CITY OF MESQUITE

Police Department Overview
November 5, 2018

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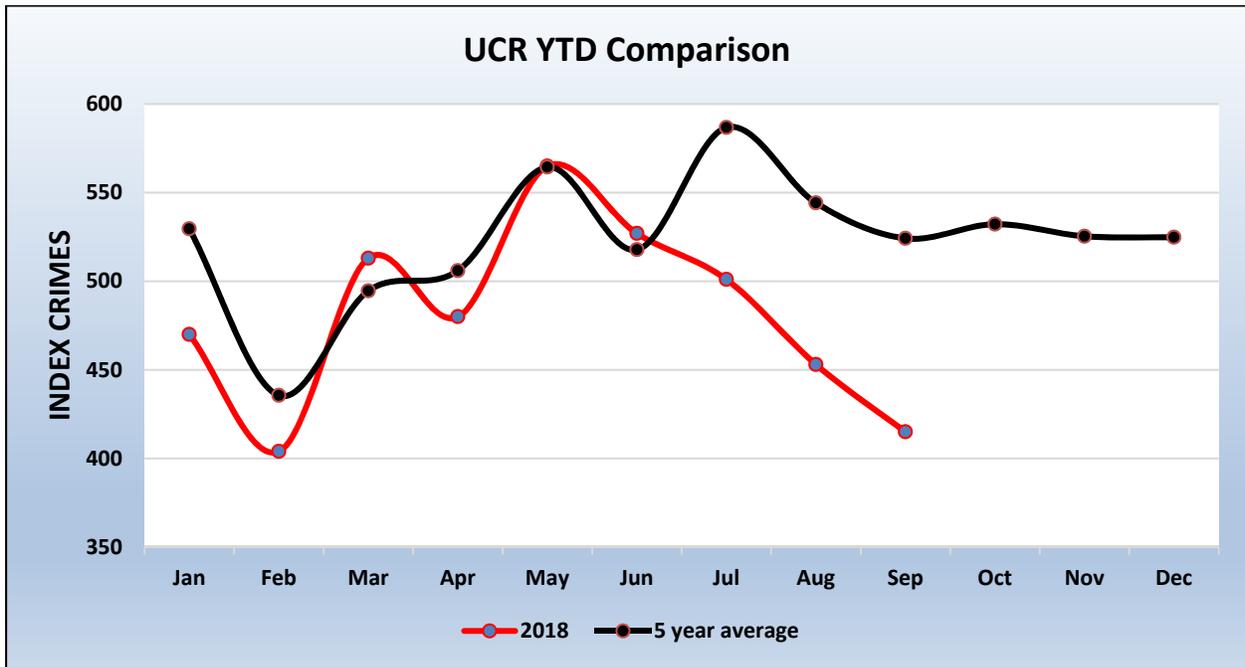
Uniform Crime Reporting

➢ Total UCR Crime (YTD thru September) is down approximately 8% from our five-year average.
➢ 90.5% of Mesquite's UCR Crime is property crime, 9.5% is violent crime.
➢ In 2018, crime trends show a decrease from 2017 in robbery, sexual assault, and motor vehicle theft. There are no crime categories that show a significant increase from 2017.

UCR CRIME STATS
2016, 2017, 2018 Comparison

YTD thru June	2016	2017	2018	5-year trend	% change 5 years
Murder	2	6	5	4.6	8.00%
Rape	62	60	39	43.8	-12.31%
Robbery	187	181	143	158.2	-10.63%
Agg Assault	211	231	227	172.6	23.96%
Burglary	721	576	578	810	-40.14%
Theft	2900	2706	2708	2907.4	-7.36%
Veh Theft	551	661	628	606.6	3.41%
TOTAL	4634	4421	4328	4703.2	-8.67%

UCR Crime Stats

YTD thru September	Oct-17	Nov-17	Dec-17	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18	Jul-18	Aug-18	Sep-18
Murder	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	1
Rape	5	4	5	9	2	6	4	1	7	3	4	3
Robbery	20	21	22	24	19	28	15	11	12	14	12	8
Agg Assault	20	16	23	19	17	32	27	43	33	18	22	16
Burglary	76	63	58	82	44	59	65	89	65	70	61	43
Theft	292	330	321	249	250	313	292	349	320	332	311	292
Veh Theft	55	61	73	87	72	75	76	72	87	64	43	52
TOTAL	469	495	502	470	404	513	480	565	527	501	453	415

UCR YTD Comparison

UCR Clearance Rates					
Jan - Sep 2018	Actual	Cleared	Mesquite YTD	Texas (2016)	National (2017)
Murder	5	4	80.00%	66.37%	61.60%
Rape	41	25	60.98%	33.70%	34.50%
Robbery	143	56	39.16%	23.80%	29.70%
Agg Assault	227	167	73.57%	49.50%	53.30%
Burglary	578	79	13.67%	10.50%	13.50%
Larceny-Theft	2708	579	21.38%	16.70%	19.20%
Motor Vehicle Theft	625	74	11.84%	13.60%	13.70%

MPD STAFFING

CURRENT OPENINGS at MPD

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

➢ Police Officer – 1/238*
➢ Public Safety Dispatcher – 6/37
➢ Payroll Clerk – 1/1
➢ Detention Officer – 4/24**

