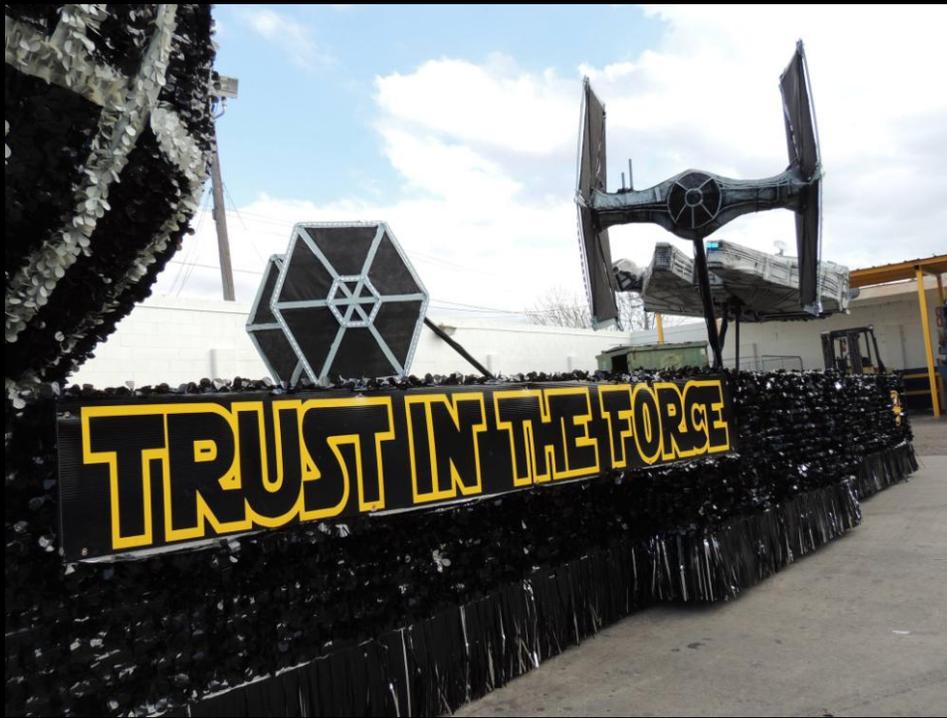


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### Message from the Chief

“Success is not measured by the number of arrests, but by the absence of crime” -Sir Robert Peel. The forefather of the modern policing model, Sir Robert Peel, said it best. The absence of crime is the best measure of success for any police organization. The men and women of your Laredo Police Department have yet again mitigated the crime rates and we can reassuringly state that Laredo is a safe community. As always, combating the perception of crime increasing in our border community is much different as what the actual F.B.I. Uniform Crime Report statistics represent. The continued reduction of crime is a message that each of us must convey to our families and friends so that we all become ambassadors for the City of Laredo proportioning both pragmatic and verified information about our city’s safety.

In my daily outings in my LPD uniform or when I am out with my family I am often reminded of the tremendous work our officers are doing on the front lines during their patrol shifts. The outbreak of anti-police sentiment throughout our nation is deafened here locally by the daily compliments and laudatory remarks for the humble acts of heroism and human compassion our officers render throughout their shifts on patrol. We have joined many other Police Departments in mourning the loss of their officers in the line of duty and our Laredo community mourns along with us. As a Chief I couldn’t ask for better officers but I also expect nothing less than outstanding work by everyone wearing an LPD shield.



The Laredo Police Department has continued to enhance its modern abilities to combat crime. The purchase of a new unmanned aerial vehicle has enabled us with a new advantage over crime by granting us air superiority. We have invested and adequately trained officers to give us an enhanced capability not only on major applications but also support timely images of traffic congestion and accident reconstruction investigations. The air unit also allows the Police Department to search large areas in an expeditious manner. An important tool since the city is surrounded by a substantially large brush country and unpopulated areas. The air unit would save precious time and man power if anyone ever went missing or if a person of special needs or a senior citizen needs to be immediately located and given medical attention. The training along with the structure and rules designed to ensure the





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privacy of our citizens make this new aerial unit an indispensable tool for the Laredo Police Department.

The Laredo Police Department has also adopted new 3-D computer reanimation software and equipment to be able to take the various complexities of a case, whether a major vehicle accident or a murder case, and be able to display the actions and recreate the incident using computer animation graphics. The equipment is state of the art and has already proven successful in major cases in court. The continued enhancement of innovative technology in the Laredo Police Department will further our abilities to keep the community safe and make the Department efficient.

