

Index Crime Summary for the Twenty-Third District

For the third year in a row the 23rd District experienced an overall reduction in Index Crimes incidents during 2007. At the end of 2007, the crime rate was down 8.7 percent compared to 2006. At the end of 2006, the crime rate in the 23rd District was down 4.1 percent from 2005, and at the end of 2005, the 23rd District had a great year in which Index Crimes dropped 10.3 percent from 2004. The overall reduction in Index Crimes from 2004 to 2007 has been a very substantial 21.5 percent.

The 23rd District unfortunately experienced an increase in homicide incidents during 2007, with eight incidents compared to the three incidents during 2006. This was the only Index Crime category not to see a reduction; all other categories were reduced, some substantially. Criminal sexual assaults for example dropped by nearly a third (28.6 percent) during 2007 alone. Burglary incidents were also reduced by over 13 percent in 2007 and 2006. Robbery incidents were reduced by a modest 1.8 percent in 2007, but did continue the downward trend from a very successful 2006, during which we were able to achieve a 22.6 percent reduction in robberies. Aggravated assaults and batteries were reduced by 4.1 percent and theft incidents were reduced by 8 percent during 2007.

<u>Incident Type</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>Change from 2004 to 2005 (Percentage)</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>Change from 2005 to 2006 (Percentage)</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>Change from 2006 to 2007 (Percentage)</u>	<u>2007</u>
Homicide Incidents	4	- 2 (50% decrease)	2	+ 1 (50% increase)	3	+ 5 (166% increase)	8*
Crim. Sex. Assault Incidents	35	- 6 (17.1% decrease)	29	+ 6 (20.7% increase)	35	- 10 (28.6% decrease)	25
Robbery Incidents	313	- 7 (2.2% decrease)	306	- 69 (22.6% decrease)	237	- 4 (1.8% decrease)	233
Aggravated Assault or Battery Incidents	177	+ 28 (15.8% increase)	205	- 35 (17.1% decrease)	170	- 7 (4.1% decrease)	163
Burglary Incidents	511	- 7 (1.4% decrease)	504	- 66 (13.1% decrease)	438	- 61 (13.9% decrease)	377
Theft Incidents	2,794	- 370 (13.2% decrease)	2,424	+ 22 (0.9% increase)	2,446	- 195 (8.0% decrease)	2,251
Motor Vehicle Theft Incidents	387	- 75 (19.3% decrease)	312	- 15 (4.8% decrease)	297	- 39 (13.1% decrease)	258
Arson Incidents	7	+ 5 (71.4% increase)	12	- 1 (8.3% decrease)	11	- 5 (45.5% decrease)	6
Index Crime Totals	4,228	- 434 (10.3% decrease)	3,794	- 157 (4.1% decrease)	3,637	- 316 (8.7% decrease)	3,321

Note: All rates have been rounded to tenths of a percentage. *One incident resulted in four homicide victims.

Although particular Index Crime categories may have experienced years during which there was an increase in the number of incidents, the overall trend for Index Crimes in the last four years has been that of consistent, noticeable reductions. The only exception to this has been the incidents of homicide which have been as few as 2 in 2005 and as many as 8 in 2007.

The following table shows the *overall* change in Index Crimes from 2004 to 2007.

<u>Incident Type</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>Change from 2004 to 2007 (Percentage)</u>
Homicide Incidents	4	8*	+ 4 (100% increase)
Crim. Sex. Assault Incidents	35	25	- 10 (28.6% decrease)
Robbery Incidents	313	233	- 80 (25.6% decrease)
Aggravated Assault or Battery Incidents	177	163	- 14 (7.9% decrease)
Burglary Incidents	511	377	- 134 (26.2% decrease)
Theft Incidents	2,794	2,251	- 543 (19.4% decrease)
Motor Vehicle Theft Incidents	387	258	- 129 (33.3% decrease)
Arson Incidents	7	6	- 1 (14.2% decrease)
Index Crime Totals	4,228	3,321	- 907 (21.5% decrease)

Note: All rates have been rounded to tenths of a percentage. *One incident resulted in four homicide victims.

For 2008, the 23rd District will build on its prior successes by continuing the strategies that proved effective in reducing overall crime and will implement new strategies to combat those particular areas that have been more resistant to our efforts. Some of these new strategies will include combining efforts with our neighboring districts to address the gang and narcotics problems that plague our district and focus on reducing the violence that accompanies those problems. We will also explore new ways to share information with and partner with our area businesses and citizen groups. Our combined and coordinated efforts will be aimed at reducing the number of victims and increasing the safety of our citizens.

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