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## **METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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### **Metropolitan Police Department Releases 2013 Crime Statistics** *City's Overall Crime Drops 5.4 Percent*

Today, Police Chief Sam Dotson released 2013 Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) statistics citing a 5.4 percent decrease in overall crime in the City of St. Louis. Violent crime decreased 10.3 percent while property crimes dropped 4.2 percent. The City of St. Louis has achieved record low numbers for seven straight years.

In 2013, the department reported 26,342 Part I Crimes which represents a 5.4 percent decrease compared to 2012 when 27,854 Part I Crimes were reported. Part I Crimes are comprised of homicides, forcible rapes, robberies, aggravated assaults, burglaries, larcenies/thefts, vehicle thefts and arsons.

“Overall crime is down almost 50 percent since 2006. Our city is getting safer, our strategies are having an impact. Hot-spot policing has been implemented throughout the city, and it is no longer a theory or experimental technique, but the way we do business everyday. While I am encouraged by our successes, I also know there is much more work to be done,” said Chief Sam Dotson.

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 0.2 percent when compared to 2012. Complete Part II Crime statistics are released each summer with the publication of the department's Annual Report.

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## 2013 Part I Crime Statistics

### 2013 At a Glance

- **Total Part I Crimes decreased 5.4 percent** when compared to 2012, from 27,854 to 26,342
  - The last year in which fewer crimes were reported was in 1966, when 25,798 crimes were reported
- **Violent Crime (Crimes Against Persons) decreased 10.3 percent** when compared to 2012, from 5,661 to 5,078
- **Property Crimes decreased 4.2 percent** when compared to 2012, from 22,193 to 21,264

### 2013 Reported Crimes Against Persons

- **Homicides** increased 6.2 percent from 113 to 120
  - While there was an increase in homicides this category remains below the five year average of 136.
- **Forcible Rapes** increased 67.3 percent from 199 to 333
  - It should be noted that in January 2013 the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) implemented a revised definition of rape within their UCR program. The expanded definition allows law enforcement agencies to report more accurate rape offense data throughout the UCR program to ensure all applicable rape offenses and all victims of any gender or age are accounted for. *As a result of the revised definition, the FBI expected to see an increase in reported rape offense data. However, this does not necessarily mean there is an increase in rapes. See the FBI's UCR guidelines for further explanation of the revised definition for rape.*
- **Robberies** decreased 18 percent from 1,778 to 1,458
  - This represents the lowest number since 1953 when 1,378 robberies were reported
- **Aggravated Assaults** decreased 11.3 percent from 3,571 to 3,167
  - This represents the lowest number since 1968 when 2613 aggravated assaults were reported

### 2013 Reported Property Crimes

- **Burglaries** decreased 13.7 percent from 4,986 to 4,305
  - This represents the lowest number since 1950 when there were 3,744 burglaries reported
- **Larcenies** decreased 0.5 percent from 13,520 to 13,452
- **Vehicle Thefts** decreased by 4.6 percent from 3,489 to 3,330
  - This represents the lowest number since 1952 when 2,789 vehicle thefts reported
- **Arsons** decreased 10.6 percent from 198 to 177
  - This represents the lowest number reported in the arson category since being recognized by UCR as a Part I Crime in 1980

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