My administration and many officers of the Police Department have examined other best practices in policing allowing us to stay viable in an ever changing world. The biggest challenge has been reevaluating old Police approaches and arriving at better solutions. The implementation of the new compressed work week in where our officers are working 10 hour shifts instead of the traditional 8 hours shift is just such one of the newest approaches. The beta testing is on ongoing process but the enhancement is undeniable. The change allows officers to have 3 days off to be with their families but has also restructured a better way to serve our city. The intent is to develop a stronger unity of command, build stronger teams on patrol, render better patrol service by overlapping of units to better serve the public's growing needs, spend less on overtime due to the overlapping shift structure, and make a better quality of life for our officers. At present the new structure is functioning better than expected and is rendering positive results.

Once again I have decided to save the best news for last. The Laredo Police Department has for a 7<sup>th</sup> consecutive year reduced crime in our city. This report, which is locally compiled, and includes part of the F.B.I.'s annual uniform crime report, will illustrate per category of crime, how successful and how safe the community of Laredo, Texas is. I have included the following chart to condense all of this important information as quick reference information to present the last 7 years of crime in our community.



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### 7 Year Uniform Crime Report (UCR) statistics and incidence change.

#### Crimes Against Persons

Crime Type	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Change +/- % 2009 - 2015
Homicide	19	10	12	10	3	15	<b>11</b> (-21%)	-42%
Agg Sexual Offense	77	78	76	81	75	100	<b>133</b> (33%)	72%
Robbery	291	211	225	182	207	196	<b>162</b> (-17%)	-44%
Agg Assault	803	892	817	764	743	667	<b>669</b> (0.2)	-16%
Simple Assault	4731	4261	3982	3963	4012	3444	<b>3,215</b> (-7%)	-32%
Totals	5921	5452	5112	5000	5040	4421	<b>4,190</b> (-5.2%)	-29.2%



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### *Crimes Against Property*

Crime Type	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Change +/- % 2009 - 2015
Burglary	2018	1722	1711	1632	1345	1212	<b>988</b> (-46%)	-51%
Theft	10088	8646	8104	8246	8685	8140	<b>7,286</b> (-10%)	-28%
Motor-Vehicle Theft	1482	903	486	381	373	276	<b>311</b> (13%)	-79%
Vandalism	2647	2368	2259	2406	2046	1787	<b>1,694</b> (-5%)	-36%
Totals	16232	13639	12560	12665	12,449	11415	<b>10,279</b> (-10%)	-36.6%

### *Persons Arrested*

Year	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Change +/- % 2009 - 2015
# of Persons	7575	6483	6635	8629	9313	9221	<b>9,596</b> (4%)	26.6%



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- Population census; 2009 = 232,078 // **2015 = 256,355. (10.4% increase)**
- Criminal offenses noted above were selected as the ones that the public and media track on a regular basis.
- Source: F.B.I. Uniform Crime Reports
- 1,731 fewer violent offenses and 5,953 fewer property crimes = **7,684** offenses that did not take place in 2015 compared to 2009 with an **overall reduction of 34.6%**.



Today, because of the extraordinary police officers and civilians who risk their personal welfare and their dedication to their duties, the city of Laredo is more secure.

The results of all this hard work is that the City of Laredo is safe, and the citizens can depend on and trust the officers serving and protecting them. The officers are being held to the highest of standards and are humble, hard working, caring and worthy of being called Police Officers. The humility and humanity in which the officers carry out their service to the Laredo community is second to none and makes us one of the best Police Departments in the U.S.

As always we cannot take sole credit for the tremendous success we have had without acknowledging the hard work and collaboration of our fellow law enforcement agencies. Without their commitment and determination to the work of fighting crime, the Laredo community would not be as safe as it is today. We further credit the Webb County District Attorney, Isidro Alaniz, and his staff for their assistance and guidance in making better cases for prosecution. Finally I thank you, our Laredo citizens, for your continued support and feedback so that we may always be able to come together as one community and Police Department and find solutions to our challenges and work together for the future of our city.



