

ANNUAL REPORT ON CRIME AND CRIME CONTROL

2017 Edition

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Overview of the Crime Report

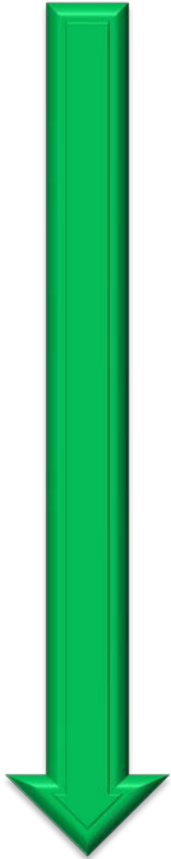
- The report focuses on violent crimes against persons (*homicide, rape, robbery and aggravated assault*) and crimes against property (*burglary, larceny, and motor vehicle theft*) - also known as “Part I offenses”
- Prepared annually by COG’s Police Chiefs Committee



Metropolitan PD Honor Guard, 2017 Police Week



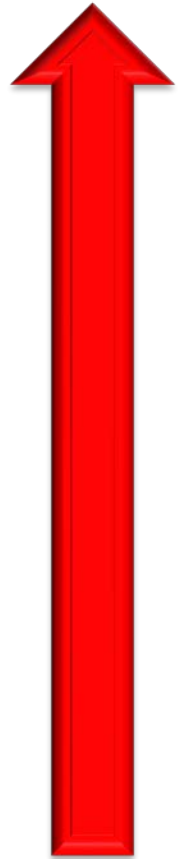
Overall Decrease in Offenses



- Offenses overall **declined 4.8%** in 2017
 - **5,482 fewer** offenses than 2016
 - Decreases in homicide, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny and motor vehicle theft
- Long-term trend of declining crime – **decrease of 30.3%** in the last 10 years
- Long-term decline in violent crime – **decrease of 37.5%** in the last 10 years
- Long-term decline in property crime – **decrease of 29.4%** in the last 10 years



Increased Rapes



- Rapes increased in 2017, despite overall decreases in the offenses reviewed
 - Rapes (**5.5% increase**) consistent with long-term trend
 - **46.7% increase** in last 10 years
 - Increases may reflect greater willingness to report rape to police
 - Increases may be affected by broader categorization of offense by some reporting jurisdictions

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 2017, 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.



Fairfax County Drug Take Back, October 2017

Improving Regional Law Enforcement

Training

- Strategic focus on complex coordinated attacks (CCAs), Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) enhancement, search operations, crisis negotiation, civil disturbances, and disaster response.

Community Policing

- Innovative, ongoing initiatives to build trust between police and the communities they serve

New Technology

- Body worn cameras – accountability and evidence collection
- Infrared Thermal Imagers – locate suspects and devices
- Unmanned Aerial Systems – situational awareness
- Regional Information Sharing



COG Committees and Priorities

- Police Chiefs Committee
 - 15 subcommittees, such as SWAT, CDU, Intelligence, Policy and Planning, and others
- Corrections Chiefs Committee
 - 4 subcommittees, such as Gang/Intel and Healthcare
- 2017/2018 Priorities:
 - Gangs: violence, weapons, homicide, unaccompanied minors
 - Civil disturbance: standards, equipment
 - Regionalized training



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