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**METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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**Metropolitan Police Department Earns 98% Compliance  
Rating**

*Department Meets Federal Guidelines for Crime Reporting*

The Metropolitan Police Department is pleased to announce the findings of a recent Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) audit conducted by the Missouri State Highway Patrol (MSHP) of the agency's crime reporting efforts. On April 21, 2011, the MSHP examined UCR records submitted by the Department, which earned a 98% compliance rating for its crime reporting efforts in compliance with state and national UCR standards. The audit sampled police reports written for Part I and Part II offenses reported in October of 2010. Part I Crimes includes homicide, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny, vehicle theft and arson. Part II Crimes are lesser offenses, not reported under FBI guidelines until an arrest is made; however arrest records were reviewed to determine Part II compliance.

The Department was commended for the way it compiled and reported its crime data to the MSHP. Auditors stated that many agencies, even some of the smaller departments, are not as vigilant about deadlines and accuracy as the Metropolitan Police Department. Once every three years, the MSHP performs a Quality Assurance Review for the FBI, in an effort to ensure that law enforcement agencies are reporting within the scope of the established guidelines.

The Department received a 92% compliance rating in a previous audit conducted by the MSHP in May of 2008.

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