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As always I ask for your assistance in being our eyes and ears in the community. You can contact us to report any crime and remain completely anonymous. To contact Laredo Police our main number is 956-795-2800, or contact Laredo Crime Stoppers at 956-727-TIPS. The Laredo PD also has a new way to text us information through a system called TIP-411. Just text, 847411 then type the word; *Laredo* then your text message. Our Facebook and Twitter pages continue to grow with followers. Our [www.Laredopd.com](http://www.Laredopd.com) website is also a great way of communicating with us by simply emailing us with any concerns. We continue to ask for your support and prayers so that the officers can know that their community appreciates their risks and service. Perhaps the best way to support them may be to let them know what they are doing right in addition to the criticism they face every day in a challenging profession that grows more dangerous and complex with every passing year.

Sincerely and Respectfully,

Raymond E. Garner, Laredo Police Chief



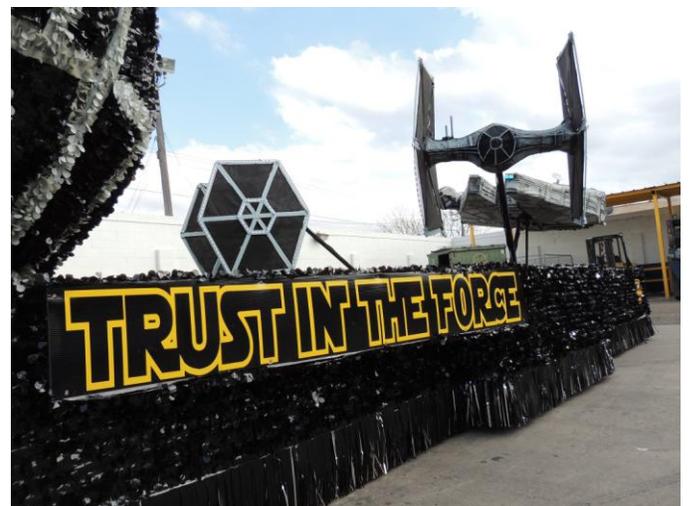
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### Community Relations Unit Activities

<u>Community Relations Unit</u>		2013	2014	2015
Presentations/Events	(Blue Santa, Career Days, etc.)	248	446	367



The Community Relations Unit presented gifts to over 2,200 children who may have otherwise gone without opening a gift this Christmas. In addition, the unit spearheaded new initiatives for community youth



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### Auto Theft Task Force Statistics

Citywide	Offenses		
<u>Auto Thefts</u>	2013	2014	2015
Number of Stolen Vehicles	373	276	311

Auto Theft Recoveries	2013	2014	2015
Stolen Car Recoveries	277	234	140

Auto Theft Arrests	2013	2014	2015
<b>Criminal Arrests</b> (made by Task Force only)	<b>196</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>361</b>

↑  
31%  
Increase

↑  
39%  
Increase

*LPD Auto Theft Task Force has been proactively educating the public about anti theft practices, and in working grants for enforcement which resulted in increasing auto theft arrests.*



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### Crimes Against Persons (CAPERS)

Investigation Index Totals	2013	2014	2015
Cases Assigned	2264	2001	1870
Murders	3	15	10
Robberies	154	150	131
Cleared Cases	1323	1153	1109
Unfounded	226	172	111
Arrests	216	204	324

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

### Crimes Against Property (CAPROS)

Case Index Totals	2013	2014	2015
Cases Assigned	4741	4768	4162
Exceptionally Cleared Cases	434	502	451
Recovered Property	\$2,686,327	\$1,543,877	\$1,516,101
Arrests	375	414	583

*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	2013	2014	2015
Cases Assigned	911	1027	1149
Felonies	131	568	114
Misdemeanors	450	568	456
Status Offender	283	120	476
Missing Persons	113	123	139
Arrests	89	129	168

*JET is directly responsible for various Juvenile offenses which include; Gang identification, Graffiti, Criminal Mischief, and Missing Persons.*

### Special Investigations Unit (SIU)

Case Index Totals	2013	2014	2015
Cases Assigned	2757	2826	2888
Felonies	1314	1429	1418
Misdemeanors	1442	2282	1445
Warrants	270	137	409
Arrests	274	432	409
Sex Offender Registrations	509	557	644

*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 violence cases.*



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### Narcotics and Vice Division

Case Index Totals	2013	2014	2015
Cases Assigned	235	223	156
Marijuana (lbs)	6,890	5,518	9,940
Cocaine (grams)	577 gr.	19,681 gr.	5,973 gr.
Heroin (grams)	852gr.	1,051 gr.	869gr.
Weapons Seized	20	34	15
Currency Seized	\$686,934	\$227,383	\$45,864
Arrests	252	240	161

