

# ANNUAL REPORT



**2017**

**Chief Wayne Bromwell**



## MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

On behalf of the men and women of the Cambridge Police Department, I am pleased to present the 2017 Cambridge Police Department Annual Report. It is my hope that this Report provides the reader with accurate information regarding overall crime statistics and can serve as a resource tool for years to come.

The Cambridge Police Department was a Department that was in motion at the highest rank in 2017, with the resignation of Chief Daniel Dvorak in April and the appointment of Major Mark Lewis to Acting Chief of Police. Acting Chief Lewis retired after 30 years of service at the end of November, 2017. I was fortunate enough to be appointed by the Mayor and Council as Interim Chief of Police in December 2017, until a new Chief is named.

The Police Department focused on a strong Community Policing programs in 2017 with continuing efforts in areas such as D.A.R.E., the Citizen's Police Academy, Shop with a Cop, and numerous contacts with our City's youth and senior citizens. A new program, the Cambridge Police Department Explorer program, was offered and provides a positive influence for young people interested in a career in law enforcement. An emphasis was placed in the downtown shopping district for a more visible police presence, and this was enhanced by the placement of a uniformed foot patrolman permanently patrolling businesses and parking areas. Often the officer could be seen interacting with the public and business owners while on patrol, thus supporting the downtown and deterring crime.

In an effort to curtail open air drug trafficking in area neighborhoods, the Cambridge Police Department's Criminal Investigation Division conducted a large scale undercover drug operation utilizing a Cambridge Police Officer posing as a drug buyer. This program was assisted by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF), and the Dorchester County Narcotics Task Force. To date, twenty-six arrests have been made for drug distribution and related charges. Operations such as this not only helps the community by removing drug sellers



from the area, but makes the streets safer for all residents who have to encounter this activity on a daily basis.

During the preparation of this Annual Report, two items of note were recognized and were worthy of highlighting:

1) During the 2017 year in review, Cambridge Police Officers drew their Taser weapon in critical incident situations fifteen times and deployed the cartridge nine times. In each instance the suspect either complied with the Officer's demands or submitted after the Taser was deployed. This is noted because the Taser is the last weapon in the force continuum the Officer has before the firearm is drawn and may be used against a suspect. It clearly shows restraint and proper training which is vital to policing today.

2) As we all know, the opioid crisis has become a national epidemic due to the number of deaths and related factors involved. Cambridge Police officers have been trained in the administration of Naloxone or "Narcan" as many area law enforcement agencies have, and officers carry the opioid reversing first aid equipment with them on patrol. In 2017, the Cambridge Police Department responded to 32 opioid overdoses, 10 of which proved to be fatal. In the remaining 22 non-fatal cases, officers administered "Narcan" 15 times where they determined the overdose victim to be in a critical state. In these cases, the victim was revived by our officers and turned over to Emergency Medical Services personnel or the victim refused treatment.

I find it noteworthy to recognize to the Cambridge Police Department's Criminal Investigation Division for their exemplary work performance in 2017. The Division is comprised of a Sergeant, Corporal, and five Detectives, two who are assigned to drug investigation units. In 2017, 474 cases were assigned to the Division for further investigation and of those cases 368 were closed by arrest or other means determined by the FBI's Uniformed Crime Reporting



System. This places the Division with a closure rate of 76 %, which is extremely high considering the national average is 47% for Part 1 crimes.

This report would not be complete without expressing my sincere gratitude for the hard work and daily effort put forth by the men and women of the Cambridge Police Department. Many times their duty puts them in harm's way and hopefully they are recognized and awarded for the job they do, but often it's the small things the officers do such as provide safety to a family during a crisis event or provide a 3:00 a.m. business security patrol that goes unseen and is part of their regular work twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. For this work I am truly grateful both as Chief of Police and a citizen of Cambridge.

