



CITY OF DORAL

Office of the City Manager

Letter to Council

LTC No. 0108-2017

To: The Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Edward A. Rojas, City Manager

Date: October 2, 2017

Subject: **Crime Statistics**

This Letter to Council (LTC) is to inform the Mayor and City Council of the current crime rate reported by the Doral Police Department (DPD) for fiscal year 2016-2017 with comparison to fiscal year 2015-16.

At the end of fiscal year 2017, the DPD has realized a decrease of Part I crimes by 2.05%.

YEARLY COMPARISON	Oct 1, 2016-Sep 30, 2017	Oct 1, 2015 - Sep 30, 2016	-/+%
Agg. Assault	20	16	25%
Agg. Battery	28	31	-10%
Arson	0	0	0%
Auto Theft	142	137	4%
Comm. Burglary	60	44	36%
Res. Burglary	96	103	-7%
Veh. Burglary	371	427	-13%
Homicide	1	0	100%
Larceny Over	520	479	9%
Larceny Under	449	494	-9%
Robbery	21	12	75%
Sexual Offenses	16	17	-6%
TOTAL	1724	1760	-2.05%

YEARLY COMPARISON	Oct 1, 2016-Sep 30, 2017	Oct 1, 2015 - Sep 30, 2016
RETAIL THEFT OVER	156	149
RETAIL THEFT UNDER	253	345
TOTAL	409	494

The aforementioned chart of Retail Theft (Over \$300) and (Under \$300) totals are included within the annual totals and provided to distinguish those incidents whereby individuals are arrested and charged with retail theft from local businesses which add to our annual crime statistics.

The DPD has achieved this success despite the City's continued increase in population and visitors to our City. Additionally, calls for service have increased 21% from the same time period in 2016-17. This fiscal year comparison is not to be confused with annual Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) comparison more frequently used. The DPD continues to employ innovative and non-traditional policing methods rather than responding to crime only after it occurs, and continues working to proactively develop solutions to the underlying conditions contributing to public safety problems.

There are many factors involved in our current successful crime reduction figures. Rather than addressing the causes, the DPD has focused on factors, such as limiting criminal opportunities and access to victims. Uniform patrol officers, Police Service Aides and Neighborhood Resource Officers have conducted pre-emptive checks of vehicles parked in our malls and restaurants to provide educational information and guidance on crime prevention. The "Hide it, Lock it, or Lose it" campaign continues to be emphasized through every communication medium and has been well received. Investigators and officers alike have observed that the advice has been adhered to and recognized.

Community crime prevention programs including neighborhood watch, community policing, and other comprehensive and multi-disciplinary efforts continue to have a positive effect in the crime reduction observed. These strategies have sought to engage residents, community, and local government agencies in addressing the factors that contribute to the community's crime.

Significant recent arrests of burglary and robbery subjects by the Criminal Investigations Section has had a significant effect on recidivist crime. These subjects were responsible for many burglaries in our residential neighborhoods and bank jagger crimes. The continued efforts of the Cargo Theft Task Force in focusing on known subjects targeting Doral businesses has resulted in the identification and dismantling of major cargo theft and burglary rings. The addition of newly hired officers for Uniform Patrol, high visibility patrol tactics, and the addition

of the Bicycle Squad has had a direct impact in officer visibility. It cannot be denied that criminality thrives in the absence of security.

Proactive enforcement operations and the application of new technology have also assisted in the identification and apprehension of criminal suspects with extraordinary success. The use of the License Plate Reader cameras and other security cameras spread out throughout the City has resulted in many arrests and the recovery of countless stolen vehicles. The DPD has broadcast and published these success stories to deter crime in our City. These arrests are unquestionably another significant factor in driving out offenders before they commit crimes.

The DPD continues with our Crime Solutions process, derived from the traditional Compstat process. The CompStat process can best be summarized as the collection, analysis, mapping, and review of crime data and other police performance measures on a regular basis; create best-practice strategies to address identified issues and implement these strategies in real time; hold police supervisors and officers accountable for their performance as measured by these data; and consistently review and repeat the process. Crime Solutions has enhanced the Compstat process by seeking the root causes of crime and by working with our community to tackle immediate and long-term causes of crime through joint problem solving.

These actions have produced this distinct reduction in crime and improved the quality of life to all of our residents. I am very happy to report that the overall crime rate as compared to the previous fiscal year has been reduced by 2.05 %. The City Manager's Office will continue to work with Police Chief and the Command Staff in reducing the overall crime rate and ensuring that our residents feel safe within their community.

c: Albert P. Childress, Deputy City Manager
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