*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 investigative section works closely alongside other LPD divisions and also partners alongside other law enforcement agencies in order to more effectively combat criminal elements in the Laredo Community.*



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### Patrol Division (Uniformed Police Services)

<u>Patrol Activities</u>	2013	2014	2015
Arrests	7,114	6,810	8,293
Case Reports	29,829	25,006	28,911
Accident Investigations	10,434	10,249	11,839
Self Initiated Field Contacts	25,327	24,844	27,677
Parking Citations	4,405	3,233	3,852
<b>Total Patrol Activities</b>	<b>77,109</b>	<b>70,142</b>	<b>80,572</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>	2014	2015
Arrests	760	307
Special Details	151	96
Citations	2299	916

*POPS is a policing strategy that involves the identification and analysis of specific crimes 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 area of the community and develop more proactive versus reactive police practices. The activity of the group has drastically increased arrests of repeat offenders and has led to the recovery of stolen property. 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 address traffic congestion issues and effectively increase patrol presence. The effectiveness of this program has become a pivotal instrument of enforcement in identified hot spots that significantly affects crime rates in a positive way.*



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### Traffic Enforcement

Laredo Police Officers assigned to this unit, in addition to enforcing all criminal laws, concentrate daily on enforcement of traffic laws. Their duties also include accident reports and Commercial Motor Vehicle traffic enforcement. The traffic section, primarily address traffic enforcement and accident investigations, have acquired state of the art equipment to help reconstruct how an accident occurred. The Traffic Officers are constantly enhancing their skills with up to date training and modern accident reconstruction techniques.



<u>Citations issued by all LPD officers</u>	2014	2015
<i>Total Citations Issued</i>	<i>27,327</i>	<i>29,259</i>

**2015 LPD Traffic Division Stats**  
*7,791 citations issued*



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### U.S. Marshals Fugitive Apprehension Task Force

Both the warrants task force section and the patrol division collaborate with the U.S. Marshals Fugitive Apprehension Task Force. The United States Marshals Service currently leads 85 localized fugitive task forces. The majority of the task forces are full-time efforts; however, additional task forces are formed on an ad-hoc basis, in response to specific cases. Funding for these task forces is often granted through initiatives such as the High Density Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA), Organized Crime and Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF), and Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN). The arrests made are that of fugitive criminals that pose a significant threat to the safety of the Laredo citizenry.

<u>Warrants Served</u>		2013	2014	2015
Warrants	(# of served warrants by LPD)	1,638	1,483	1,111
<b>Total Warrants Served (Arrests)</b>		<b>1,638</b> <i>(288 LPD Warrants)</i>	<b>1,483</b> <i>(125 LPD Warrants)</i>	<b>1,111</b> <i>(126 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>Years</u>	2013	2014	2015
<i><b>Crime Scenes Processed</b></i>	<b>8,619</b>	<b>9,802</b>	<b>10,691</b>

#### Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS)

AFIS Entries- 172

AFIS Hits- 37

Major Scenes Processed- 34



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### Laredo Police Department Sworn Strength

<u>Personnel</u>		2013	2014	2015
Sworn Personnel	(Authorized Strength)	482	482	482
Sworn Personnel	(# of filled positions)	427	439	460
<i>Total Sworn Personnel</i>		432	439	460