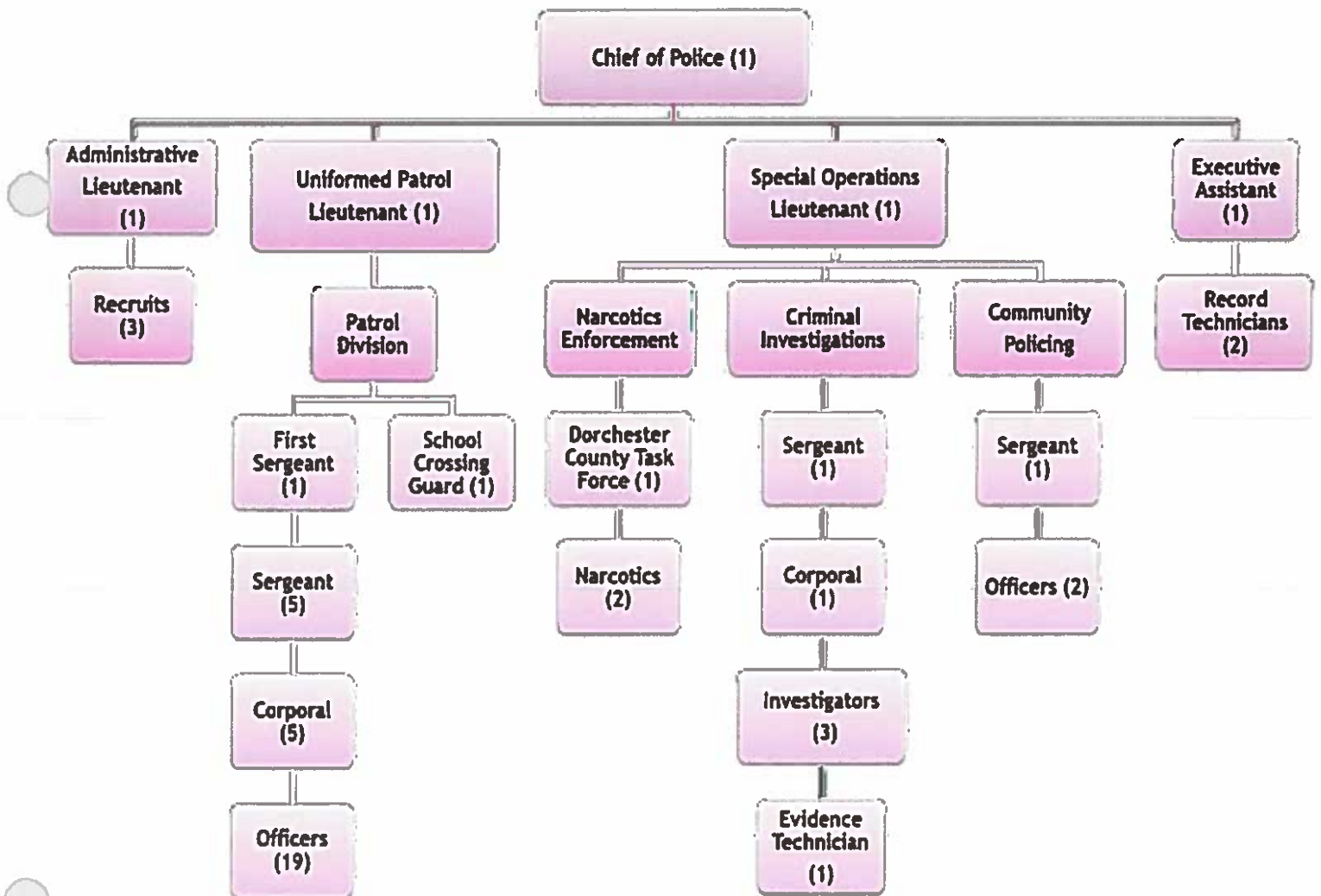




## MISSION STATEMENT

The Cambridge Police Department is committed to excellence in law enforcement and is dedicated to the people, traditions and diversity of our City. In order to protect life and property, prevent crime, reduce the fear of crime, and improve the quality of life, we will build and strengthen community partnerships to provide service with understanding, response with compassion, performance with integrity and law enforcement with vision.

## CAMBRIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



## **ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

### **Crime Control**

In 2017 the Cambridge Police Department realized a very large reduction in crimes against person in areas of murder, rape, and robbery. As mentioned previously Officers from the Criminal Investigation Division also realized a large increase in the number of cases solved or closed well above the national average for similar cases as such. Increases were noted in areas of burglary and theft, and those increases appear to be the result of small "Crime Sprees" where one or two individuals would enter homes or cars and steal property over a short period of time causing spikes in overall crime. Thankfully these people were arrested in most cases, and in one particular theft spree two subjects were arrested and charged for entering and stealing property from 33 vehicles.

### **Special Events**

In 2017, the Cambridge Police Department developed or participated in the following special events:

Graduated nine students from our third Citizen's Police Academy.

Swore in four new Cambridge Police Officers and continue recruiting to build the Department.

The Cambridge Police Honor Guard represented our City for:

- Four Officers killed in the line of duty
- Dorchester County Relay for Life Opening
- Ironman Maryland Opening Ceremony
- Local Memorial Day Services
- Concerns of Police Survivors opening Ceremony and Memorial Service
- Cambridge and Hurlock Christmas Parades
- Maryland Special Olympics in Baltimore, Md.
- Fallen Officer Memorial Ceremony in Denton, Md.

