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### On the Cover

**2**011 was set to be a challenging year for the Laredo Police Department. Since 2010 set such a high precedence in the overall reduction in crime, the bar was set even higher in 2011 to assure that the Laredo PD could not only maintain that excellent safety record but continue to reduce the overall crime rate even further. As you read this annual report you'll be pleased to know that the officers on patrol, the detectives working their cases, while being led by a group of dedicated and tenured supervisors, did in fact keep the crime in the City of Laredo, Texas headed in a downward trajectory. With the cooperation of our extended law enforcement community along with establishing better partnerships with you, the citizens of Laredo, the community continues to strive towards a safe and prosperous city. As we chart a new course for 2012 we remain committed to meet the same benchmarks from previous successes and work towards utilizing new innovation to meet 2012, with equal or better results.

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### Message from the Chief

As Chief of your police department, I subscribe to the notion of keeping our citizenry informed of not only the challenges faced by the dedicated men and women that make up our fine police department, but also the accomplishments that they are able to achieve. To that end, this is the third year that we publish this *annual report*. In the report you will find valuable information on the number of crimes that are being reported and handled by our department. You will note for instance that due to our continued use of COMPSTAT meetings where our Commanders strategize about the use of resources and personnel, we were able to maintain an overall decrease in reported crime. Our department's focus on Auto-theft has again proven successful leading to a phenomenal decrease of almost fifty (50) percent from the previous year. This is a very significant achievement especially due to our proximity to the country of Mexico. Our increased investigations and patrol activities, deterrent presence on our international bridges, coordination with our law-enforcement partners, and an extensive prevention campaign has paid dividends for our city. In addition, by utilizing targeted patrol deployments and a host of other policing strategies, our overall reported crime was slightly lower even though we recorded an increase in calls for service and have experienced growth in our population. Although our neighbor to the south continues to experience crime problems due to Mexican drug cartel activity, we have managed to maintain a safe community. This is due to our continued work with our local, state, and federal law-enforcement agencies and intelligence sharing that we maintain on a constant basis.

In our efforts to serve you better, we hired twenty-one (21) new police officers in 2011 and currently have an additional 9 in the police academy. Our Mayor, City Manager and City Council continue to make policing our community one of the highest priorities and with their help; we will grow to meet the needs of our city.

As you read through the report, you will see some of the improvements that we have made to better our department and delivery of services. Perhaps you have seen the LPD Sky-Watch towers that are deployed at major shopping areas and other locations in efforts to detect and





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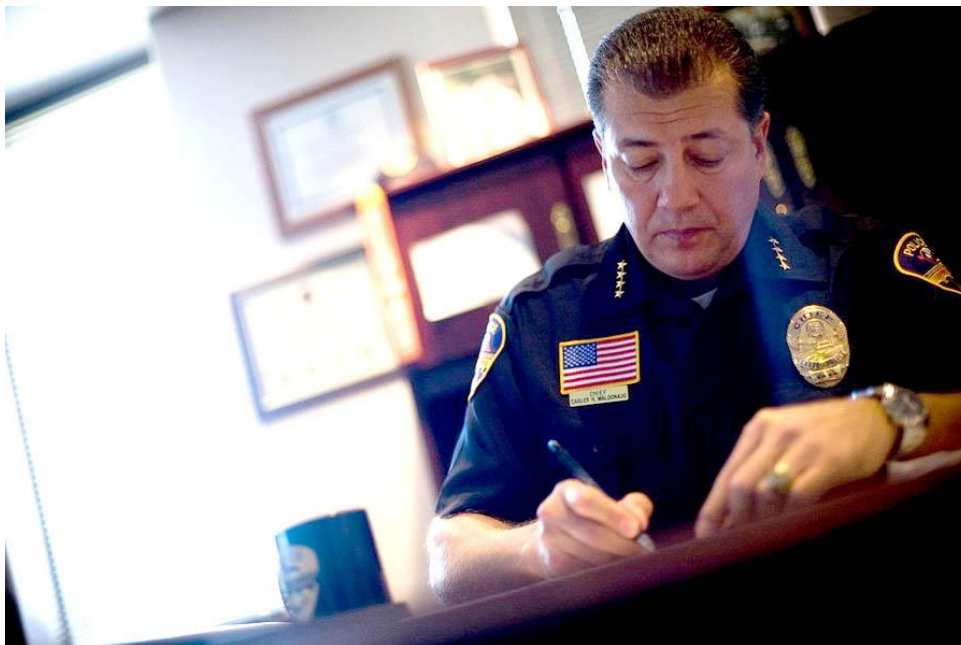
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suppress crime. This is just one of several purchases that have proven successful in assisting us in our mission. We also showcase activities and accomplishments of the many units within our department.