*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 \* 248,142 residents.*

*\*Population based on U.S. Census population stats for 2013.*



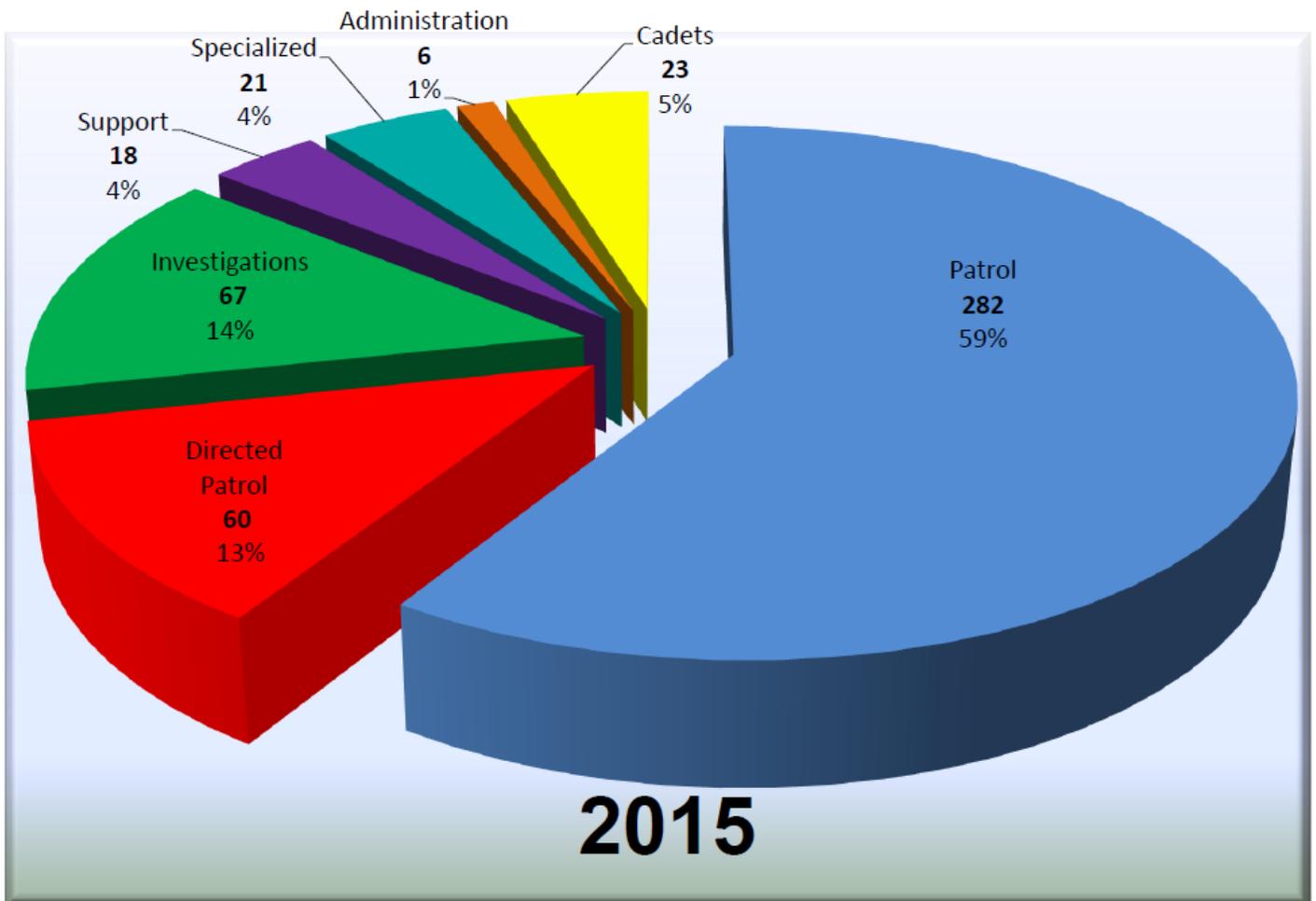
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### Laredo Police Civilian Personnel Strength

<u>Civilian Personnel</u>		2013	2014	2015
Civilian Personnel	(# of budgeted positions)	89	89	74

The Laredo Police Department depends on an essential core of civilian personnel who are assigned in strategic areas of support within the department these areas include; records, dispatch, administrative assistants, clerks, and building maintenance. Civilian staff is essential to our organization and help maintain the functionality and operability of the entire department's sworn



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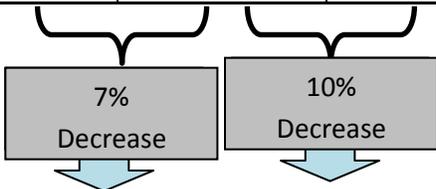
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### Overall Crime Statistics

Citywide		Offenses		
<b>Part I Index Offenses</b> UCR Rules Reported Date of Offense		2013	2014	2015
Murder	(# of victims)	3	15	11
Rape	(# of victims)	75	100	133
Robbery	(# of offenses)	207	196	162
Aggravated Assault	(# of victims)	743	667	669
<b>Total Violent Index Crimes</b>		<b>1,028</b> <i>(1% reduction)</i>	<b>978</b> <i>(5% reduction)</i>	<b>975</b> <i>(0.3% reduction)</i>
Burglary	(# of premises entered)	1,425	1,267	1,040
Theft	(# of offenses)	8,685	8,140	7,286
Auto Theft	(# of vehicles)	373	276	311
<b>Total Property Index Crimes</b>		<b>10,483</b>	<b>9,683</b>	<b>8,637</b>
<b>Part I Index Crimes Overall Totals</b>		<b>11,511</b>	<b>10,661</b>	<b>9,612</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>	2013	2014	2015
Adults	8,301	8,347	8,680
Juveniles	1,012	874	916
<b>Total Arrests</b>	<b>9,313</b>	<b>9,221</b>	<b>9,596</b>