Recognized Department employees for achieving milestones in years of service:

- Chief Mark Lewis (30 years)
- Lt. Louis Nichols (20 years)
- Lt. Justin Todd (15 years)
- Cpl. Gregory McCray (15 years)

Pfc. Donald Johnson Jr. was selected as the Cambridge Police Officer of the Year.

The Department held Cultural Diversity and Sensitivity Training for all employees.  
Provided traffic control and security for both the Ironman and Eagleman Triathlons.

## **Community Policing**

The Community Policing Unit is comprised of a Sergeant and two Officers who oversee Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE), multiple Neighborhood Watch Groups, and various community service presentations and programs. They also assisted with:

Transported 40 children to Easton for the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Basketball Tournament.

Participated in the National Night Out event by organizing Cambridge's event at the county pool.

Assisted at the Bradford House food bank event and helped distribute over 6,000 pounds of food to senior citizens.

Began the first Cambridge Police Explorer Cadet program with five Explorer Cadets.

Organized and participated the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Cops on Roof Tops fund raising event at Dunkin Doughnuts for Special Olympics.

Organized both the Truck or Treat Halloween program and Shop with a Cop for Christmas.

Participated with Wal-Mart to provide and deliver 20 Thanksgiving dinners to families with each dinner providing food for 7 to 10 people.

Continued multiple visits to Pleasant Day, Mallard Bay, and the Bradford House to interact with senior citizens.