As Chief of the Laredo Police Department, I have been invited to the White House to discuss issues associated with law enforcement and immigration. A reduction in Federal appropriation for Law Enforcement will create challenges for our agency; however, through continued partnerships with our citizenry and refined operational tactics, the city of Laredo will prevail. I continue to advocate for resources and national policy concerning border matters. I want to impress upon you that your opinions and recommendations are important to us, so please feel free to contact my office.

On behalf of our police officers and civilian personnel, I offer you our thanks and appreciation for your continued support in our efforts to combat crime and maintain order in our beautiful city. Please feel free to visit our website at [laredopd.com](http://laredopd.com) to keep abreast of the activities that we undertake to improve the quality of life in our community.



Sincerely,  
Carlos R. Maldonado  
Chief of Police

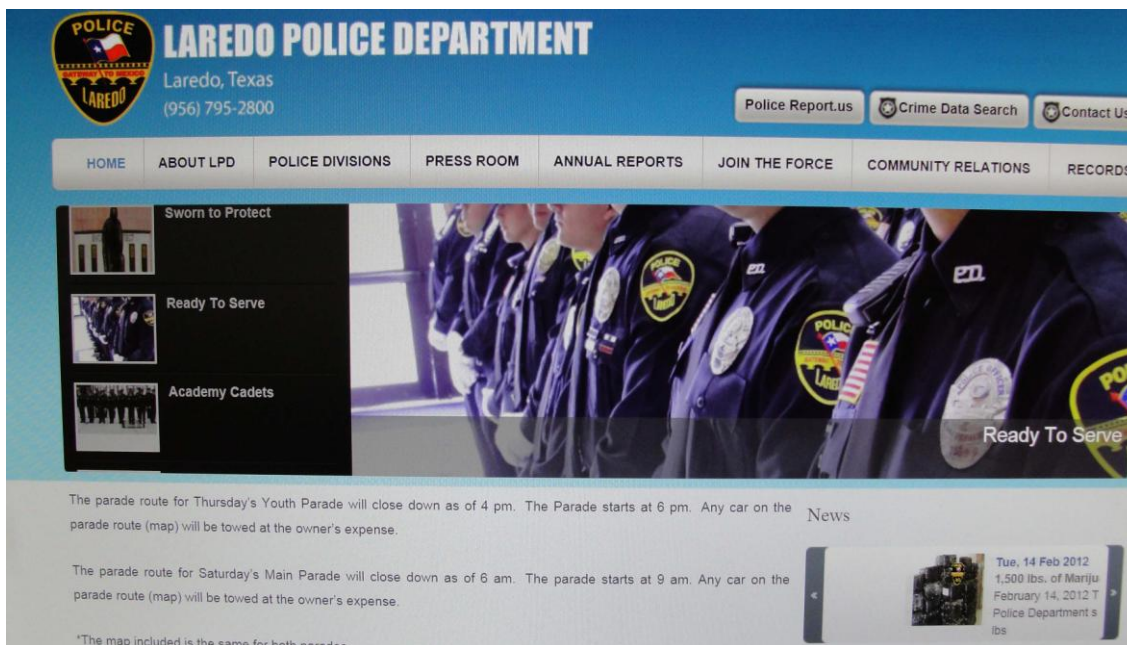


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### LPD Website



As you browse through our website, you'll notice some interactive features such as crime news and sex offender notifications, as well as progressive features such as *Police to Citizen* crime module which allows the user to find up to the minute crime statistics in their neighborhoods or any place in the City of Laredo, Texas USA. These tools allow us to further two of our goals. First is to initiate timely and open communication and second to effectively use innovation and technology. You'll also find information about police divisions along with their contact information. The Laredo Police Department is committed to our mission to protect the community through prevention, partnership and professional service. Every police officer is devoted to making what is believed to be the best police department in the country even better. The site was launched in May of 2011 and has been visited by thousands of people from all over Texas, the U.S. and all over the world.



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#### Parks Police

With Laredo's rapid growth came an expansion in the city's parks system. There are 72 Parks, 4 Plazas, 47 Little League/Softball/Baseball Fields, 22 Soccer Fields, and 8 City Trail Systems. The city's phase 1 North Central Park alone is over approximately 32 acres. An additional 2 phases to this park are being added and are quickly coming online very soon. The expansion of the parks came with the need for more a more permanent police presence to maintain the park patrons safe and ensure the security of the parks equipment and grounds which have been damaged or stolen in the past due to vandals and criminal elements throughout the city. As a way to combat the criminal opportunity a new division immersed and became the LPD Park Police.



