# **CITY OF MESQUITE**

# Police Department Overview November 4, 2019



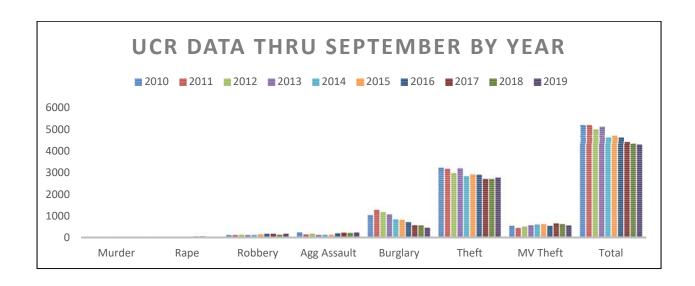
Information relating to crime trends in Mesquite and updates on significant projects within the Police Department.

# **Uniform Crime Reporting**

- > Total UCR Crime (YTD thru September) is down approximately 4% from our five-year average.
- > 89% of Mesquite's UCR Crime is property crime, 11% is violent crime.
- ➤ So far, in 2019, we have had UCR Crime Rates below our five-year average in Sexual Assault, Burglary, Theft, and Motor Vehicle Theft. Our UCR Crime Rates for Robbery and Aggravated Assault are higher so far in 2019 than our five-year average for those offenses.

#### 2019 YTD UCR Crime Stats

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	ОСТ	NOV	DEC	YTD TOTAL
Murder	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0				5
Rape	6	4	4	4	4	2	4	4	3				35
Robbery	14	15	19	17	21	23	23	36	25				193
Agg Asslt	30	15	34	20	36	24	29	28	30				246
Burglary	65	45	64	53	51	44	54	45	50				471
Thefts	319	250	306	302	317	350	314	311	297				2766
Veh Thefts	62	67	60	41	74	93	78	58	45				578
TOTAL	498	397	488	438	503	536	502	482	450				4294



YTD thru Sept	2017	2018	2019	5-year average	
Murder	6	5	5	5	
Rape	60	39	35	47	
Robbery	181	143	193	173	
Agg Assault	231	227	246	211	
Burglary	576	578	471	634	
Theft	2706	2708	2766	2798	
Veh Theft	661	628	578	609	
TOTAL	4421	4328	4294	4478	

#### **MPD STAFFING**

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

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

- ➤ Police Officer 9/239 (4 currently approved and waiting to start academy)
- ➤ Public Safety Dispatcher 10/34
- ➤ Detention Officer 3/22 (2 of the police recruits working in there now)
- ➤ Property Room Supervisor 0/1
- ➤ Public Safety Professional 1/8

# **Current MPD Projects**

# 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.

## **Community Interaction with Youth**

We will have an additional officer assigned to Community Policing in 2020 to interact with the youth of Mesquite in a positive manner. We plan to have them involved in sports and recreation with the kids to create fun and positive interactions and show them that police officers are their friends.



#### **Gun Crime Reduction**

We continue to see too much gun crime and are continuing to implement our efforts to reduce the illegal use of guns in Mesquite. We plan to become a regional hub for the investigation of gun crime to get guns out of the criminal's hands.

