

CITY OF MESQUITE

Police Department Overview

March 20, 2017



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

Uniform Crime Reporting

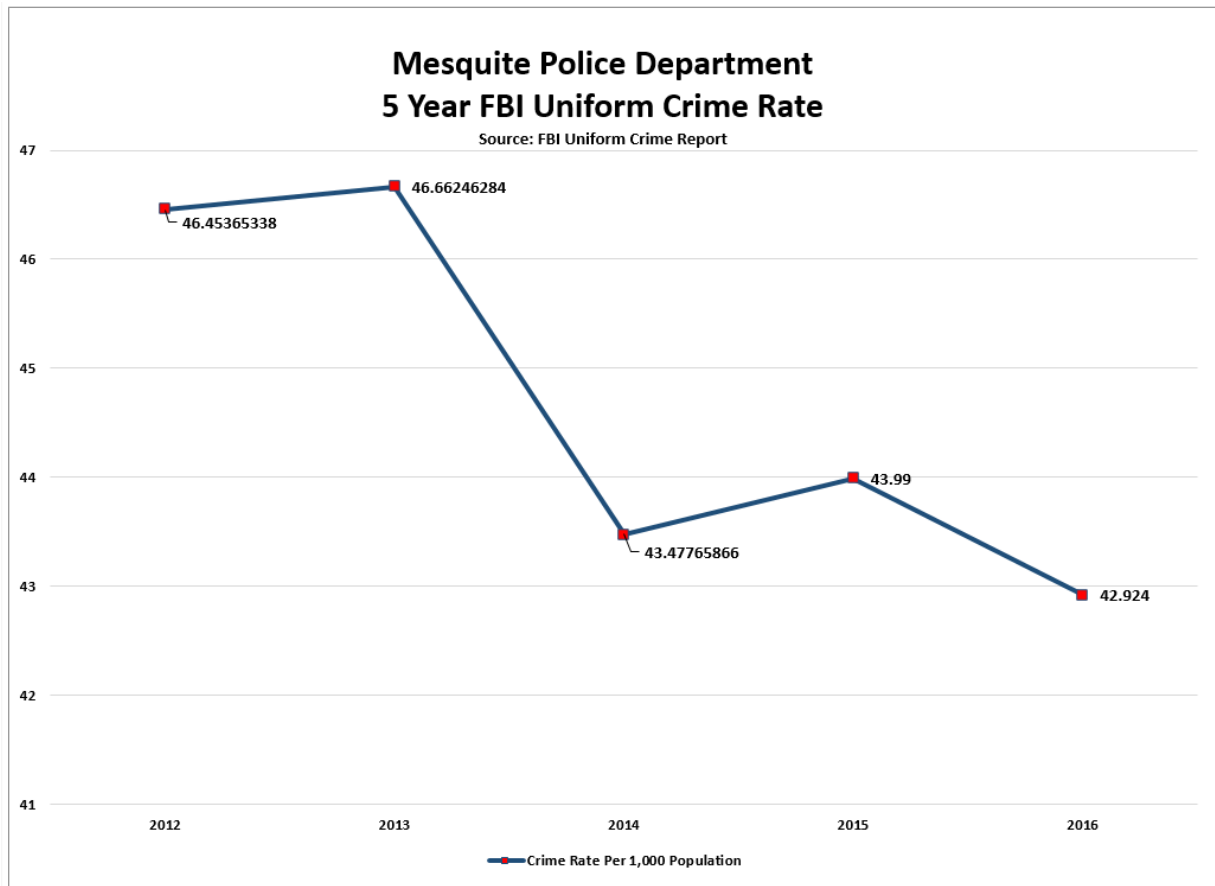
- Total UCR Crime (YTD) is down 7.26% from our five-year average.
- 90% of Mesquite's UCR Crime is property crime, 10% is violent crime.
- Historical trend shows 2016 to be at a 30-year low for UCR Crime.
- In 2016, crime trends show an increase in sexual assault, robbery, and aggravated assault and a decrease in murder, burglary, theft, and vehicle theft.