The unit consists of 6 uniformed officers and 1 Sergeant who are specifically assigned to the sole task of patrolling the city's parks. The utilization of this new unit quickly proved worthy despite the huge task of patrolling the wide spread city parks system, which in addition is augmented by our patrol divisions blanketing the rest of the city. Within the 2011 calendar year our department made over 4,500 self initiated calls in city parks. The enforcement of consumption of alcohol, drug use, curfew violations, graffiti prevention, and reinforcement of park operating hours keeps our officers very busy and active. As the city grows and the community increases the use of its park amenities the Laredo Police Department will continue to implement more and innovative safety measures so that the citizens of the city enjoy the parks nearest to them while being safe.





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### New Assets



2011 introduced new equipment in the Laredo Police arsenal to aid in its fight against crime. The auto prevention task force continues to make positive strides in reducing the rate of auto theft in the City of Laredo. Part of the tactic of multiplying it's presence throughout the city involves utilizing new technology the purchase of the two new mobile observation towers. These

towers are made to rise above the sea of rows and rows of parked vehicles in shopping centers and identified problem areas. The twin towers are equipped with the latest technology and night time surveillance systems available. Combining new technology with traditionally proven police tactics has proven to be a winning combination to combat car thefts.

In 2010 the City of Laredo drastically reduced car thefts and fell out of the "Top Ten Cities for Car Thefts" list in the United States as listed in the National Insurance Crime Bureau. The Auto Theft Prevention Task force continues to mitigate and educate the community in how to better safe guard itself from auto theft and has made significant strides in that endeavor.





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### **New Assets** *continued....*

As the department grows, so does the need to keep up with replacing antiquated equipment with new technology in order to do Police tasks more efficiently. One of the most important aspects of the police work is the preservation of evidence. The department has significantly updated the storage capacities in 2011. The purchase of new property lockers and evidence Lockers Storage Solutions gives greater expansion and proper evidence capacities than ever before. The new Property and Evidence Lockers ensure the proper handling of case evidence from the time of evidence collection to logging evidence. Law enforcement facilities with unmanned evidence and property rooms, or poorly designed property locker systems create problems demonstrating that evidence has not been tampered with. These property lockers have unattended access that maintain the 'Chain of Custody' of all deposited evidence by providing safe and secure evidence storage at any time.



New drying cabinets have also been added to the property section. The cabinet protects your evidence from airborne pathogens and cross-contamination while eliminating personnel exposure to putrid odors of decomposition and harmful bacteria or viruses. The unit is configured to clean the incoming "drying" air through pre-filtration and then filter the cabinet exhaust air through a combination of bonded carbon and HEPA filtration.



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#### **New Assets *continued*....**

In 2011 the Laredo Police Department joined a new program to sell off recovered property. By law, police departments must auction off unclaimed stolen goods, among them cars, computers, jewelry, bikes and paintings. Preparing the stolen goods for live auction -- including recording inventory, tagging items and getting them appraised would often take weeks and took up several man hours. An auction by itself could last a minimum of six to eight hours, with only 50 to 60 bargain hunters showing up at a time. Furthermore, the auctions were only a few times a year, so merchandise had to be stored in a very limited space.



Founded in 1999 by former police officers, the website's first auction was held in January 2001 when it sold a camera for \$20. It had contracts with at least 700 law enforcement agencies by 2006 and has more than 2,700 today. Property Room who originally provided online auction services solely to law enforcement agencies. On behalf of several police departments, propertyroom.com manages the entire internet auction process, beginning with the pick-up of items for auction and ending with delivery to online shoppers. Police departments (PDs), county sheriffs, state police and other municipal agencies (airports, fire and marine departments, municipal fleets) nationwide have awarded contracts to Property Room to conduct internet auctions on their behalf, and to date almost \$40 million in auction proceeds have been sent back into their communities.





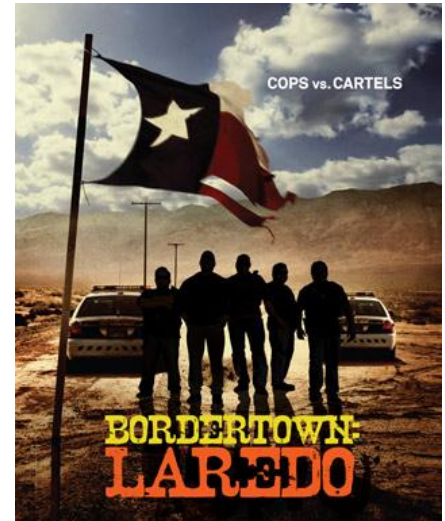
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### “Bordertown: Laredo”

