

# CITY OF MESQUITE

## Police Department Overview

August 6, 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 June) is down approximately 2.92% from our five-year average.
- 89.4% of Mesquite's UCR Crime is property crime, 10.5% is violent crime.
- In 2018, crime trends show an increase from 2017 in aggravated assault, theft, and motor vehicle theft and a decrease in rape and burglary.

### MPD STAFFING

#### CURRENT OPENINGS at MPD

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

- Police Officer – 2/234\*
- Public Safety Dispatcher – 4/37
- Records Clerk – 2/9

\*17 recruits are currently in BPOC.

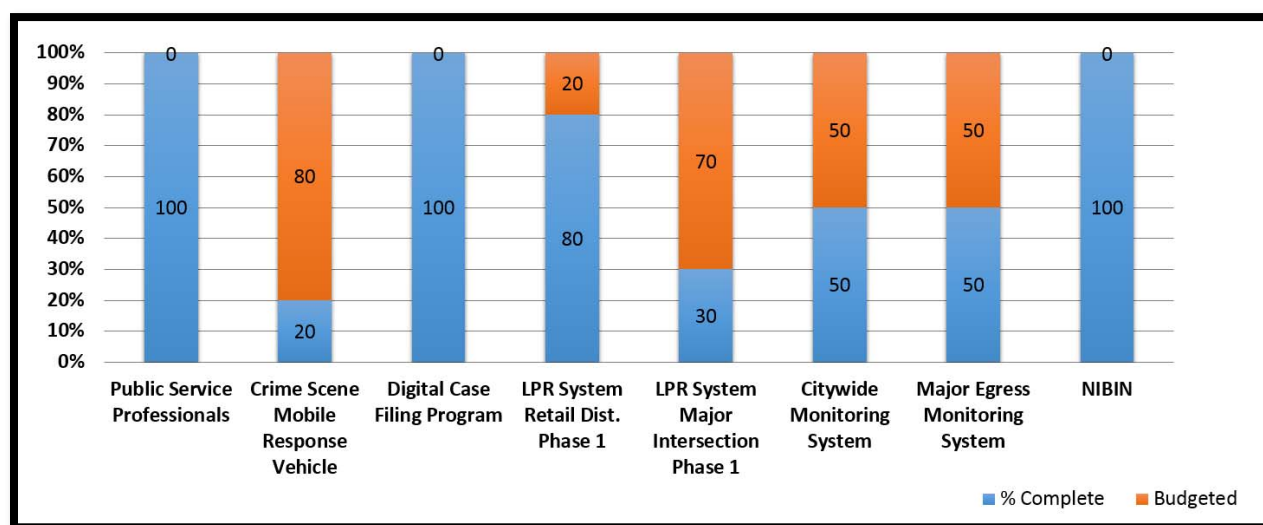
### UCR CRIME STATS 2016, 2017, 2018 Comparison

YTD thru June	2016	2017	2018	5-year trend	% change 5 years
<b>Murder</b>	0	3	4	2.6	53.85%
<b>Rape</b>	32	38	29	26.2	10.69%
<b>Robbery</b>	117	112	109	97.6	11.68%
<b>Agg Assault</b>	138	153	171	116.6	46.66%
<b>Burglary</b>	488	428	404	557.2	-27.49%
<b>Theft</b>	1903	1758	1773	1860.4	-4.70%
<b>Veh Theft</b>	365	452	469	387.4	21.06%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3043</b>	<b>2944</b>	<b>2959</b>	<b>3048</b>	<b>-2.92%</b>

### UCR Crime Stats

	Jun-17	Jul-17	Aug-17	Sep-17	Oct-17	Nov-17	Dec-17	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18
<b>Murder</b>	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3
<b>Rape</b>	4	9	7	6	5	4	5	9	2	6	4	1	7
<b>Robbery</b>	15	14	24	31	20	21	22	24	19	28	15	11	12
<b>Agg Assault</b>	33	20	23	35	20	16	23	19	17	32	27	43	33
<b>Burglary</b>	63	48	54	46	76	63	58	82	44	59	65	89	65
<b>Theft</b>	283	291	325	332	292	330	321	249	250	313	292	349	320
<b>MV Theft</b>	85	68	88	53	55	61	73	87	72	75	76	72	87
<b>Total</b>	483	452	521	504	469	495	502	470	404	513	480	565	527

### 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 ¾-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.

**SANTA COP**

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