*includes the 8 that are scheduled to start the academy on November 7.
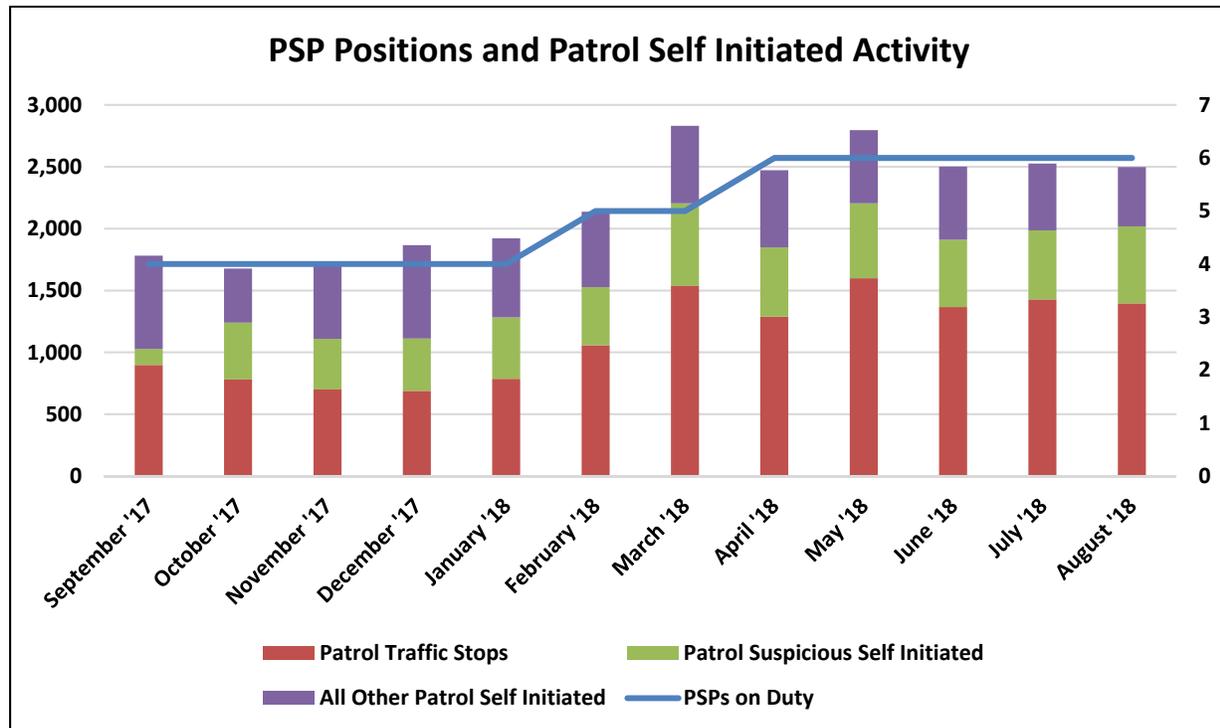**three of our detention officers are promoting to police officer on November 7.

CURRENT MPD PROJECTS
Efficiency Improvements

Public Service 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
- ➢ Free sworn officers to focus their efforts on things that only they can do

PSP Positions and Patrol Self Initiated Activity

Legend:
- ■ Patrol Traffic Stops
- ■ Patrol Suspicious Self Initiated
- ■ All Other Patrol Self Initiated
- — PSPs on Duty

PSPs have responded to 3,879 dispatched calls for service and initiated 3,208 calls for service so far in 2018, freeing patrol officers for other duties and improving our response times to all calls.

Spillman

In the past year, MPD officers have taken 2,057 fewer reports than they did in the year before we switched our Record Management System. This time savings is equivalent to hiring an additional full time officer. It also allowed us to consolidate arrest and offense reports to get officers back on the street as soon as possible after they make an arrest.

Noteworthy Projects

Crime Scene Mobile Response Vehicle

This vehicle is a ¾-ton Heavy Duty pickup and will have all the necessary tools to process crime scenes for evidence. This vehicle is nearing completion and should be put into service in November.

Citywide Monitoring System

This program allows video camera footage at certain traffic signals to be recorded for a short period of time. This benefits traffic engineering and MPD in investigating major crimes.

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. This is currently up and running.

Neighbors App
This program is a "digital crime watch" that allows neighbors to share photos, videos, and descriptions with their neighbors and the MPD. On September 18, 2018, MPD became actively involved in this program.

CURRENT MPD INITIATIVES / OUTREACH

SUMMER YOUTH CAMPS
MPD hosted four summer camps for children between the ages of 12 and 14. Police officers host lectures, role-plays and demonstrations in the areas of law, behavioral science, drug prevention and gang resistance. Field trips are also used so the officers and children can learn more about each other in a relaxed setting. Approximately 60 children participated in the camps. We expect to continue this annually.

BOOKS AND BADGES
MPD has taken an active role in supporting MISD's reading initiatives and reaching out to children in our community. Officers have read to children at the various schools throughout the district. Citizens have donated books to the library for officers to distribute and read to the children.

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 children in our community. In 2017, sponsors, supporters and volunteers assisted over 301 families and over 830 children.

UNIDOS
This program seeks to better serve the Spanish speaking community within Mesquite. We strive to be able to provide all of our outreach programs in Spanish. Three brochures in Spanish are created and available for distribution. There have been four Spanish-speaking crime watch meetings and a presentation to the LULAC chapter of Mesquite.

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