

# CITY OF MESQUITE

## Police Department Overview

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Information relating to crime trends in Mesquite and updates on significant projects within the Police Department.

### Uniform Crime Reporting

- Total UCR Crime (YTD thru March) is down approximately 4.99% from our five-year average and down approximately 8.99% from the same point in 2017.
- 91.9% of Mesquite's UCR Crime is property crime, 8.1% is violent crime.
- Historical trend shows 2018 on pace to be lower than 2017, which was a 30-year low for UCR Crime.
- In 2018, crime trends show an increase from 2017 in robbery and motor vehicle theft and a decrease in rape, burglary, and theft.

### MPD STAFFING

#### CURRENT OPENINGS at MPD

Staff has been working diligently to streamline hiring processes, increase recruiting efforts, and attract lateral transfers.

- Police Officer – 7/234\*
- Public Safety Dispatcher – 2/37
- Public Safety Professional – 1/8
- Records Clerk – 1/9

\*43 applicants still being processed for the next BPOC class, which starts in July.

### UCR CRIME STATS 2016, 2017, 2018 Comparison

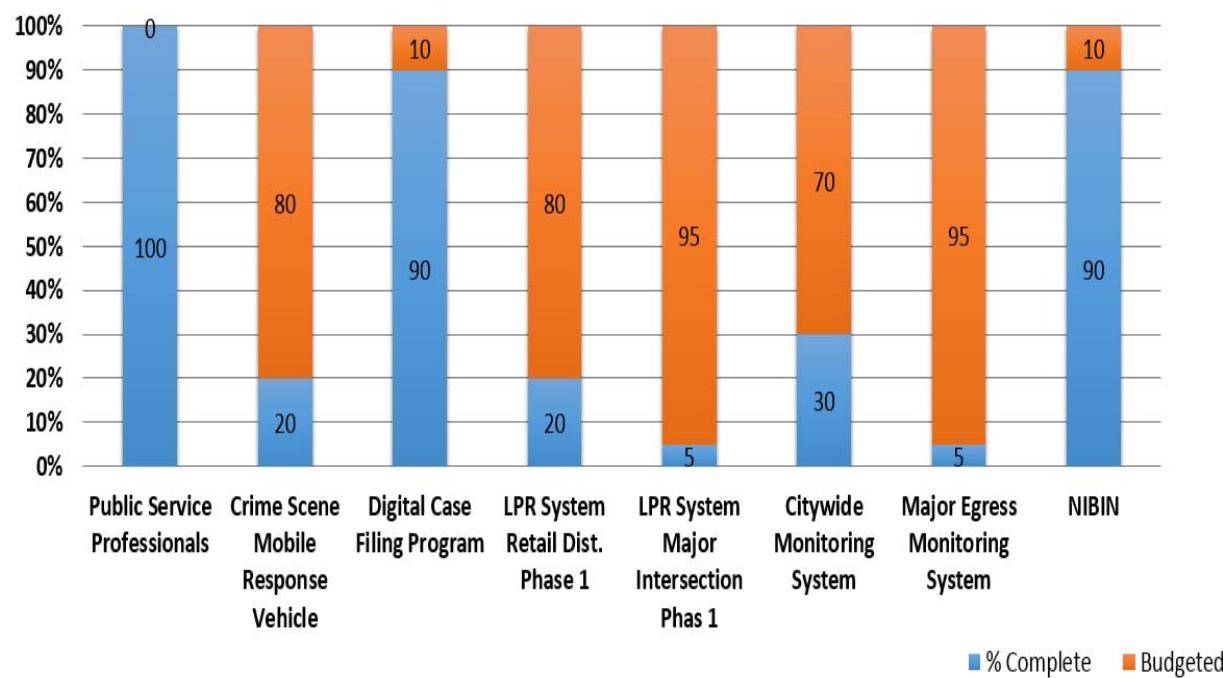
YTD thru March	2016	2017	2018	5-year trend	% change 5 years
<b>Murder</b>	0	2	0	2	N/A
<b>Rape</b>	10	20	17	14	21.43%
<b>Robbery</b>	57	61	71	47	51.06%
<b>Agg Assault</b>	64	69	68	55	22.74%
<b>Burglary</b>	240	228	185	265	-30.29%
<b>Theft</b>	918	920	812	889	-8.68%
<b>Veh Theft</b>	178	224	234	189	23.8%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1467</b>	<b>1524</b>	<b>1387</b>	<b>1460</b>	<b>-4.99%</b>

