

2016 Annual Safety Report

“TO KNOW EVEN ONE LIFE HAS BREATHED EASIER
BECAUSE YOU HAVE LIVED. THIS IS TO HAVE SUCCEEDED.”

–RALPH WALDO EMERSON

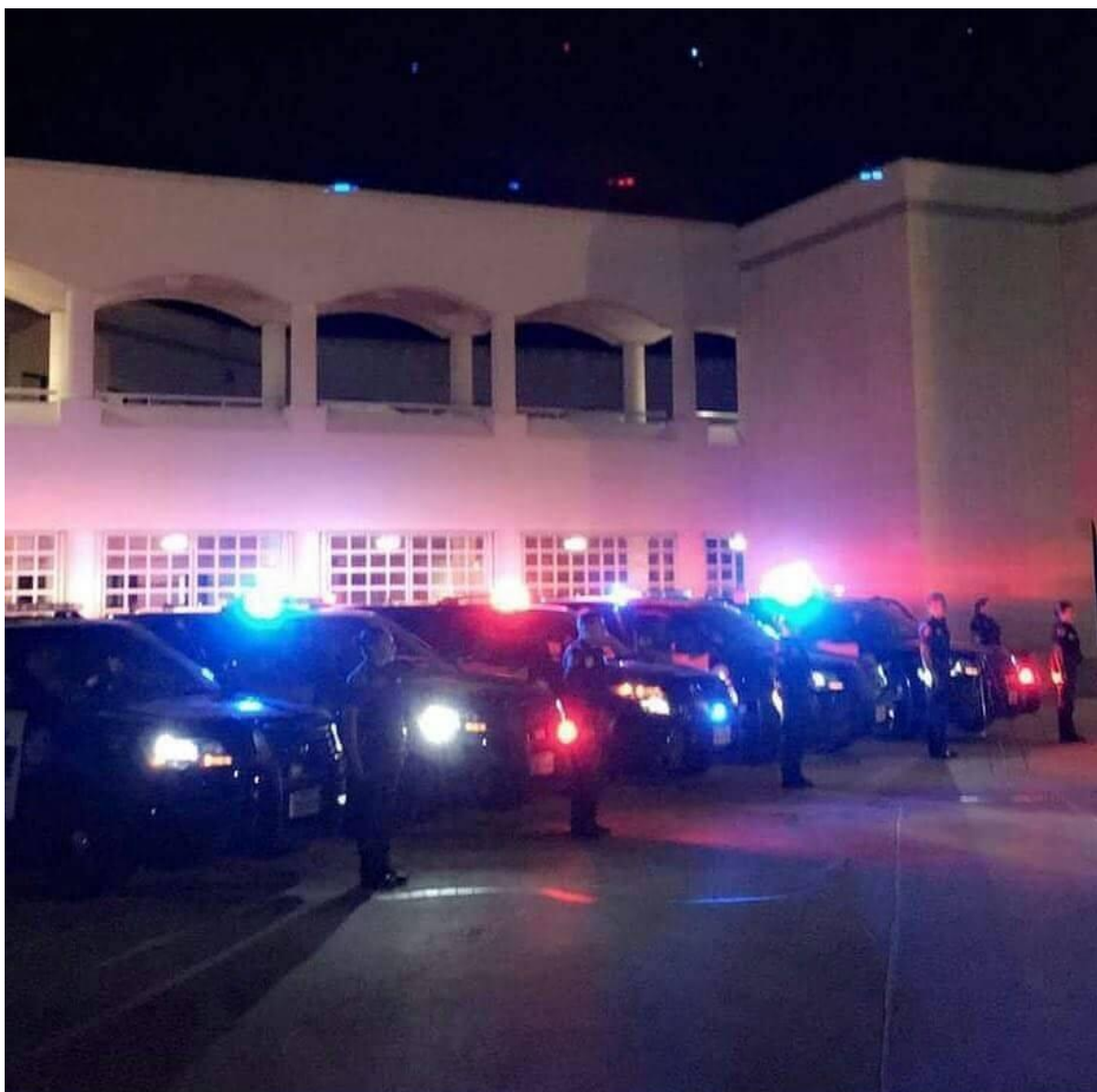




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Message from the Chief



“2016 was an extremely challenging year for all law enforcement agencies throughout the United States. Not in recent memory has there been such a violent tendency toward police officers being killed in the line of duty. Several times throughout the year I have sent officers to neighboring cities like Dallas, and San Antonio, Texas to represent our agency during funeral processions for officers killed in the line of duty. Very simply officers were being executed for putting on that uniform. The Laredo Police Department held many candle light vigils and our citizens were here with us. Like the many acts of violence throughout the world, it has united us with our community.

Our commitment is solid. “To serve and protect”. The logo on every patrol car says it and our sworn personnel deliver and live by this creed. From the most casual person to person contacts to the life saving deeds our officers perform everyday is what makes me proud to be the Chief of this great Police Department.

