

ANNUAL REPORT ON CRIME AND CRIME CONTROL

2016 Edition

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Overview of the Crime Report

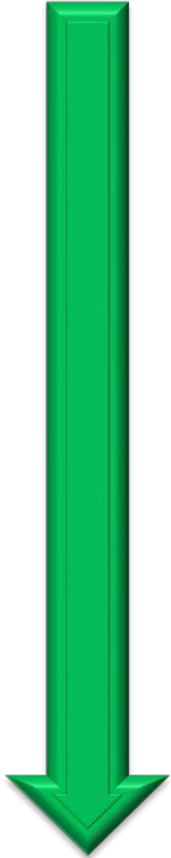
- The report focuses on crimes against persons (*homicide, rape, and aggravated assault*) and crimes against property (*robbery, burglary, larceny, and motor vehicle theft*) - also known as “Part I offenses”
- Prepared annually by COG’s Police Chiefs Committee



Heroes Day at Nationals Park.



Overall Decrease in Offenses

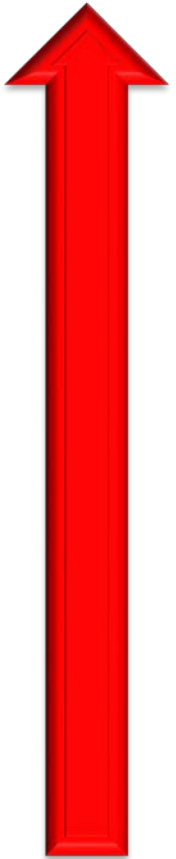


- Offenses overall **declined 3.1%** in 2016
 - **3,600 fewer** offenses than 2015
 - Decreases in burglary and larceny
- Long-term trend of declining crime – **decrease of 26.4%** in the last 10 years
- Long-term decline in violent crime – **decrease of more than 30.5%** in the last 10 years
- **8% fewer calls** for service than 2015



Increased Homicides, Rapes, Robberies

- Homicides, rapes, and robberies increased in 2016, despite overall decreases in the offenses reviewed
 - Homicides (2.6% increase)
 - Attributed to domestic violence, gangs, and drug activity
 - Rapes (5.4% increase) consistent with long-term trend
 - 30.7% increase in last 10 years
 - Increases may reflect greater willingness to report rape to police
 - Robberies (9.8% increase)
 - Attributed to gang activity and a spike in internet-arranged transactions where the seller is robbed at a non-public location



Opioid-Induced Deaths on the Rise

- Opioid-induced deaths continue to increase throughout the country and in metropolitan Washington.
- Law enforcement is collaborating with other disciplines to proactively meet the challenge.
 - In 2016, area jurisdictions provided first responders with Naloxone, a medication designed to rapidly reverse opioid overdoses (Source: drugabuse.gov).
 - Ongoing public education and resource coordination efforts.



Opioids (Frankie Leon/Flickr)



Improving Regional Law Enforcement

- Training
 - Strategic focus on complex coordinated attacks (CCAs), Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) enhancement, civil disturbances, and disaster response.
- Community Policing
 - Innovative, ongoing initiatives to build trust between police and the communities they serve
 - Unity in the CommUNITY – Takoma Park best practice
- New technology
 - Body worn cameras – accountability and evidence collection
 - Infrared Thermal Imagers – locate suspects and devices
 - Unmanned Aerial Systems – situational awareness



COG Regional Committees and their Priorities

- Police Chiefs Committee
 - 17 subcommittees, such as SWAT, Policy and Planning, and Chaplains
- Corrections Chiefs Committee
 - 6 subcommittees, such as Gang/Intel and Healthcare
- 2017/2018 Priorities
 - Gangs: violence, weapons, homicide, unaccompanied minors
 - Civil disturbance: standards, equipment

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