2016 YTD UCR Crime Stats

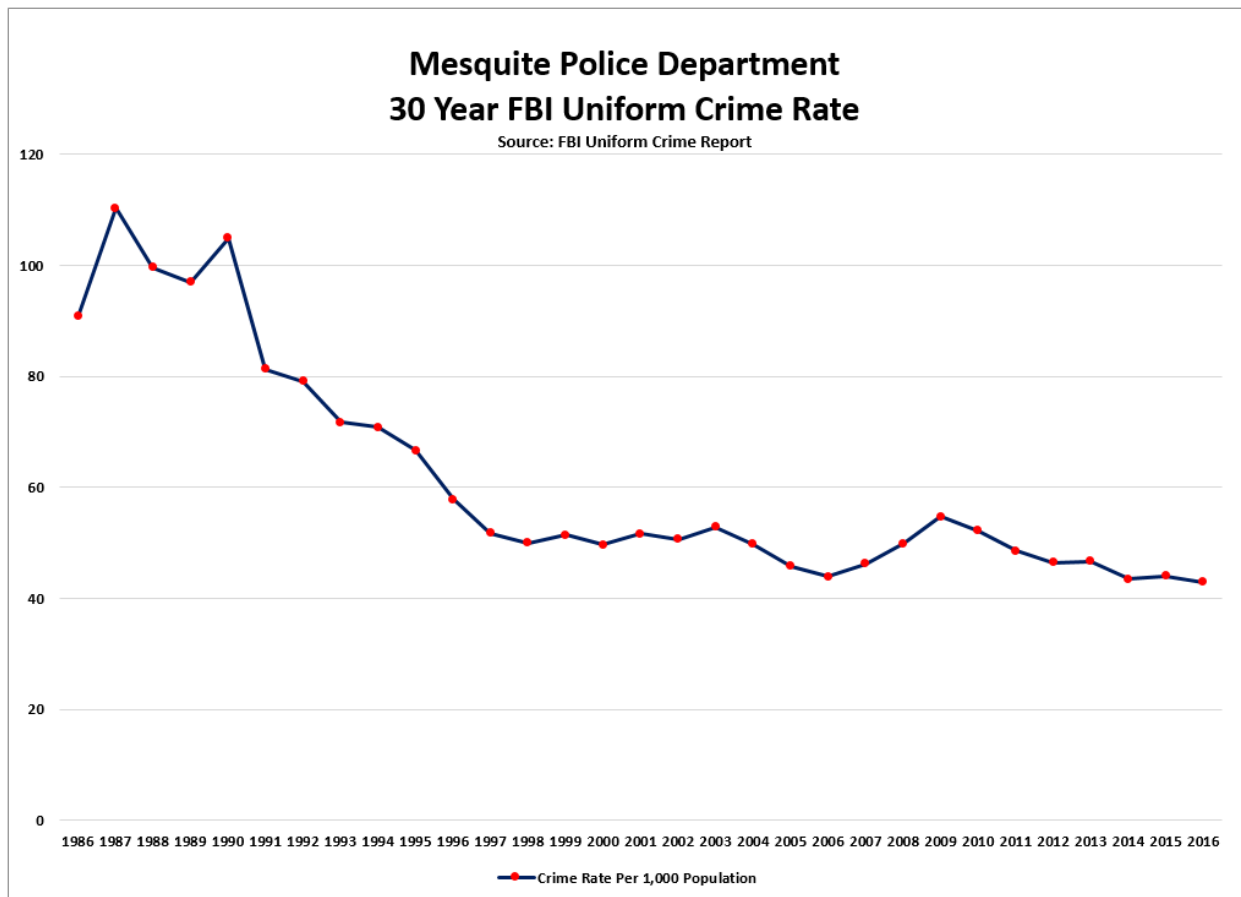
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	YTD TOTAL
Murder	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2
Rape	3	3	4	6	13	3	11	7	12	4	0	0	66
Robbery	30	8	19	26	17	17	28	19	23	22	26	15	250
Agg Asslt	19	20	25	16	38	20	24	24	25	28	16	29	284
Burglary	77	73	90	84	91	73	82	77	74	84	69	83	957
Thefts	348	264	306	305	372	308	356	334	307	329	292	322	3843
Veh Thefts	60	55	63	54	90	43	76	38	72	49	74	60	734
TOTAL	537	423	507	491	621	464	578	499	514	516	477	509	6136

	2014	2015	2016	5 year trend	% change 5 years
Murder	4	8	2	4.8	-.58%
Rape*	53	46	66	28	135.71%
Robbery	191	205	250	193.8	29%
Agg Assault	182	164	284	202.8	40.04%
Burglary	1176	1163	957	1395	-31.40%
Theft	3816	4025	3843	4028.2	-4.60%
Veh Theft	854	888	734	763.6	-3.88%
TOTAL	6276	6499	6136	6614	-7.26%

*FBI UCR definition for Rape changed in October 2013; therefore, this is a percent change over 2 years.



