



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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In Control: Criminal Justice, Public Safety and Services Committee

DEPARTMENT: Police

DEPARTMENT HEAD: William P. McManus, Chief of Police

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: City Wide

SUBJECT:

2016 Uniform Crime Report and Crime Reduction Initiatives Update

SUMMARY:

The Uniform Crime Report (UCR), which is published by the Federal Bureau of Investigation annually, is comprised of monthly violent crime and property crime statistics reported by over 18,000 law enforcement agencies across the nation, including the San Antonio Police Department. 2016 UCR crime data for the City of San Antonio is current through August.

BACKGROUND:

Violent Crime

Statistics

The table below provides a 2015-2016 comparison of the number of UCR violent crimes committed within San Antonio, through August:

Crime Category	2015	2016	Increase/Decrease
Homicide	63	98	55.6%
Rape	672	803	19.5%
Robbery	1,251	1,480	18.3%
Aggravated Assault	3,592	4,690	30.6%
TOTAL	5,578	7,071	26.8%

Through August 2016, there have been a total of 7,071 violent crimes reported in San Antonio. As in all major U.S. cities, San Antonio has experienced an increase in violent crime this year. It is important to note that while the FBI, and major law enforcement organizations such as the Major Cities Chiefs Association, have been unable to identify the factors which have contributed to the national crime increase, in San Antonio the increase can generally be attributed to an increase in high-risk, illegal behavior.

The San Antonio Police Department remains committed to working closely with residents and neighborhood organizations to address the issues may influence criminal activity and to reduce crime through various community policing efforts. In recent weeks, the City Council has approved programs and initiatives, such as the Drug Market Intervention Initiative and the Texas Anti-Gang Program, which are designed to enhance the SAPD's ability to coordinate and implement strategies to reduce the presence of drugs and other criminal activity within our communities working in collaboration with local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies.

Property Crime

Statistics

The table below provides a 2015-2016 comparison of the number of UCR property crimes committed through August:

Crime Category	2015	2016	Increase/Decrease
Burglary	7,590	7,551	-0.5%
Larceny Theft	36,454	38,173	4.7%
Motor Vehicle Theft	4,167	4,575	9.8%
TOTAL	48,211	50,299	4.3%

The SAPD continues to meet regularly with businesses and neighborhoods through its SAFFE Program and works to identify and implement strategies to reduce the occurrence of property crime to include the following: Home Safety Surveys; Citizens on Patrol; SAFFE Facebook; and Neighborhood Presentations.