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### Criminal Reports

<u>LPD Criminal Reports</u>	2013	2014	2015
Criminal Reports forwarded to District Attorney	6,408	6,453	6,442
<b>Total Cases</b>	<b>6,966</b>	<b>6,913</b>	<b>6,959</b>

*Cases are forwarded to the District Attorney's Office that handles adult cases and the Webb County Attorney's office that handles juvenile cases. In 2015, 517 cases were forwarded to the Webb County Attorney's Office for prosecution.*



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### Clearances Rates (UCR)

<u>Clearance Rates</u>	2013	2014	2015
<b>Murder</b>	100%	71%	100%
<b>Rape</b>	61%	76%	50%
<b>Robbery</b>	59%	62%	56%
<b>Assaults</b>	86%	77%	72%
<b>Burglary</b>	22%	22%	21%
<b>Thefts</b>	29%	29%	29%

*A clearance rate refers to the number of cases that are solved by a particular law enforcement agency. It is one measure of an agency's skill and efficiency in solving crimes. The clearance rate may be divided up in a number of different ways, including the type of crime being committed, or the seriousness of the crime. Clearance rates are not linked to convictions.*



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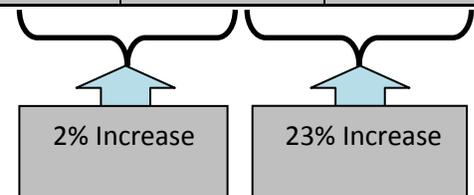


### Emergency Dispatch

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.

### Emergency Dispatch Call Totals

<u>Call Volume</u>	2013	2014	2015
E-911 Calls	178,060	192,258	223,137
Non 911 Calls	246,438	238,616	306,535
<b>Total Calls</b>	<b>424,498</b>	<b>430,874</b>	<b>529,672</b>





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### Laredo Police Records Division

The Laredo Police Department's 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 affords electronic availability of police records.

<u>Records Management</u>		2013	2014	2015
Reports	(# of reports handled)	16,424	16,905	16,656
Online Reports	(# of reports requested on-line)	20,181	18,252	11,965
Revenues		\$196,684.48	\$212,557	\$186,434
<b>Total Revenues</b>		<b>\$196,684.48</b>	<b>\$212,557</b>	<b>\$186,434</b>



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### Bomb Squad Activities

<b>Bomb Threats</b>	<b>2015</b>
Bomb Threat Calls	4
Bomb Squad Call Outs	12
Bomb Squad Explosives Trainings	5

### Alcohol Tobacco Firearms Task Force

The Laredo Police Department undertook a new initiative in 2011 that carried over its impact through 2012. The initiative involved partnering with a Federal Agency, the Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and Explosives (ATF). This endeavor evolved into the creation of a task force that partnered the Laredo area ATF and four members of the Laredo PD Bomb Squad. The initiative involved each agency supporting the other in incidents and investigations involving explosives. Furthermore, the task force conducted proactive as well as follow-up investigations involving weapon violations; especially those cases with ties to prison gangs, felons or Mexican drug cartels. One of the partnership's strengths is its flexibility to leverage state and/or federal resources and prosecutions.



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### ATF CONTINUED...

The initiative has proven productive through prosecutions and convictions that make an impact on the local crime scene. The task force handles those cases that involve weapons, are high profile, involve felons, involve violence and involve prison gangs. Below is a summary of the cases handled by the ATF task force:

2013	2014	2015
<b>58 Cases</b>	<b>60 Cases</b>	<b>68 Cases</b>
<b>10 Convictions (10 Fed Cases)</b> <b>9 cases pending Prosecution (Fed-6, State 3)</b>	<b>23- Felon in Possession of Firearm</b> <b>3- Firearms Smuggling</b> <b>1- Possession of Stolen Weapons (1 state prosecution/ 1 federal prosecution)</b>	<b>15 Convictions (federal)</b> <b>19 pending prosecutions- (13 Federal, 6 State)</b>

The positive impact is derived from the conviction and therefore reduction of the number of repeat offenders in our community who have historically shown a propensity for committing crimes through violence and use of deadly weapons.