

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 4.1% from our five-year average.
- 90% of Mesquite's UCR Crime is property crime, 10% is violent crime.

2019 YTD UCR Crime Stats

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	YTD TOTAL
Murder	2	1	1										
Rape	6	4	4										
Robbery	14	15	19										
Agg Asslt	30	15	34										
Burglary	65	45	64										
Thefts	319	250	306										
Veh Thefts	62	67	60										
TOTAL	498	397	488										

YTD thru March	2017	2018	2019	5 year average
Murder	2	0	4	2
Rape	20	17	14	14
Robbery	61	71	48	54
Agg Assault	69	68	79	64
Burglary	228	185	174	218
Theft	920	812	875	885
Veh Theft	224	234	189	209
TOTAL	1524	1387	1383	1447

MPD STAFFING

CURRENT OPENINGS at MPD

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

- Police Officer – 8/238 (5 hired for academy in June, 4 still in the process)
- Public Safety Dispatcher – 6/37
- Public Safety Professional – 1/8
- Payroll Clerk – 1/1

Current MPD Projects and Issues

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. Grant money has finally been provided and this should go up at Driftwood and Towne Crossing this summer.

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. We are waiting for grant money to be provided for this project.

Citywide Monitoring System

This program allows 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. This system has been helpful on some significant cases and continues to develop. We plan to add some analysis software soon that will greatly reduce the amount of time it takes to review footage.

Scyene Road Camera

We are working with Streets and Oncor to get a pole erected near West Mesquite Baptist Church on Scyene Road. This will allow us to monitor the area 24x7 with an overt camera (marked with a Mesquite PD badge). This is intended to deter criminal activity and will also be helpful in investigating any activity that does occur in the area.

Dallas County District Attorney Policies

The Dallas County District Attorney recently announced that he was changing their case filing policies regarding Possession of Marijuana, Possession of THC, certain Criminal Trespass cases and certain Theft Cases under \$750. These changes could have a negative impact on the City of Mesquite. A significant portion of our crime involves theft under \$750 and marijuana/THC are a significant issue for our youth. Just this school year, we have had 66 arrests from our school campuses for possession of marijuana or THC. I have directed Mesquite PD officers to remain steadfast in enforcing State laws in accordance with the best use of discretion and common sense.