The Laredo Police Department is your hardest working tax dollar in my humble opinion. The statistics in this report more than support this claim. With crime reductions for the 8th year in a row showing the downward crime trends these officers have worked so hard and sacrificed so much to achieve. There is much left to accomplish making sure crime does not acclimate and flourish in our city. The goal is just not ours to achieve but includes incorporating our biggest asset against crime yet. That asset is you, our citizens.

The Laredo Police Department depends on our community to help us by becoming involved by reporting crimes as they happen, report suspicious activities like drug and human smuggling, learning how to safe guard oneself by





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doing minimal proactive defenses to becoming a victim of crime. The average crime can be greatly diminished and prevented by simply eliminating the opportunity. Things like locking your doors and securing your property by not leaving them in vehicles would simply take crime reduction to a whole new level. As Police and Community continue working as one, and opening dialogues of communication and understanding, we will be one of the safest communities in the State if not the entire country. The officers are making serious strides in enforcement techniques and tactics that include more collaboration with our Federal, State and other local law enforcement agencies. The Laredo PD has also significantly increased dialogues and efforts with our Webb County District Attorney's Office by strategically improving our cases with guidance from the prosecution's office we are having more successful cases won in the courtroom.



Finally we continue to facilitate the ease and options in communication with you the community. Our Facebook page subscribers are increasing every year for the latest and up to the minute confirmed communications and posts. Our website

at www.laredopd.com has also set up new ways in which you can report a crime in your neighborhood or commend an officer's actions so that we know how our officers are fulfilling our expectations of them out in the streets with you. On the horizon a new app coming soon so you can download it right on your phone and be in the know with the latest news and crime videos you can watch and submit any information you may have, right from the same application. In conclusion the reductions in crime are a credit to the men and women of this department, the collaborations with other agencies and ultimately our involvement and education of our biggest asset which is the Laredo Citizen. You are our eyes and ears on the streets giving us information about crime and taking proactive steps toward crime victimization prevention. Together the crime will continue to diminish and Laredo, Texas will flourish under a protective wall of vigilance and a developing a spirit of helping one another. You inspire us to be better and we thank you for your continued support of the men and women in blue.

Sincerely and Respectfully,

Raymond E. Garner, Laredo Police Chief



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At a glance- Laredo Police Department

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

Crimes Against Persons

Crime Type	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Change +/- % 2009 - 2016
Homicide	19	10	12	10	3	14	11	12 (9%)	-36%
Agg Sexual Offense	77	78	76	81	75	100	133	148 (11%)	92%
Robbery	291	211	225	182	207	196	162	160 (-1%)	-45%
Agg Assault	803	892	817	764	743	667	669	620 (-7%)	-23%
Simple Assault	4731	4261	3982	3963	4012	3444	3215	2,888 (-10%)	-39%
Totals	5921	5452	5112	5000	5040	4421	4190	3,828 (-9%)	-35%



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Crimes Against Property

Crime Type	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Change +/- % 2009 - 2016
Burglary (w/force)	1532	1294	1285	1201	953	803	644	605 (-6%)	-60%
Burglary (no force)	483	428	426	431	392	409	344	364 (6%)	-25%
Theft	10088	8646	8104	8246	8685	8140	7286	6,646 (-9%)	-34%
Motor-Vehicle Theft	1482	903	486	381	373	276	311	229 (-26%)	-84%
Vandalism	2647	2368	2259	2406	2046	1787	1694	1,554 (-8%)	-41%
Totals	16232	13639	12560	12665	12,449	11415	10279	9,398 (-8%)	-42%

Persons Arrested

Year	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Change +/- % 2009 - 2016
# of Persons	7575	6483	6635	8629	9313	9221	9596	8,328 (-13%)	10%



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- Population census; 2009 = 232,078 // **2016 = 260,401 (12.2% increase)**
- Criminal offenses noted above were selected as the ones that the public and media track on a regular basis.
- Source: Laredo Police Department Uniform Crime Reports

- 2,093 fewer violent offenses and 6,834 less property crimes = **8,927** offenses that did not take place in 2016 compared to 2009 with an **overall reduction of 40%**.

“Success is not measured by the number of arrests, but by the absence of crime”-Sir Robert Peel.

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.



