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Message from the Chief

“As Chief of Police you’re faced with a long list of goals and priorities every year. Primarily one is tasked with the awesome responsibility of enabling the necessary growth and enhancement of an entire department with the primary mission of making the city safe and, more challenging, making the citizenry feel safe. We are happy to announce that 2017 was indeed a vast reduction of crime rates in all categories. This is directly the result of the hard work and dedication of the men and woman assigned to the various divisions of the Laredo Police Department. From the patrol officer canvassing the streets and neighborhoods of the city to the detectives following up leads in an investigation, everyone is doing all they can to ensure the safety of the city. Now how to make our citizens feel safe?

In the next few months my staff and I will be spear heading a whole new era of the Laredo Police Department, both in the exploration of new policing techniques and the enhancing of our technology capabilities using modern state of art equipment. New divisions will be created and all aspects of the Laredo Police Department will be revisited to ensure that every possible, attainable, best approach is considered and incorporated at Laredo PD for maximum delivery of optimum safety and service to our citizens.

The Laredo Police Department will greatly expand on programs such as the Crime Victims Coordinator’s Office. The Crime Victim Coordinator is LPD’s newest hire and has been working diligently, networking with various organizations throughout the community in order to reach as many people in our community more than ever before.



What is the Crime Victims’ Compensation (CVC) Program? The CVC Program may provide financial assistance to victims of violent crime for related expenses that cannot be reimbursed by insurance or other sources. The Program is administered by the Office of the Attorney General and is committed to assisting victims and claimants who qualify. The information provided is meant to be generally informative, and the statutory requirements of the Texas Crime Victims ‘ Compensation Act (Texas Code of Criminal Procedure, Chapter 56) and the rules set forth in Title 1 of the Texas Administrative Code, Part 3, Chapter 61, govern the Program. Money in the Victims of Crime Compensation Fund comes from fees paid by those convicted of a crime.



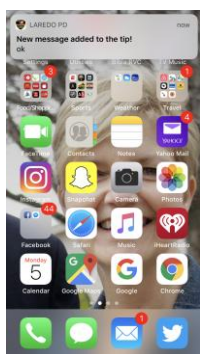
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More than this we wanted to make our Crime Victims Coordinator an advocate for those who need our assistance the most, the victims who cannot help themselves. Our coordinator has been enabled by the Chief's Office to act as a guide and advocate who will navigate through, the confusing at times, channels of resources available through local, state and federal services. Our coordinator will also be very visible in our community acting as our official representative in all matters of victim's advocacy.

An important topic of technology and trust between the community and LPD is the implantation of Police Body Cams. This new technology was very carefully examined, tested and selected over years to best fit the needs of the department, the officers and our community, not only today but in the years to come. The need for accountability, transparency and trust is first and foremost in delivering the peace of mind and safety that our officers are the most trust worthy and noble compared to any law enforcement agency in the world, which you have my very personal guarantee on. By giving these tools to our officers they also can be at ease that any dangerous situation they encounter will be accurately documented so that any jury, review board will be in the officers shoes during his daily encounters giving an unbiased account of what actually happened.



The Laredo Police Department will also deliver more community outreach with citizens, most importantly, in real time. With the already engaged viewership on our popular social media sites such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Text a tip 411, we will launch our first ever phone application. The delivery of important news and vetted, confirmed information is one of our top priorities in 2018, and with our rapid expansion of our social media pages and new LPD phone application, any citizen will have the real time notification it requires from our police department right at their finger tips.

Another project in the works for Laredo PD is our Real Time Crime Center. The Real Time Crime Center (RTCC) is a centralized technology center with its primary purpose to give field officers and detectives instant information to help identify patterns and stop emerging crime from happening. The Crime Center employs satellite imaging and mapping of the city, police beat-by-police beat. The capacity of the RTCC can track suspects to their known addresses and point detectives to the locations where they are most likely to flee. The multifaceted



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use of such technology will create police resource multipliers and render an effective response to an expansive area to disrupt, dismantle and deter criminal activity throughout our city. We are working diligently to set this new technology in motion with prudent regard to our tax payers and find savings and funding to make this attainable concept a reality.