Mesquite PD Historical Crime Rate



MPD STAFFING

CURRENT OPENINGS at MPD

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

- Police Officer – 15/234
- Public Safety Dispatcher – 1/37
- Police Payroll Technician – 1/1
- Crime Analyst – 2/2
- Civilian Dispatch Manager – 1/1
- Public Safety Professionals – 2/2
- Detention Officers – 2/24
- Police Records Clerk – 2/9
- Administrative Law Enforcement Coordinator – 1/6

CURRENT MPD PROJECTS

CANINE OFFICERS

Two dogs have been selected and are currently living with their new handlers (Officers Wilemon and Crawford).

- Vehicles are currently being outfitted
- Kennels and concrete pads have been installed at each handler's house
- Training started in mid-March
- Expected release date for program "go-live" is early June of 2017.

SRO OFFICER

An additional SRO position was added. Mesquite PD provides a school resource officer for every middle school and high school in Mesquite, including Mesquite Academy and The Learning Center.

- SRO selected and in place
- 100% complete

TWO CRIME ANALYSTS

These two civilian positions will help ensure that all officers are aware of current crime trends and suspect information.

- Received 152 applications for two positions
- Two candidates are currently in background investigation

TWO PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS

These two positions will assist in the Department's crime prevention efforts, including managing the scarecrow fleet, deploying the skywatches and bait vehicles, and managing the varda alarm program.

- Candidates have been selected
- Will be transferred from the jail in April

CIVILIAN DISPATCH MANAGER

This civilian position will manage dispatch operations, freeing a police lieutenant for other duties.

- Candidates have been interviewed
- Will likely start in April 2017

POLYGRAPH OUTSOURCING

Outsourcing polygraphs for civilian job applicants will free our sworn polygraph investigators (who are criminal investigators) to focus their efforts on attacking crime in Mesquite.

- Contract has been awarded and he is currently performing polygraphs
- 100% complete

EIGHT LIDAR RADAR UNITS

Purchase of new radar units for the Mesquite PD traffic unit.

- Received and in service
- 100% complete

SPILLMAN CAD/RMS

This is a new Computer Aided Dispatch and Records Management system that is intended to streamline many of our processes and increase departmental efficiency. It impacts how officers get dispatched to calls, take reports, and book arrestees.

- Employee training is ongoing
- Go-Live Date is March 28, 2017

DEPLOY SOFTWARE

This is a software program that analyzes our calls for service and provides recommendations to ensure that our resources are assigned in the most efficient manner possible.

- Utilized for the 2017 Patrol Operations Bid
- 100% Complete

DORS ONLINE REPORTING SOFTWARE

This is a third party application that will interface with our new Spillman Records Management System to allow a citizen to report certain types of incidents (that do not require an immediate police response) directly to MPD through the internet. This will allow our officers to focus on other tasks that keep our neighborhoods safe.

- This will interface with the Spillman software and is awaiting that implementation
- Estimated completion date: July 2017

ATACRAIDS SOFTWARE

This is a software program that enables crime data sharing, pattern analysis, crime mapping, predictive crime analytics and reporting.

- This will interface with the Spillman software and is awaiting that implementation
- Estimated completion date: July 2017

FIVE MOBILE MONITORING SYSTEMS

These devices are overt cameras that can be deployed to crime hot spots or special events to deter and detect crime in the area.

- Vendor selected
- Estimated completion date: March or April 2017

MOBILE LPR SYSTEM

This is a trailer that can be deployed to a specific area in response to crime trends or special events. It can provide valuable information on vehicles that drive through the area.

- Grant money will pay approximately half of the cost

- Estimated completion date: April 2017

120 WATCH GUARD VIDEO CAMERA SYSTEMS

These in-car cameras will replace the camera systems that are currently installed in all marked squad cars. The current cameras have reached their end of life.

- Vendor selected
- Waiting for MDC project to save money on installations and decrease impact on officers (down each vehicle once rather than twice)
- Estimated completion date: July 2017

MDC – FOUR YEAR REPLACEMENT

These laptop computers will replace the computers that are currently installed in marked squad cars. The current computers have reached their end of life.

- Product and vendor selected
- Estimated completion date: July 2017