Living in the greatest border city on the Rio Grande makes for interesting news headlines throughout the entire world. The constant media headlines portraying the City of Laredo is a total loss to drug trafficking and spillover violence has become a much debated point of contention in our community. Despite the efforts of the Laredo Police Department and the efforts of our fellow law enforcement community in maintaining a relative peace on the U.S. side of the border, the message of insecurity and unrest plague national news headlines and blogs. With the support of our city management, mayor and city council the Laredo Police Department participated in a project which was to air on a national television broadcast to millions of households in a 5 week ten episode series. The show “Bordertown: Laredo” was the brainchild of producer and nationally recognized weatherman Al Roker of the “Today Show”. Mr. Roker read about the officers of the Laredo Police Department in a national publication which featured the high profile arrests and successful prosecutions of Rosalio “Bart”



Reta, and Gabriel Cardona, who were teenage hit men carrying out orders to kill from the drug cartels in Mexico here in the U.S. during an initial outbreak of spillover violence in the early 2000's. The case was unique and carried all over the world by media outlets which highlighted the tenacity and dedication of the officers and detectives of the Laredo Police Department. Mr. Roker was intrigued by the story coupled with the never ending tenuous media reports about the drug cartels in U.S. Border cities and battle to keep the violence in Mexico. The idea was simple. Have a show where the good work of the Laredo P.D. narcotics team and they daily challenges the face in order to keep the vast amount of drugs being shipped into the U.S.. The idea, though risky, was viewed as a necessary venue to tell the real way the Laredo Police Department deals with the dangers and long investigations needed to make drug busts, which directly affect the rest of the country. The show was sold to the A&E Network and premiered in October 2011. The show was publicized nationally and two members of the Narcotics Team were invited to New York to be on the Today Show to talk about the show. The show initially was met with muted optimism from the Laredo Community. The show did not take long to convince





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the majority of its critics that the idea was positive and showed the valiant efforts of the Laredo Police Department. The show averaged 1.5 million households over the 5 week airtime period. Even the hard to please critics such as the New York Times and the New York Daily News found meaning and prudence in the value of the show and officer's enthusiasm towards their work, with a sense of realism and sincerity. The New York Daily News quoted in its initial review of the show as *"It's unglamorous, nuts-and-bolts police work, applicable to a wide range of law enforcement situations, and that's where much of the show's interest lies."*

*"These five officers, all Mexican-American, seem to approach the job like volunteer doctors in famine-stricken and war-torn countries. They can't solve the big problem. Perhaps they can save the child in front of them. So "Bordertown" gets us to focus not on some spectacular Hollywood-style bust, but on something relatively small, at least in the larger drug-smuggling picture. There's something appealing about life-sized good guys."* The New York Times review states *"There's a decided urgency to the work these officers are doing: the show follows the narcotics unit in Laredo, Tex., a main entry point for drugs from Mexico. And unlike some officers on these types of shows, who spend a lot of their time playing for the cameras, these ones seem natural and plain-speaking, talking honestly about the challenges they face and the futility they sometimes feel."* The Hollywood Reporter went one step further and said of the Bordertown: Laredo series as *"Far from being an exploitative show that ridicules the accused, Bordertown: Laredo dutifully protects the identities of its suspects, and sometimes emphasizes their humanity."* The fate of the show is still being evaluated for another season. The members of the Narcotics Team have risen to the occasion and used their new found popularity locally to speak to area High School students about the dangers of narcotics and the experiences of the being in the show.





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### Preparedness & Networking for a Safer Laredo

*P*reparedness and networking remained a focal point for the Laredo Police Department in 2011. The established proven success of collaboration and intelligence sharing between law enforcement agencies remains more important than ever before for the continued assurance of security of the city of Laredo. Chief Carlos Maldonado hosted several trainings, conferences and symposiums which united the surrounding area agencies from all levels of law enforcement. These reunions were provided so that networking amongst the various agencies and continue to educate the officers and supervisors on the front lines with the latest techniques and information available.

On November 16-18, 2011, the City of Laredo Police Department held its 3rd Annual Law Enforcement Executive Symposium. The symposium was co-sponsored by The International Association of Chiefs of Police, The Texas Chiefs of Police Association and the Laredo Convention and Visitors Bureau. A total of 113 attendees arrived at the symposium representing upwards of over 20 local, state and federal law



enforcement agencies from around the state. There were also attendees from as far as the State of California who made time to attend the 2 ½ day executive program which was designed to discuss a variety of contemporary issues facing law enforcement. This year's topics included a session on Suspicious Activity Reporting (SAR), as well as lectures and presentations by nationally



renowned speakers such as Col. Dave Grossman and Mr. Gordon Graham. Topics include organizational, personal survival and risk management for law-enforcement. The other themes that were discussed at the symposium were issues affecting border communities and the importance of intelligence sharing.