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Community Relations Unit Activities

<u>Community Relations Unit</u>		2016
Citizens reached	(Blue Santa, Career Days, etc.)	4690

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>	2014	2015	2016
Number of Stolen Vehicles	276	311	229

-26%
Decrease

Auto Theft Recoveries	2014	2015	2016
Stolen Car Recoveries	234	140	176

Auto Theft Arrests	2014	2015	2016
Criminal Arrests (made by Task Force only)	258	361	306

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	2014	2015	2016
Cases Assigned	2001	1870	1673
Murders	15	11	12
Robberies	150	162	160
Cleared Cases	1153	1109	878
Unfounded	172	111	215
Arrests	204	324	377

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

Crimes Against Property (CAPROS)

Case Index Totals	2014	2015	2016
Cases Assigned	4768	4162	3846
Exceptionally Cleared Cases	502	451	410
Recovered Property	\$1,543,877	\$1,516,101	\$1,777,350
Arrests	414	583	371

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	2014	2015	2016
Cases Assigned	1027	1149	1094
Felonies	568	114	84
Misdemeanors	568	456	409
Status Offender	120	476	464
Missing Persons	123	139	138
Arrests	129	168	197

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	2014	2015	2016
Cases Assigned	2826	2888	2698
Felonies	1429	1418	733
Misdemeanors	2282	1445	1924
Warrants	137	409	372
Arrests	432	409	366
Sex Offender Registrations	557	644	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	2014	2015	2016
Cases Assigned	223	156	140
Marijuana (lbs)	5,518	9,940	21,427
Cocaine (grams)	19,681 gr.	5,973 gr.	1,952 gr.
Heroin (grams)	1,051 gr.	869gr.	30 gr.
Weapons Seized	34	15	13
Currency Seized	\$227,383	\$45,864	\$41,082
Arrests	240	161	76

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>	2014	2015	2016
Arrests	6,810	8,293	8,365
Case Reports	25,006	28,911	29,121
Accident Investigations	10,249	11,839	11,929
Self Initiated Field Contacts	24,844	27,677	26,616
Parking Citations	3,233	3,852	3,852
Total Patrol Activities	70,142	80,572	79,883

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>	2015	2016
Arrests	307	307
Special Details	96	96
Citations	916	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>	2015	2016
<i>Total Citations Issued</i>	29,259	25,800



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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.

2016 Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS)

AFIS Entries- 146

AFIS Hits- 35

Major Scenes Processed- 34

Automated fingerprint identification system is the process of automatically matching one or many unknown fingerprints against a database of known and unknown prints. Automated fingerprint identification systems are primarily used by law enforcement agencies for criminal identification initiatives, the most important of which include identifying a person suspected of committing a crime or linking a suspect to other unsolved crimes.



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Laredo Police Department Sworn Strength

<u>Personnel</u>		2014	2015	2016
Sworn Personnel	(Authorized Strength)	482	482	482
Sworn Personnel	(# of filled positions)	439	460	468
<i>Total Sworn Personnel</i>		439	460	468

*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 * 250,384 residents.*

**Population based on U.S. Census population stats for 2014.*



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Laredo Police Civilian Personnel Strength

<u>Civilian Personnel</u>		2014	2015	2016
Civilian Personnel	(# of budgeted positions)	89	74	75

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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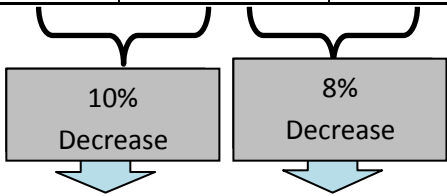
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Overall Crime Statistics

Citywide		Offenses		
Part I Index Offenses UCR Rules Reported Date of Offense		2014	2015	2016
Murder	(# of victims)	15	11	12
Rape	(# of victims)	100	133	148
Robbery	(# of offenses)	196	162	160
Aggravated Assault	(# of victims)	667	669	620
Total Violent Index Crimes		978 <i>(5% reduction)</i>	975 <i>(0.3% reduction)</i>	940 <i>(4% reduction)</i>
Burglary	(# of premises entered)	1,267	1,040	1,015
Theft	(# of offenses)	8,140	7,286	6,646
Auto Theft	(# of vehicles)	276	311	229
Total Property Index Crimes		9,683	8,637	7,890
Part I Index Crimes Overall Totals		10,661	9,612	8,830

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>	2014	2015	2016
Adults	8,347	8,680	7,500
Juveniles	874	916	828
Total Arrests	9,221	9,596	8,328





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Criminal Reports

<u>LPD Criminal Reports</u>	2014	2015	2016
Criminal Reports forwarded to District Attorney	6,453	6,442	7,451
*Criminal Reports forwarded to District Attorney	460	517	446
Total Cases	6,913	6,959	7,897

**The Webb County Attorney's office handles all juvenile cases.*



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Clearances Rates (UCR)

<u>Clearance Rates</u>	2014	2015	2016
Murder	71%	100%	75%
Rape	76%	50%	51%
Robbery	62%	56%	65%
Assaults	77%	72%	63%
Burglary	22%	21%	23%
Thefts	29%	29%	27%



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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>	2014	2015	2016
E-911 Calls	192,258	223,137	214,808
Non 911 Calls	238,616	306,535	222,363
Total Calls	430,874	529,672	437,171

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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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>		2014	2015	2016
Reports	(# of reports handled)	16,905	16,656	17,084
Online Reports	(# of reports requested on-line)	18,252	11,965	5,410
Revenues		\$212,557	\$186,434	\$160,521
Total Revenues		\$212,557	\$186,434	\$160,521