**2017 PART 1 CRIMES**

**MURDER – 0**

**RAPE – 3**

**ROBBERY – 27**

**AGGREVATED ASSAULT – 132**

**BURGLARY – 199**

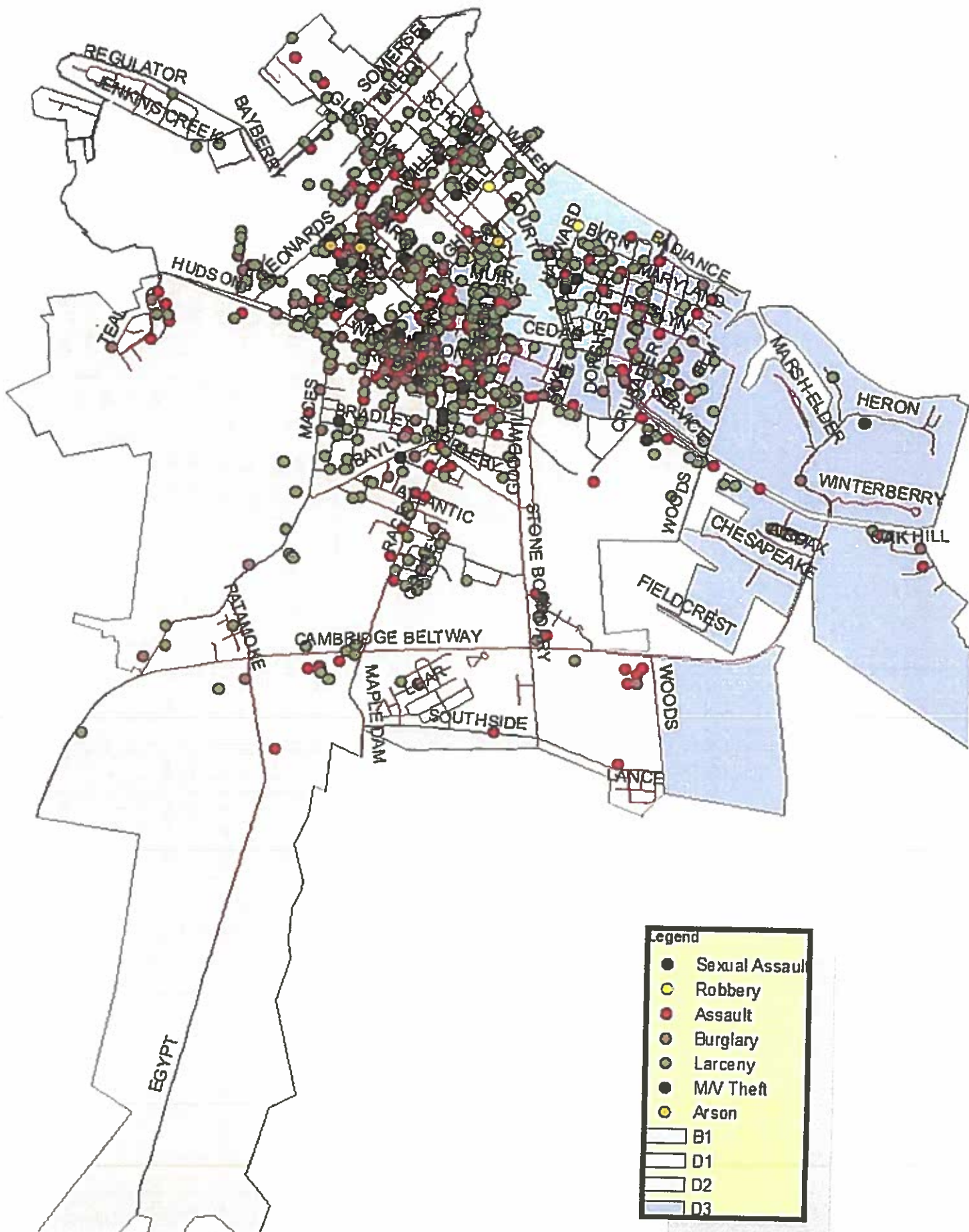
**THEFT – 628**

**MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT – 29**

**TOTAL PART ONE CRIMES - 1018**



# 2017 City Wide Part I Crimes

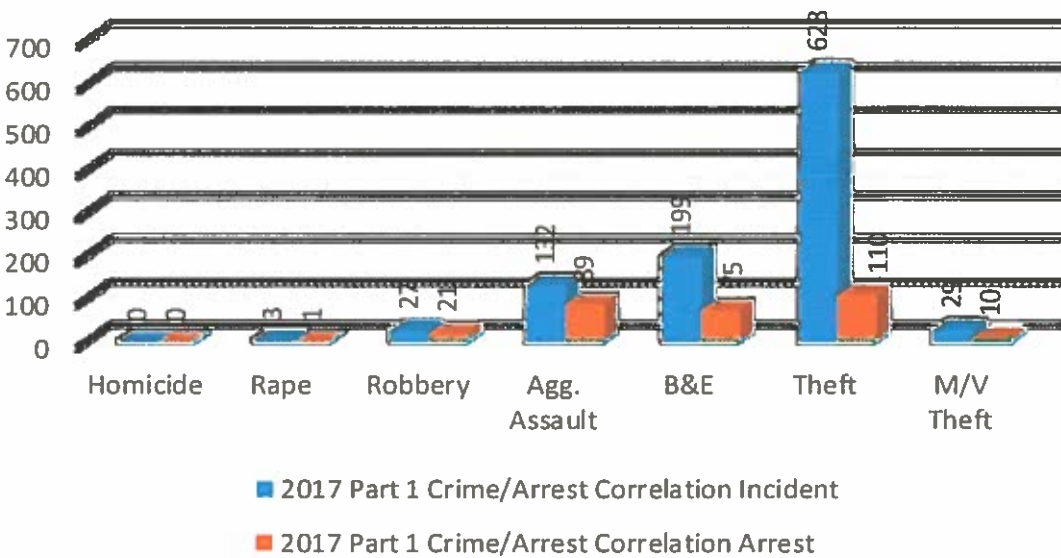




## PART 1 CRIME/ARREST CORRELATION

2017 Part 1 Crime/Arrest Correlation			
	Incident	Arrest	%
Homicide	0	0	
Rape	3	1	33.3%
Robbery	27	21	77.8%
Agg. Assault	132	89	67.4%
B&E	199	75	37.7%
Theft	628	110	17.5%
M/V Theft	29	10	34.5%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1018</b>	<b>306</b>	<b>30.1%</b>