Other topics included new and evolving technologies and instant notifications of official news by utilizing social media trends such as facebook and twitter. Intel fusion centers, the need to share and authenticate official information so that all law enforcement agencies can have accurate, real time information in order to preserve peace in our communities. The discussions also touched on the newest best known police practices and trends so that the attending agencies could have real discussions when they returned to their prospective jurisdictions and evaluate what policies and procedures can be updated and adopted.



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*I*n addition to hosting these essential trainings and conferences, Chief Carlos Maldonado took travels to Washington D.C. in 2011 to attend conferences at the White House and address members of federal law enforcement for panel discussions involving border issues. The Chief was invited along with other border region chiefs and met with important leaders such as Secretary of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano and U.S. Attorney General Eric H. Holder and discuss the challenges facing border municipal police departments and the continued federal support needed to help augment the fight against border violence and also drug and human smuggling in Laredo, Texas.

Washington, D.C. – Chief Carlos R. Maldonado of the Laredo Police Department was invited to the White House, where he provided insight on how the Administration’s recently-released Strategic Implementation Plan for Empowering Local Partners to Prevent Violent Extremism in the United States can be implemented locally. Chief Maldonado joined more than 35 senior and front line law enforcement officials in giving feedback, talking about how the federal government can best support efforts to implement the strategy in local communities. Participants also had the opportunity to inform officials like Attorney General Eric Holder and Department of Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano about their local needs and how the government can be most helpful, especially highlighting many of the activities occurring in their respective communities already.

“This was an incredible opportunity for federal officials to listen to the concerns and the need to further partnerships and collaborations” said Chief Maldonado. The Chief further added “concerns were voiced to Attorney General Holder and Secretary Napolitano regarding budget cuts and adequate staffing needs. They both agreed that these issues would be addressed and I feel confident and have renewed hope that funding will be allocated to ensure border security.” Chief Maldonado concludes “The Administration called and said they wanted my input – they know it needs to be implemented by people in the community in a way that matches the reality on the ground.”







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In addition to explaining how the Administration can improve its support to state, local and tribal partners, Chief Maldonado expressed that Congress should allocate the \$5 billion from the American Jobs Act to hire 40,000 new cops, so that these critical law enforcement jobs of the future are funded.



Empowering state, tribal and local partners is an integral part of the Administration's plan to protect communities against violent extremists, which builds upon existing local partnerships, promotes information-driven community-based solutions, and utilizes community-oriented policing efforts to counter violent extremism and violent crime regardless of ideology. At the event, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), and the National Counterterrorism Center (NCTC) briefed the participants on current analysis, engagement efforts around the country, and current efforts to ensure training is accurate and protects civil rights and liberties.



The Administration's strategy on countering violent extremism was developed with significant input from state, local and tribal law enforcement and members of community organizations. Working together with communities and local law enforcement has been successful in previous efforts to mitigate threats and improve public safety.





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### Community Relations Unit Activities

<u>Community Relations Unit</u>		Jan - Dec '09	Jan - Dec '10	Jan- Dec '11
Presentations/Events	(Blue Santa, Career Days, etc.)	456	480	239

### Crime Victims Unit Activities

<u>Crime Victims Compensation Unit</u>		Jan - Dec '09	Jan - Dec '10	Jan- Dec '11
LPD Case Reports Submitted		724	607	240
Victim Contacts		965	2,091	525
CVC Application Activity		317	271	150
Misc. Activity		207	55	78
<b>Total CVC Unit Activities</b>		<b>3,024</b>	<b>3,102</b>	<b>993</b>



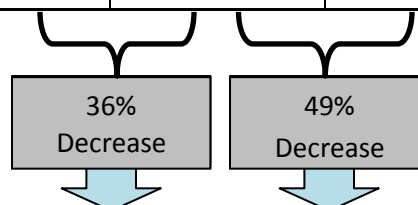
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### Auto Theft Task Force Statistics

Citywide	Offenses		
<u>Auto Thefts</u>	Jan - Dec '09	Jan - Dec '10	Jan - Dec '11
Number of Stolen Vehicles	1,482	951	486



Auto Theft Recoveries	Jan - Dec '09	Jan - Dec '10	Jan - Dec '11
Stolen Car Recoveries	458	328	193

Auto Theft Arrests	Jan - Dec '09	Jan - Dec '10	Jan - Dec '11
<b>Criminal Arrests</b> (made by Task Force only)	<b>73</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>97</b>

*LPD Auto Theft Division has been proactively educating the public about safe guarding anti theft practices, took down two major auto theft rings, and were also successful in working grants for overtime enforcement which have resulted in significant increases in auto theft arrests.*



