

# CITY OF MESQUITE

## Police Department Overview

### August 5, 2019



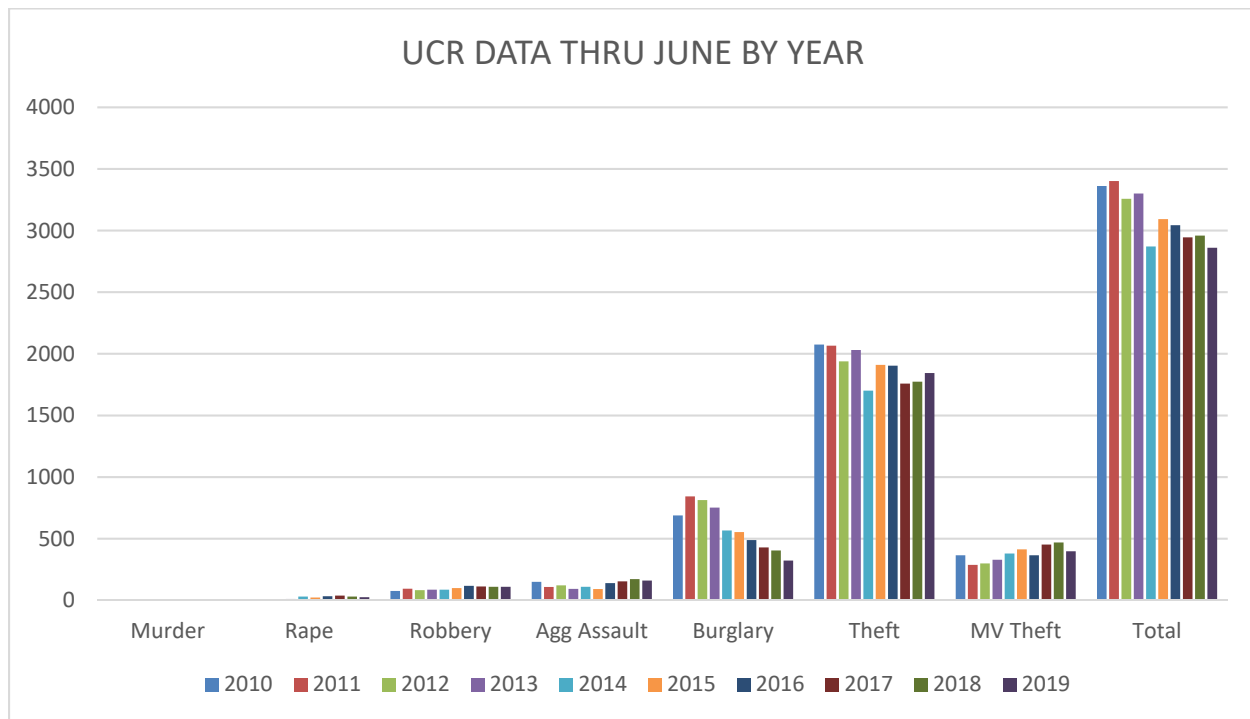
Information relating to crime trends in Mesquite and updates on significant projects within the Police Department.

#### Uniform Crime Reporting

- Total UCR Crime (YTD thru June) is down approximately 4 % from our five-year average.
  - 2 more murders than 5-year YTD average
  - 5 fewer sexual assaults than 5-year YTD average
  - same number of robberies as 5-year YTD average
  - 17 more aggravated assaults than 5-year YTD average
  - 117 fewer burglaries than 5-year YTD average
  - 6 more thefts than 5-year YTD average
  - 22 fewer motor vehicle thefts than 5-year YTD 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
<b>Murder</b>	2	1	1	1	0	0							5
<b>Rape</b>	6	4	4	4	4	2							24
<b>Robbery</b>	14	15	19	17	21	23							109
<b>Agg Asslt</b>	30	15	34	20	36	24							159
<b>Burglary</b>	65	45	64	53	51	44							322
<b>Thefts</b>	319	250	306	302	317	350							1844
<b>Veh Thefts</b>	62	67	60	41	74	93							397
<b>TOTAL</b>	498	397	488	438	503	536							2860



YTD thru June	2017	2018	2019	5-year average
<b>Murder</b>	3	4	5	3
<b>Rape</b>	38	29	24	29
<b>Robbery</b>	112	109	109	109
<b>Agg Assault</b>	153	171	159	142
<b>Burglary</b>	428	404	322	439
<b>Theft</b>	1758	1773	1844	1838
<b>Veh Theft</b>	452	469	397	419
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2944</b>	<b>2959</b>	<b>2860</b>	<b>2980</b>

### MPD ACTIVITY

**MPD Officers have issued approximately 1300 more citations and made 185 more arrests than during the same time period in 2018.**

### MPD STAFFING

#### **CURRENT OPENINGS at MPD**

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

- Police Officer – 3/238
- Public Safety Dispatcher – 6/34
- Detention Officer – 4/22
- 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 been provided and seizure money will cover the rest of the expense. This should go up at Driftwood and Towne Crossing within the next couple of months.

### **Scyene Road Camera**

A new traffic camera is operational 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.



## Hemp / Marijuana Issue

Recent changes to state law concerning the sale, possession, and use of hemp have impacted our ability to enforce the laws against marijuana possession. Specifically, we must prove the THC content is greater than 0.3% for any marijuana arrest that we make. This is difficult because there are currently very few laboratories that are equipped to conduct those tests. The Dallas County District Attorney's Office was already reluctant to prosecute marijuana possession cases, and now these cases are all on hold. As you can see below, we have had a significant increase in possession of marijuana incidents compared to 2018. The Mesquite PD remains committed to keeping all illegal drugs out of our community and will continue to seek solutions with our law enforcement partners.