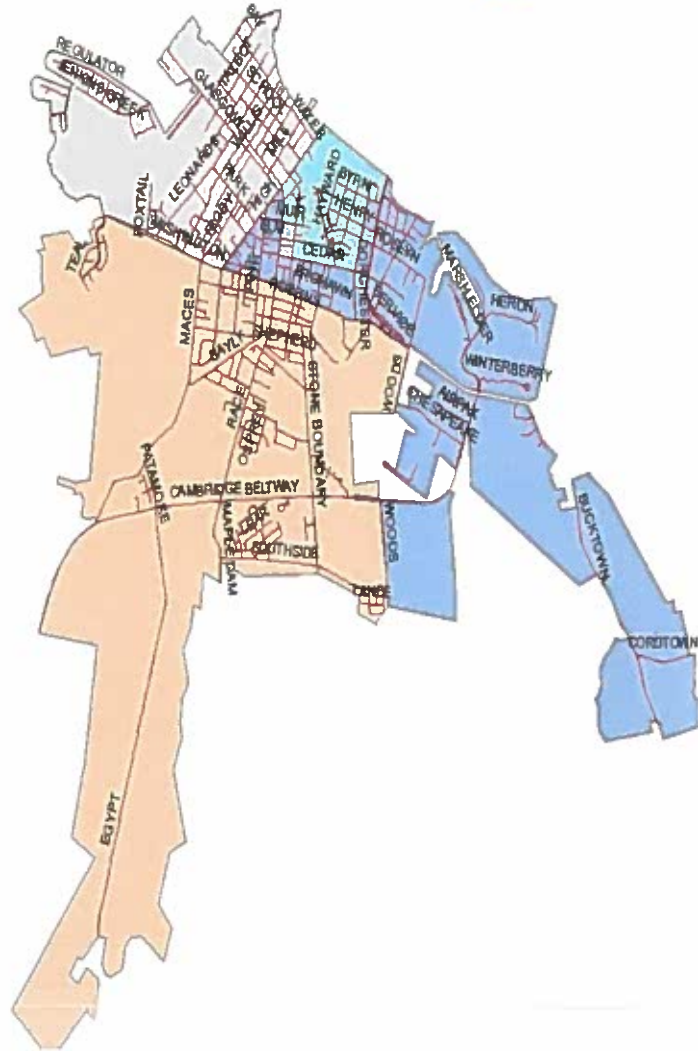
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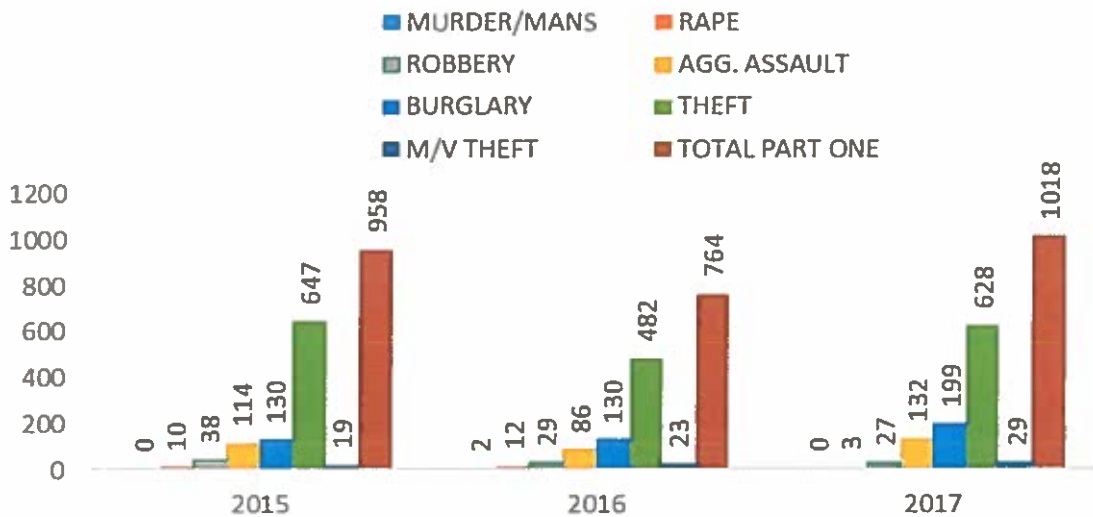


## PART 1 CRIME – CITY WIDE

PART 1 CRIME	3 YEAR COMPARISON			2016/2017 CHANGE
	2015	2016	2017	
MURDER/MANS	0	2	0	-200%
RAPE	10	12	3	-300%
ROBBERY	38	29	27	-7%
AGG. ASSAULT	114	86	132	35%
BURGLARY	130	130	199	35%
THEFT	647	482	628	23%
M/V THEFT	19	23	29	21%
<b>TOTAL PART ONE</b>	<b>958</b>	<b>764</b>	<b>1018</b>	<b>25%</b>