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### Crimes Against Persons (CAPERS)

Investigation Index Totals	Jan - Dec '09	Jan - Dec '10	Jan - Dec '11
Cases Assigned	2233	2546	2313
Murders	19	9	11
Deceased	82	90	64
Robberies	180	114	140
Cleared Cases	1854	1651	1266
Unfounded	312	377	281
Arrests	153	140	137

*CAPERS is directly responsible with specific part 1 offenses which include; Homicide, Robbery, Death Investigations, and Assaults.*

### Crimes Against Property (CAPROS)

Case Index Totals	Jan - Dec '09	Jan - Dec '10	Jan- Dec '11
Cases Assigned	5357	5183	4450
Exceptionally Cleared	1712	856	903
Closed Inactive	1545	1166	1138
Open Active	1305	1774	1523
Arrests	239	274	225

*The CAPROS Division is directly responsible for specific property & white collar offenses which include; Burglaries, Thefts, Identity Theft, Fraud, and Animal Cruelty cases.*



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### Juvenile Enforcement Team (JET)

Case Index Totals	Jan - Dec '09	Jan - Dec '10	Jan - Dec '11
Cases Assigned	1075	1313	1343
Felonies	183	191	206
Misdemeanors	398	583	596
Exceptionally Cleared	772	755	921
Not Cleared	255	167	170
Unfounded	39	30	58
Status Offender	372	378	393
Missing Persons	116	157	148
Arrests	223	123	181

*JET is directly responsible with various Juvenile offenses which include; Gang identification, Graffiti, Criminal Mischief, and*

### Special Investigations Unit (SIU)

Case Index Totals	Jan - Dec '09	Jan - Dec '10	Jan - Dec '11
Cases Assigned	2589	3045	2814
Felonies	1349	1177	1336
Misdemeanors	1521	1732	1478
Exceptionally Cleared	1999	2342	2178
Warrants	230	226	265
Arrests	123	143	199
Sex Offender Registrations	319	395	375

*SIU is the investigative section responsible for criminal cases involving; Sexual Assault, Child Abuse, Sex Crimes, Sex Offender registration and Probation compliance monitoring, and domestic*





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### Narcotics and Vice Division

Case Index Totals	Jan - Dec '09	Jan - Dec '10	Jan - Dec '11
Cases Assigned	145	129	101
Marijuana (lbs)	8,227	6,974	3,356
Cocaine (grams)	6.27lbs	59550 gr. (131.29 lbs)	37561.9 gr. (82.81 lbs)
Heroin (grams)	4.76g	9.05g	18298 gr.
Weapons Seized	27	24	11
Currency Seized	\$870,728	\$885,676	\$95,373
Arrests	141	107	93

*The Narcotics and Vice section directly operates the surveillance, arrest and seizure of “street level narcotics” and its participants. The section also is responsible for “vice crime” such as prostitution, promotion of prostitution and the gathering of intelligence for the purposes of advancing narcotics investigations through the development of confidential informants and undercover work. This division works closely alongside other LPD divisions and also partners alongside other law enforcement agencies in order to more effectively combat criminal*



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### Patrol Division (Uniformed Police Services)

<u>Patrol Activities</u>	Jan - Dec '09	Jan - Dec '10	Jan - Dec '11
Arrests	5,208	6,362	6,130
Case Reports	32,193	32,107	31,423
Accident Investigations	6,867	9,297	9,887
Self Initiated Cases	20,195	28,483	28,603
Parking Citations	3,543	5,079	5,124
<b>Total Patrol Activities</b>	<b>68,006</b>	<b>81,328</b>	<b>81,167</b>

*The patrol division exists to “protect and serve”. The primary mission of the patrol division is public safety and crime deterrence of assigned beats within certain geographic locations and adjacent areas. The patrol division officers are generally first on the scene for most emergency calls and undergo continuous advanced training in order to enhance and improve first response services for the Laredo Community.*



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### Problem Oriented Policing Strategy (POPS)

<u>Patrol Activities</u>	Jan - Dec '10	Jan - Dec '11
Arrests	138	192
Special Details	391	126
Citations	1221	1424

*POPS is a policing strategy that involves the identification and analysis of specific crime and disorder problems, in order to develop effective response strategies in conjunction with ongoing assessments. The goals of Problem Oriented Policing Strategy include increasing lines of communication with the public in order to assess priorities within a certain community and enhance more proactive versus reactive police practices. The activities of the group netted several arrests and led to the recovery of several stolen items. The unit conducted bike and foot patrols in problem areas with high crimes especially in those neighborhoods with high incidents of burglaries and thefts. The unit was also used to saturate traffic problems and blitz the area with patrol presence thus rendering several traffic violations.*



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### Traffic Enforcement

The Laredo Police Department traffic section concentrates on the daily enforcement of traffic laws. Their duties also include accident reconstruction of major traffic accidents (fatalities) and Commercial Motor Vehicle traffic enforcement. The officers of this section also provide escorts for dignitary motorcades and funeral escorts. The traffic section has attained and implemented state of the art equipment to help reconstruct more precisely how an accident occurred. The officers are constantly evolving their skills with training and modern accident reconstruction techniques.



