




CITY OF
Sterling Heights
POLICE

Interoffice Memorandum

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To: Mark Vanderpool, City Manager

From: 
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Subject: 2016 FBI Crime Stats

Today the FBI released crime numbers from all cities in the United States for the 2016 calendar year. I'm pleased to report that Sterling Heights recorded lower crime rates in seven of the ten recorded crime categories that the FBI tracks compared to 2015. When compared to 2015 numbers: Property Crimes decreased by 14.8%, Burglary decreased by 11.5%, Larceny-Theft decreased by 14.6%, Motor Vehicle Theft decreased by 20.6%, Arson decreased by 40%, Rape decreased by 17.9% and Murder/Non-negligent Manslaughter decreased by 80% (five in 2015 and one in 2016). Sterling Heights is already one of the safest cities in the United States with populations over 100,000; the 2016 crime statistics show a continued trend in making Sterling Heights even safer. Compared to the seven cities in Michigan with a population of over 100,000, Sterling Heights scores safest in seven out of the ten categories that the FBI tracks crime statistics in.

The men and women of the Sterling Heights Police Department work relentlessly to keep crime in the city low, but it is really a collaborative effort with residents, business owners and city officials working together to keep Sterling Heights a fantastic place to live, work and play. I could not be any prouder of our police department and community for ensuring Sterling Heights remains safe now and into the future.

City	Population	Violent crime	Murder and nonnegligent manslaughter	Rape (revised definition ¹)	Rape (legacy definition ²)	Robbery	Aggravated assault	Property crime	Burglary	Larceny-theft	Motor vehicle theft	Arson
Detroit	669,673	13,705	303	579		2,941	9,882	31,630	8,787	13,938	8,905	554
Grand Rapids	196,538	1,327	10	142		321	854	4,334	822	3,208	304	60
Warren	135,620	691	6	118		125	442	3,521	927	2,082	512	29
Sterling Heights	132,523	242	1	32		26	183	1,513	177	1,221	115	6
Ann Arbor	117,688	213	1	44		43	125	2,051	242	1,697	112	10
Lansing	115,199	1,341	9	142		260	930	3,325	897	2,053	375	18
Clinton Township	100,514	326	3	42		36	245	1,686	284	1,277	125	9

	<u>Violent Crime</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
1	Detroit	13,705	11,846	13,616
2	Lansing	1,341	1,327	1,272
3	Grand Rapids	1,327	1,420	1,381
4	Warren	691	743	641
5	Clinton Township	326		296
6	Sterling Heights	242	233	222
7	Ann Arbor	213	228	194

	<u>Murder</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
1	Detroit	303	295	298
2	Grand Rapids	10	10	7
3	Lansing	9	9	10
4	Warren	6	2	4
5	Clinton Township	3		1
6	Ann Arbor	1	0	0
7	Sterling Heights	1	5	0

	<u>Forcible Rape</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
1	Detroit	579	530	557
2	Grand Rapids	142	128	86
3	Lansing	142	118	117
4	Warren	118	104	99
5	Ann Arbor	44	58	56
6	Clinton Township	42		44
7	Sterling Heights	32	39	33

	<u>Robbery</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
1	Detroit	2,941	3,457	3,570
2	Grand Rapids	321	423	426
3	Lansing	260	265	250
4	Warren	125	139	160
5	Ann Arbor	43	42	24
6	Clinton Township	36		63
7	Sterling Heights	26	24	27

	<u>Aggravated Assault</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
1	Detroit	9,882	7,564	9,191
2	Lansing	930	935	895
3	Grand Rapids	854	859	862
4	Warren	442	498	378
5	Clinton Township	245		188
6	Sterling Heights	183	165	162
7	Ann Arbor	125	128	114

	<u>Property Crime +</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
1	Detroit	31,630	27,559	32,983
2	Grand Rapids	4,334	4,604	
3	Warren	3,521	3,276	3,427
4	Lansing	3,325	3,450	3,576
5	Ann Arbor	2,051	2,364	2,200
6	Clinton Township	1,686		2,094
7	Sterling Heights	1,513	1,776	2,026

	<u>Burglary</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
1	Detroit	8,887	7,820	9,177
2	Warren	927	737	742
3	Lansing	897	959	955
4	Grand Rapids	822	974	1,126
5	Clinton Township	284		356
6	Ann Arbor	242	274	320
7	Sterling Heights	177	200	221

	<u>Larceny/Theft</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
1	Detroit	13,938	14,523	13,723
2	Grand Rapids	3,208	3,339	3,755
3	Warren	2,082	2,018	2,144
4	Lansing	2,053	2,140	2,252
5	Ann Arbor	1,697	2,018	2,779
6	Clinton Township	1,277		1,560
7	Sterling Heights	1,221	1,431	1,650

	<u>Motor Vehicle Theft +</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
1	Detroit	8,905	5,216	10,083
2	Warren	512	521	541
3	Lansing	375	351	369
4	Grand Rapids	304	291	
5	Clinton Township	125		178
6	Sterling Heights	115	145	155
7	Ann Arbor	112	72	101