



City Manager's Report
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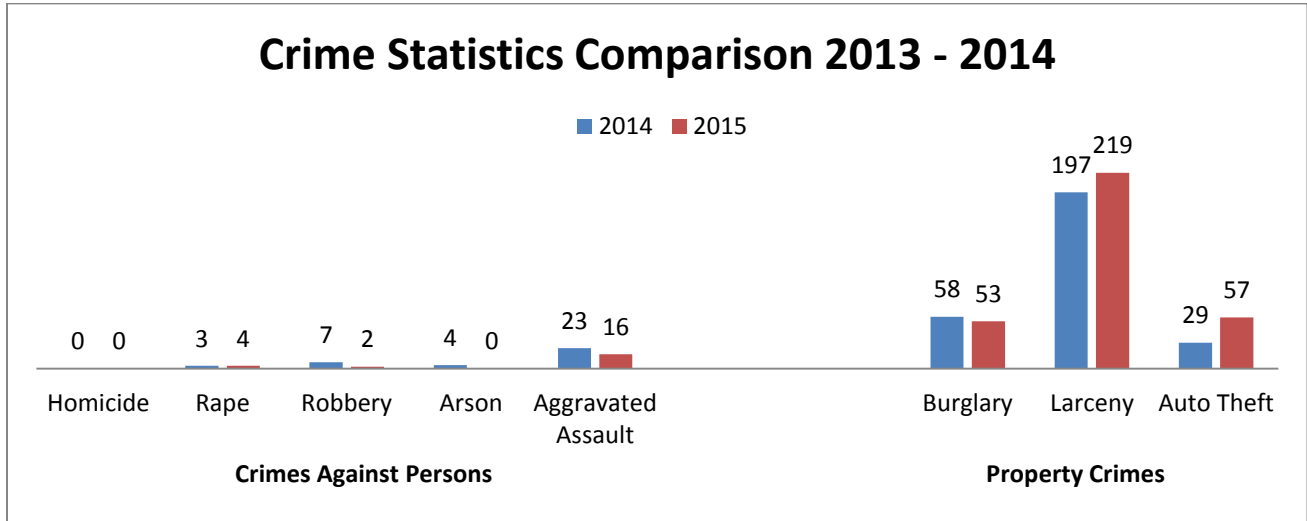
Subject: Presentation to City Council of an informational report regarding Placerville's Crime Statistics for January through December 2015 as compared to January through December 2014.

Discussion: The attached report is Placerville's Crime Statistics for January through December 2015. 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 increase of 9% in 2015 when compared to 2014. Crimes Against Persons (violent crimes) have decreased (43%). Property Crimes have increased (16%). The burglary rate is down (9%) this year compared to last. Larcenies are up (11%) and auto theft is significantly up, nearly doubling (97%). Calls for service have also increased from 16,365 in 2014 to 19,643 in 2015 (20%). The State of California Realignment of Prisoners (AB109), implementation of Prop 47, and habitual transient offender challenges are all believed to be environmental factors influencing increases in property crime rate in the City of Placerville. While violent crime is down, we continue to see rising crime amongst lower level property crimes (larceny and auto thefts).

Below is a breakdown and comparison of Part I Crimes by category followed by a comparison chart of the data on the following page.

<u>January-December</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>%Increase/Decrease</u>
Homicide*	0	0	0%
Rape*	3	3	0%
Robbery*	7	2	-71%
Arson*	4	0	-100%
Aggravated Assault*	23	16	-30%
Crimes Against Persons (Violent)	37	21	-43%
Burglary*	58	53	-9%
Larceny *	197	219	11%
Auto Theft*	29	57	97%
Property Crimes	284	329	16%
*Total Part I Crimes	321	350	9%



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. We are currently researching ways to better partner with residents and businesses to better target auto thefts.

The department continues to deploy 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 have fully implemented our Reserve Officer Program. Reserve officers 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.

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M. Cleve Morris, City Manager

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Scott Heller, Chief of Police

Attachment: 2015 Crime Statistics Report