## PART 1 CRIMES

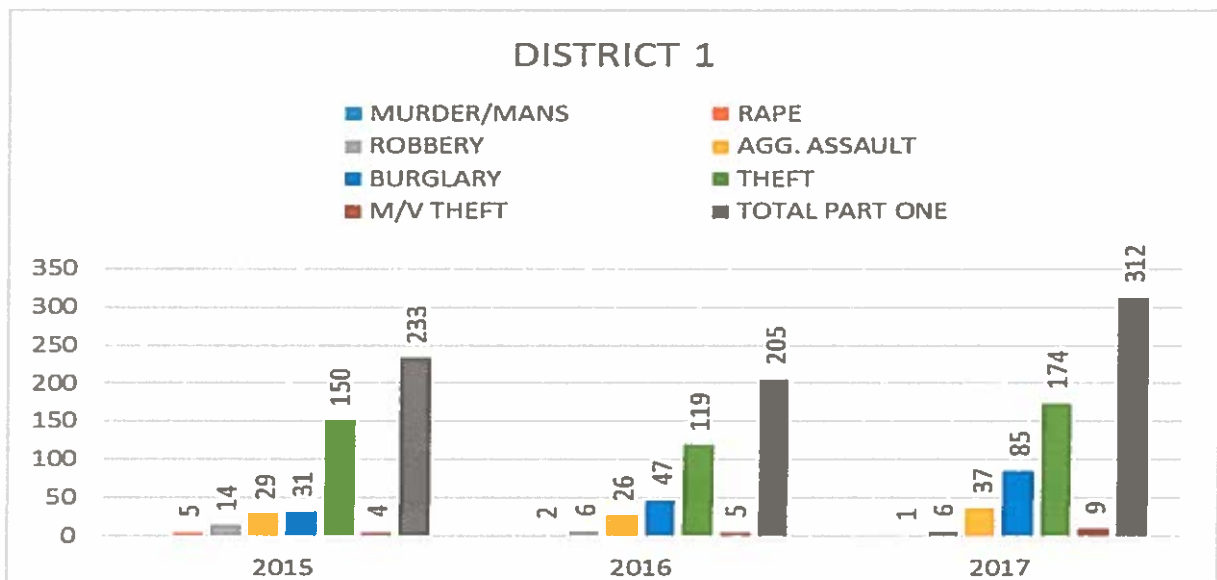
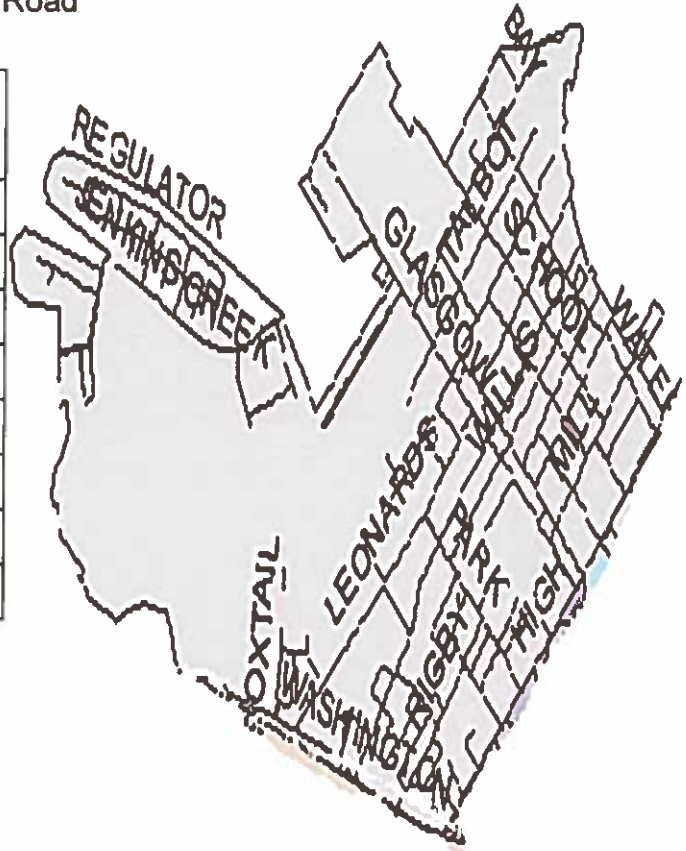




### PART 1 CRIME - DISTRICT 1

West side of city bounded by High Street and Hudson Road

PART 1 CRIME	3 YEAR COMPARISON			2016/2017 CHANGE
	2015	2016	2017	
MURDER/MANS	0	0	0	0%
RAPE	5	2	1	-100%
ROBBERY	14	6	6	0%
AGG. ASSAULT	29	26	37	30%
BURGLARY	31	47	85	45%
THEFT	150	119	174	32%
M/V THEFT	4	5	9	44%
<b>TOTAL PART ONE</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>312</b>	<b>34%</b>



