,577 to 25860

### 2011 Reported Crimes Against Persons

- **Homicides** decreased by 21.5 percent from 144 to 113
  - This represents the lowest number since 2002, when 113 homicides were reported
- **Forcible Rapes** were even when compared to last year at 188
- **Aggravated Assaults** decreased by 6.0 percent from 3748 to 3523
- **Robberies** increased from 2,125 in 2010 to 2,127 in 2011 or 0.1 percent

### 2011 Reported Property Crimes

- **Vehicle thefts** decreased 21 percent from 4263 to 3369. Vehicle thefts are at their lowest point since 1952 when 3522 were reported stolen.
- **Burglaries** increased 4.6 percent from 6705 to 7015
  - The department made a number of changes to address burglaries during the second part of 2011. In the four month period of Sept. to Dec., burglaries decreased from 2,524 to 2,322 when compared to the same period in 2010
- **Larcenies** decreased by 6.5 percent from 16,356 to 15,285
  - Larcenies from Motor Vehicles decreased from 5,227 to 4,228; Larcenies of Motor Vehicle Parts also decreased from 4,313 to 3,389
- **Arsons** decreased 24.5 percent from 253 to 191

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