In conclusion I hope this is one of many future opportunities of communicating with you, so that we can establish a long, effective rapport of inclusion and collaboration to work closer together to make Laredo as safe as it can be. The Laredo Police is working harder than ever to establish better, effective means of communication between citizenry and police department. The Laredo PD is also about to embark on a new collaboration with Texas A&M International University to have vital analytical data that will help bridge the gap between our law enforcement agency and your concerns and needs as citizens of this great city. We also want to have more interaction and face to face opportunities to know each of you and simply chat over a cup of coffee. Our “coffee with cop” initiatives have been a great success with positive feedback and LPD plans to host more of these events this year. My officers and I have plenty of work to do. We have to serve and protect you and your families and, most importantly, never lose sight of being approachable and open minded to new ideas and approaches for the betterment of the city we love to work for. Our goal is to live the mantra which says “The Laredo Police Department, the Police Department you deserve.”



Sincerely and Respectfully,

Claudio Treviño Jr., Laredo Police Chief



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At a glance- Laredo Police Department

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

Crimes Against Persons

Crime Type	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Change +/- % 2009 - 2017
Homicide	19	10	12	10	3	14	11	12	12	-36%
Sexual Offense	77	78	76	81	75	100	133	148	114 (-23%)	+48%
Robbery	291	211	225	182	207	196	162	160	154 (-4%)	-47%
Agg Assault	803	892	817	764	743	667	669	620	561 (-10%)	-30%
Simple Assault	4731	4261	3982	3963	4012	3444	3215	2,888	2,450 (-15%)	-48%
Totals	5921	5452	5112	5000	5040	4421	4190	3,828	3,281	-45%



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Crimes Against Property

Crime Type	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Change +/- % 2009 - 2017
Burglary (w/force)	1532	1294	1285	1201	953	803	644	605	558 (-8%)	-63%
Burglary (no force)	483	428	426	431	392	409	344	364	285 (-22%)	-40%
Theft	10088	8646	8104	8246	8685	8140	7286	6,646	5,430 (-18)	-46%
Vehicle Theft	1482	903	486	381	373	276	311	229	170 (-26%)	-88%
Vandalism	2647	2368	2259	2406	2046	1787	1694	1,554	1,271 (-18%)	-52%
Totals	16232	13639	12560	12665	12,449	11415	10279	9,398	7,714	-52%

Persons Arrested

Year	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Change +/- % 2009 - 2017
# of Persons	7575	6483	6635	8629	9313	9221	9596	8,328	6,850 (-18%)	+9%



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Community Relations Unit Activities

<u>Community Relations Unit</u>		2017
Community Events	(Blue Santa, Career Days, etc.)	260



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>	2015	2016	2017
Number of Stolen Vehicles	311	229	170

-26%
Decrease

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Auto Theft Recoveries	2015	2016	2017
Stolen Car Recoveries	140	176	75

Auto Theft Arrests	2015	2016	2017
Criminal Arrests <small>(made by Task Force only)</small>	361	306	288

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	2015	2016	2017
Cases Assigned	1870	1673	1526
Murders	11	12	12
Robberies	162	160	154
Cleared Cases	1109	878	751
Unfounded	111	215	102
Arrests	324	388	356

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

Crimes Against Property (CAPROS)

Case Index Totals	2015	2016	2017
Cases Assigned	4162	3846	3588
Exceptionally Cleared Cases	451	410	517
Recovered Property	\$1,516,101	\$1,777,350	\$1,057,599
Arrests	583	371	546

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	2015	2016	2017
Cases Assigned	1149	1094	995
Felonies	114	84	82
Misdemeanors	456	409	383
Status Offender	476	464	385
Missing Persons	139	138	149
Arrests	168	197	121