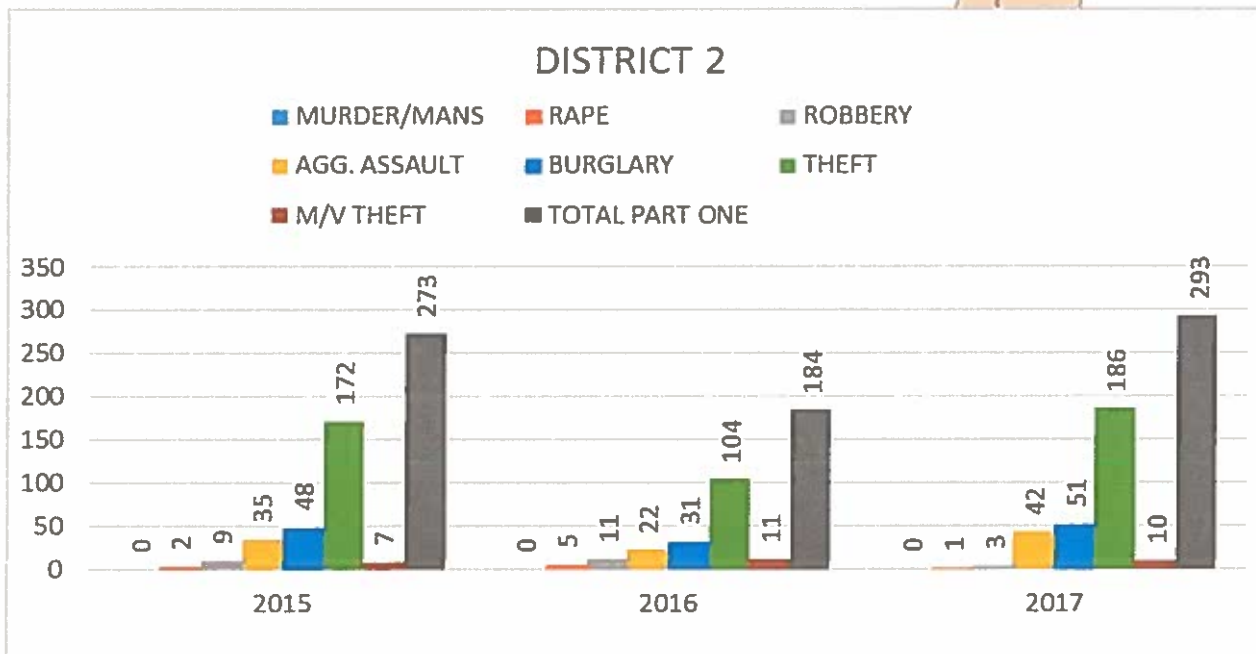
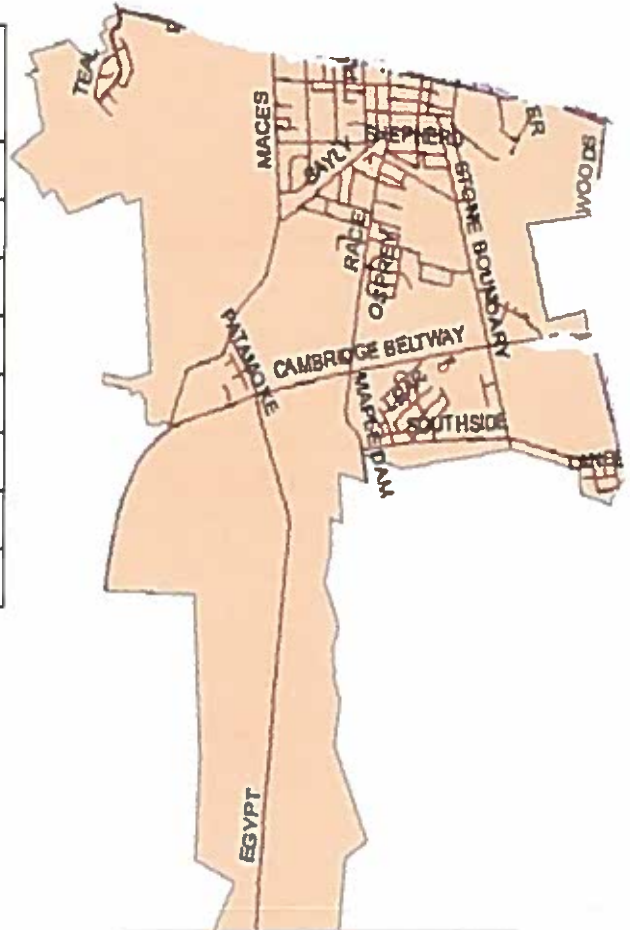




**PART 1 CRIME - DISTRICT 2**

South of Washington Street from Teal Lane to Woods Road

PART 1 CRIME	3 YEAR COMPARISON			2016/2017 CHANGE
	2015	2016	2017	
MURDER/MANS	0	0	0	0%
RAPE	2	5	1	-400%
ROBBERY	9	11	3	-267%
AGG. ASSAULT	35	22	42	48%
BURGLARY	48	31	51	39%
THEFT	172	104	186	44%
M/V THEFT	7	11	10	-10%
<b>TOTAL PART ONE</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>293</b>	<b>37%</b>