### Traffic Enforcement

<u>Citations issued by Traffic Division</u>		Jan - Dec '09	Jan - Dec '10	Jan - Dec '11
Citations	(# of citations issued)	19,277	25,666	20,108
<b>Total Citations Issued</b>		<b>19,277</b>	<b>25,666</b>	<b>20,108</b>





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### Warrants Served

Both the warrants task force section and the patrol division collaborate with the U.S. Marshals Fugitive Apprehension Task Force. The arrests made are that of fugitive criminals that pose a significant threat to the safety of the Laredo citizenry.

<u>Warrants Served</u>		Jan - Dec '09	Jan - Sept. '10	Jan - Dec '11
Warrants	(# of served warrants by LPD)	1,364	1,474	1,663
<b>Total Warrants Served (Arrests)</b>		<b>1,364</b> <i>(The Marshals Task Force created in 2010)</i>	<b>1,474/</b> <i>(381 LPD Warrants)</i>	<b>1,663 /</b> <i>(310 LPD Warrants)</i>



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### Crime Scene Investigations

The Laredo Police Department processes thousands of crime scenes and collects thousands of pieces of evidence. This process is crucial to increasing crime solvability and maintaining evidentiary value for prosecutions.

<u>Crime Scene Requests</u>		Jan - Dec '09	Jan - Dec '10	Jan - Dec '11
Crime Scenes	(# of crime scene requests)	7,908	6,915	7,494
<b><i>Crime Scenes Processed</i></b>		<b><i>7,908</i></b>	<b><i>6,915</i></b>	<b><i>7,494</i></b>



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### Laredo Police Department Sworn Strength

<u>Personnel</u>		Jan - Dec '09	Jan - Dec '10	Jan - Dec '11
Sworn Personnel	(Authorized Strength)	460	460	482
Sworn Personnel	(# of filled positions)	425	411	425
<i>Total Sworn Personnel</i>		425	411	425

*The Bureau of Justice Statistics publishes a national average of all local municipal police departments in the United States. The national average ratio of police officers to citizens for populations of 250,000 residents is listed at approximately 2.5 officers per 1,000 residents. Laredo is at a 1.8 officers per 1000 residents. Laredo has a listed Metropolitan Statistical population of approximately \* 233,000 residents.*

*\*Population based on Laredo Development Foundation 2008 stats*



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## Laredo Police Civilian Personnel Strength

<u>Civilian Personnel</u>		Jan - Dec '09	Jan - Dec '10	Jan - Dec '11
Civilian Personnel	(# of budgeted positions)	84	84	89
Civilian Personnel	(# of filled positions)	74	74	74
<i>Total Civilian Personnel</i>		74	74	74





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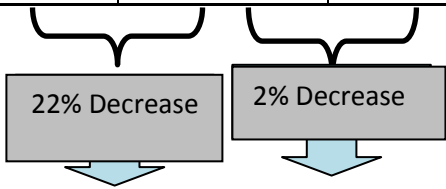
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### Overall Crime Statistics

Citywide		Offenses		
<b>Part I Index Offenses</b> UCR Rules Reported Date of Offense		Jan - Dec '09	Jan - Dec '10	Jan - Dec '11
Murder	(# of victims)	19	9	11
Rape	(# of victims)	76	78	76
Robbery	(# of offenses)	313	184	225
Aggravated Assault	(# of victims)	893	892	817
<b>Total Violent Index Crimes</b>		<b>1,301</b>	<b>1,163</b>	<b>1,129</b>
Burglary	(# of premises entered)	2,159	2,488	1,790
Theft	(# of offenses)	10,088	7,153	8,104
Auto Theft	(# of vehicles)	1,482	951	486
<b>Total Property Index Crimes</b>		<b>13,729</b>	<b>10,592</b>	<b>10,380</b>
<b>Part I Index Crimes Overall Totals</b>		<b>15,030</b>	<b>11,755</b>	<b>11,509</b>

*Part 1 Index Crimes are considered to be the most prevalent priority crimes reported in the F.B.I. Uniform Crime Report recorded annually.*





