

**CITY OF PEORIA, ARIZONA
CITY MANAGER REPORT**

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TO: Carl Swenson, City Manager

THROUGH: Susan K. Thorpe, Deputy City Manager

FROM: Larry J. Ratcliff, Chief of Police

SUBJECT: Presentation on City of Peoria Police Department Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) data.

SUMMARY:

Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Part I crimes have declined in Peoria during the first six months of 2009. The Uniform Crime Reporting Program measures eight categories of crime. Violent crime measurements include homicide, aggravated assault, sexual assault and armed robbery. Property crimes measured are theft, automobile theft, burglary and arson. These eight categories are an overall review of reported crime in a jurisdiction and do not include all reported crime.

During the first six months of 2008, there were 170 violent UCR crimes reported to the Peoria Police Department. During the same time period of 2009, violent UCR crimes have declined to 152. Reported UCR property crimes have been reduced from 2,605 in 2008 to 2,523 during the first six months of 2009.

The reductions reported during the first six months of 2009 are in addition to the overall decline in UCR reported crime during 2008 when compared to 2007. During 2007, there were 6,177 total UCR crimes reported, while during 2008 there was a reduction to 5,694 UCR crimes reported.

Overall, this year, many cities within the Valley are reporting a decrease in reported crime in their communities. While some may credit the declining crime to police department practices – and that may be true in part – we are also aware that many variables impact crime and disorder. For example, youth and family issues, transportation and traffic, population density, climate and economic conditions all have a relationship to the development of crime. Some of these can be addressed by working closely with other community partners.

We are convinced that having a community orientation, being problem-focused and using our data to identify developing problems, will reduce disorder and crime. In addition, our relationship with our citizens is critical to every crime prevention effort. The

Police Department is committed to the philosophy of community oriented policing and developing and maintaining those close partnerships with neighborhoods and businesses will benefit us all.

ATTACHMENT:

(1) City of Peoria UCR data

City of Peoria Police Department Uniform Crime Reporting Data

January - June 2008
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January - June 2009

Uniform Crime Reporting Totals	January		February		March		April		May		June		Total	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
Homicide	2	0	1	1	2	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	8	2
Sexual Assault	3	6	3	6	1	3	2	2	2	5	6	4	17	26
Robbery	17	8	6	3	7	8	12	9	6	3	12	9	60	40
Aggravated Assault	13	14	11	8	14	16	21	15	14	10	12	21	85	84
VIOLENT CRIMES	35	28	21	18	24	27	38	27	22	18	30	34	170	152
Burglary	103	114	106	100	99	131	81	96	100	97	94	95	583	633
Larceny	289	299	275	225	278	283	317	263	302	272	248	299	1709	1641
Motor Vehicle Theft	30	43	57	35	86	37	55	45	40	40	37	43	305	243
Arson	2	1	1	0	1	0	1	2	2	3	1	0	8	6
PROPERTY CRIMES	424	457	439	360	464	451	454	406	444	412	380	437	2605	2523
TOTALS	459	485	460	378	488	478	492	433	466	430	410	471	2775	2675