## UCR Crime Stats

	Jan-17	Feb-17	Mar-17	Apr-17	May-17	Jun-17	Jul-17	Aug-17	Sep-17	Oct-17	Nov-17	Dec-17	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18
<b>Murder</b>	1	0	1	1	0	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Rape</b>	5	8	7	6	8	4	9	7	6	5	4	5	9	2	6
<b>Robbery</b>	25	20	16	9	27	15	14	24	31	20	21	22	24	19	28
<b>Agg Asslt</b>	21	23	25	20	31	33	20	23	35	20	16	23	19	17	32
<b>Burglary</b>	90	74	64	55	82	63	48	54	46	76	63	58	82	44	59
<b>Thefts</b>	343	286	291	276	279	283	291	325	332	292	330	321	249	250	313
<b>Veh Thefts</b>	82	77	65	70	73	85	68	88	53	55	61	73	87	72	75
<b>TOTAL</b>	567	488	469	437	500	483	452	521	504	469	495	502	470	404	513

## CURRENT MPD PROJECTS

Status of Current MPD Projects



## 2017-18 MPD Projects

### **Public Safety Professionals**

These civilian employees respond to police calls for service that do not demand a sworn police officer. Call types include assist motorist, delayed incidents with crime scene to process, parking complaints, etc. They free police officers to respond more quickly to other calls for service.

- Scheduled to work during the period of when most delayed-report calls are made
- Better trained to recover latent evidence
- Provide a better service for citizens of Mesquite who have been the victim of crime

### **Crime Scene Mobile Response Vehicle**

This vehicle is a  $\frac{3}{4}$ -ton Heavy Duty pickup and will have all the necessary tools to process crime scenes for evidence.

### **Digital Case Filing Program**

The Michael Morton Act and the enactment of the digital case filing program through the Dallas County District Attorney's office have greatly increased the workload of the investigations secretaries. All officer and investigator notes and any work product has to be scanned and submitted with case filings within the deadlines imposed by the DA's office and state law.

### **LPR System Retail District Phase 1**

This program will deter criminal activity in the retail area and potentially provide useful leads for any criminal activity that does occur within the area by capturing license plates of vehicles that enter the area.

### **LPR System Major Intersection Phase 1**

This program will capture license plate data on vehicles that travel through selected intersections in order to provide useful leads in criminal incidents that occur in that area.

### **Citywide Monitoring System**

This program will allow video camera footage at certain traffic signals to be recorded for a short period of time. If a major crime occurs near that intersection, suspect vehicle information and direction of travel will be available to investigators.

### **Major Egress Monitoring System**

This program will allow the police department to monitor highly travelled roadways to obtain information on routes of escape when vehicles are involved in criminal activity. It will also allow investigators to obtain better descriptions of vehicles that have been involved in criminal activity.

### **NIBIN – National Integrated Ballistics Information Network**

NIBIN is a national database of digital images of spent bullets and cartridge cases. An examiner can upload images to NIBIN where a search is conducted. Much like what AFIS did for fingerprints, NIBIN will do for gun casings.

## **CURRENT MPD INITIATIVES / OUTREACH**

### **SUMMER YOUTH CAMPS**

MPD hosts two summer camps in the summer for children who would otherwise not be able to participate. We expect to continue this annually.

### **BOOKS AND BADGES**

Mesquite PD has taken an active role in supporting MISD's reading initiatives and reaching out to children in our community.

### **YOUTH BASKETBALL**

MPD Officers have been visiting recreation centers within the city to interact with children in a friendly environment.

### **SANTA COP**

This program collects donations and distributes toys to underprivileged children in our community.

### **YOUTH SUMMIT**

This is an event planned for the future to reach out to teens in Mesquite to see how the Mesquite Police Department can better serve their needs and to build positive relationships within the community.

### **UNIDOS**

This is a program that seeks to better serve the Spanish speaking community within Mesquite. We strive to be able to provide all of our outreach programs in Spanish.

### **EXPLORERS POST #145**

Mesquite Police Department sponsors Police Explorer Post #145. Membership is open to young Mesquite residents ages 14 (and completed the 8<sup>th</sup> grade) through 20 years old with an interest in learning more about careers in the field of law enforcement.