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	2015	2016	2017
Cases Assigned	2888	2698	2,210
Felonies	1418	733	722
Misdemeanors	1445	1924	1,290
Warrants	409	372	394
Arrests	409	366	394
Sex Offender Registrations	644	644	500

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	2015	2016	2017
Cases Assigned	156	140	183
Marijuana (lbs)	9,940	21,427	4,322
Cocaine (grams)	5,973 gr.	1,952 gr.	5,683
Heroin (grams)	869gr.	30 gr.	276 gr.
Weapons Seized	15	13	35
Currency Seized	\$45,864	\$41,082	\$152,962
Arrests	161	76	127

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





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Patrol Division (Uniformed Police Services)

<u>Patrol Activities</u>	2015	2016	2017
Arrests	8,293	8,365	5,986
Case Reports	28,911	29,121	26,797
Accident Investigations	11,839	11,929	10,316
Self Initiated Field Contacts	27,677	26,616	41,271
Parking Citations	3,852	3,852	2,968
Total Patrol Activities	80,572	79,883	87,338



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



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Traffic Enforcement



<u>Citations issued by all LPD officers</u>	2016	2017
<i>Total Citations Issued</i>	25,800	31,635

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.



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Laredo Police Department Sworn Strength

<u>Personnel</u>		2015	2016	2017
Sworn Personnel	(Authorized Strength)	482	482	514
Sworn Personnel	(# of filled positions)	460	468	464
<i>Total Sworn Personnel</i>		460	468	464



*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>		2015	2016	2017
Civilian Personnel	(# of budgeted positions)	74	75	76

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 personnel.





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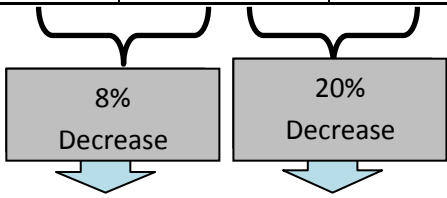
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Overall Crime Statistics

Citywide		Offenses		
Part I Index Offenses UCR Rules Reported Date of Offense		2015	2016	2017
Murder	(# of victims)	11	12	12
Rape	(# of victims)	133	148	114
Robbery	(# of offenses)	162	160	154
Aggravated Assault	(# of victims)	669	620	561
Total Violent Index Crimes		975 <i>(0.3% reduction)</i>	940 <i>(4% reduction)</i>	841 <i>(11% Reduction)</i>
Burglary	(# of premises entered)	1,040	1,015	874
Theft	(# of offenses)	7,286	6,646	5,430
Auto Theft	(# of vehicles)	311	229	170
Total Property Index Crimes		8,637	7,890	6,474
Part I Index Crimes Overall Totals		9,612	8,830	7,035

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>	2015	2016	2017
Adults	8,680	7,500	6,198
Juveniles	916	828	652
Total Arrests	9,596	8,328	6,850





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Criminal Reports

<u>LPD Criminal Reports</u>	2015	2016	2017
Criminal Reports forwarded to District Attorney	6,442	7,451	4,105
*Criminal Reports forwarded to District Attorney	517	446	335
Total Cases	6,959	7,897	4,440

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





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Clearances Rates (UCR)

<u>Clearance Rates</u>	2015	2016	2017
Murder	100%	75%	83%
Rape	50%	51%	53%
Robbery	56%	65%	45%
Assaults	72%	63%	75%
Burglary	21%	23%	28%
Thefts	29%	27%	25%

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 Call Totals

<u>Call Volume</u>	2015	2016	2017
E-911 Calls	223,137	214,808	162,544
Non 911 Calls	306,535	222,363	209,822
Total Calls	529,672	437,171	372,366

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.





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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>		2015	2016	2017
Reports	(# of reports handled)	16,656	17,084	15,829
Online Reports	(# of reports requested on-line)	11,965	5,410	4,865
Revenues		\$186,434	\$160,521	\$129,084
Total Revenues		\$186,434	\$160,521	\$129,084