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### Arrest Stats

<u>Persons Arrested</u>	Jan - Dec '09	Jan - Dec '10	Jan - Dec '11
Adults	6,408	5,531	5,930
Juveniles	1,356	952	705
<b>Total Arrests</b>	<b>7,764</b>	<b>6,483</b>	<b>6,635</b>

### Criminal Reports

<u>LPD Criminal Reports</u>	Jan - Dec '09	Jan - Dec '10	Jan - Dec '11
Criminal Reports forwarded to Prosecution	6,992	5,082	4,503
<b>Total Cases</b>	<b>7,777</b>	<b>5,608</b>	<b>4,920</b>

*Cases in 2009, 2010 and 2011 include those sent to both the District Attorney's Office and the Webb County Attorney's Office (Juvenile Cases). Juvenile Cases in 2009-785 / in 2010 -526 / in 2011- 417*



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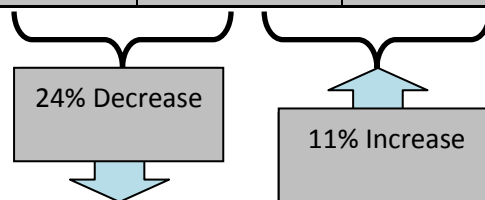


### Emergency Dispatch

The Laredo Police Department 911 Communication Center is responsible for the call taking and dispatching of all emergency responses and calls for service for both Police and Fire Departments. The 911 Communication Center continues to modernize and add additional personnel to meet the growing needs of the city. In 2009 the Communication Center remodeled and expanded its facility adding more 911 lines and modern electronic GPS tracking systems to map where an emergency call is coming from and better locate and direct emergency services to the caller.

### Emergency Dispatch Call Totals

<u>Call Volume</u>	Jan - Dec '09	Jan - Dec '10	Jan - Dec '11
E-911 Calls	166,473	155,586	170,625
Non 911 Calls	347,261	235,207	264,959
<b>Total Calls</b>	<b>513,734</b>	<b>390,793</b>	<b>435,584</b>



*Laredo 311 Call Center was activated in February of 2008, thus having a direct effect on decreased service calls to the dispatch center.*



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### Laredo Police Records Division

The Laredo Police Records Division is comprised of civilian and sworn personnel tasked with managing, storing, and record authenticating of all official LPD documents and reports. The division has undergone significant software and equipment modernization which in turn increases productivity and electronic availability of police records.

<b><u>Records Management</u></b>		Jan - Dec '09	Jan - Dec '10	Jan - Dec '11
Reports	(# of reports handled)	18,146	18,269	18,629
Online Reports	(# of reports requested on-line)	29,995	28,754	20,717
<b>Total Reports</b>		<b>48,141</b>	<b>47,023</b>	<b>39,346</b>
Revenues		\$243,580.50	\$219,680.33	\$208,881.65
<b>Total Revenues</b>		<b>\$243,580.50</b>	<b>\$219,680.33</b>	<b>\$208,881.65</b>





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### Specialized Police Trainings

The specialized police trainings involved an array of new innovative techniques, taught by internationally recognized instructors in order to have the best prepared police department possible. The special trainings this year included a special “Leadership In Police Organizations (LPO<sup>SM</sup>)” class which consisted of a three-week course, typically taught one week a month over a three month span, which emphasized applied learning skills and included interactive small group case studies, videos, role playing and class exercises to reinforce learning. Students were taught leadership strategies for use in dealing with practical work place challenges. The course instructed participants the behavioral science theories to better understand how to lead individuals, groups, change, and organizations. Participants were challenged to use the theories and strategies taught to increase the motivation, satisfaction and performance within their organization and to support organizational change. The class included representatives from various area agencies including; DEA, U.S. Border Patrol, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Texas Department of Public Safety, both USD and LISD Police Departments among others. The LPO<sup>SM</sup> leadership development training program is based on a behavioral science approach to leading people, groups, change and organizations. The original course material was developed and taught for many years at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. Through years of research and development, the curriculum was specifically tailored to meet the challenges and needs of the law enforcement community. Since 2005, the International Association of Chiefs of Police has worked with over 200 local, state, and federal agencies of all sizes to bring the LPO<sup>SM</sup> program to 29 states and internationally.

<b><u>Specialized Police Trainings</u></b>	Jan - Dec '09	Jan - Dec '10	Jan - Dec '11
<b><i>Total</i></b>	<b>39</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>64</b>

*These and other courses were made available to our officers and also officers around the region.*



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### Bomb Squad Activities

<b>Bomb Threats</b>	<b>Jan - Dec '10</b>	<b>Jan - Dec '11</b>
Bomb Threat Calls	81	28
Bomb Squad Call Outs	28	26
Trainings & Certifications	803 hours	500 hours