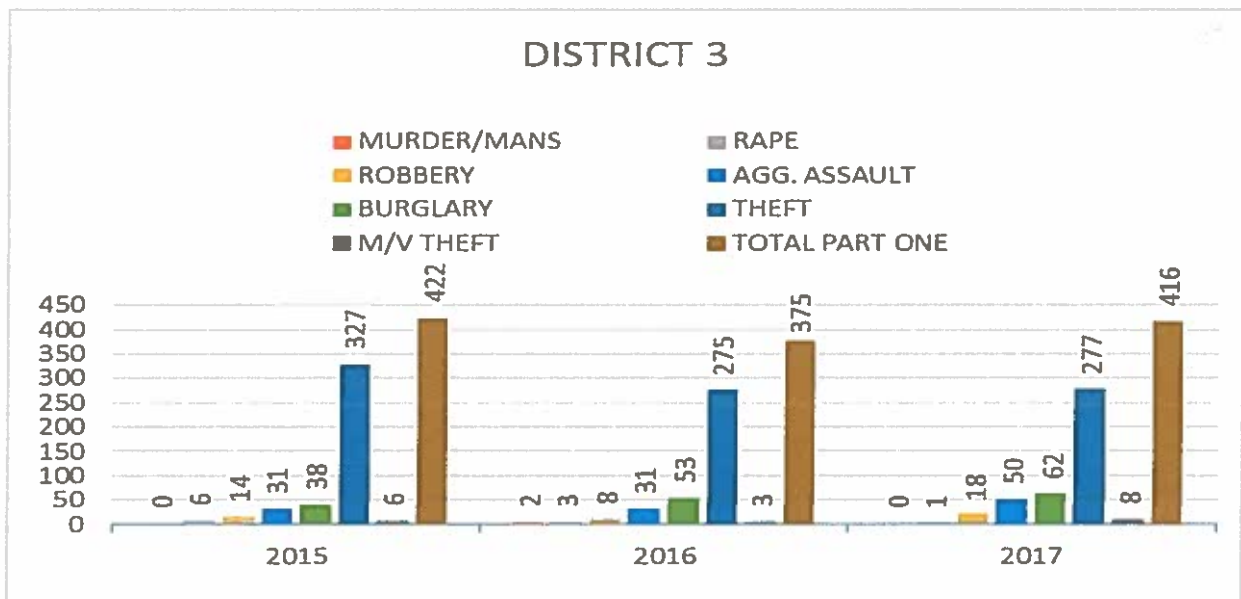




**PART 1 CRIME - DISTRICT 3**

High Street, across Ocean Gateway to Bucktown Road

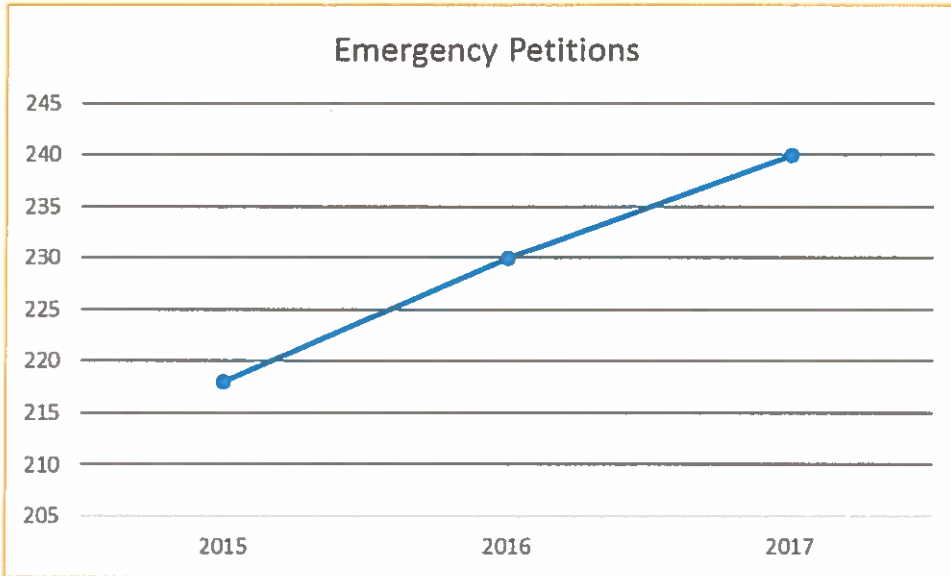
PART 1 CRIME	3 YEAR COMPARISON			2016/2017 CHANGE
	2015	2016	2017	
MURDER/MANS	0	2	0	-200%
RAPE	6	3	1	-200%
ROBBERY	14	8	18	56%
AGG. ASSAULT	31	31	50	38%
BURGLARY	38	53	62	15%
THEFT	327	275	277	1%
M/V THEFT	6	3	8	63%
<b>TOTAL PART ONE</b>	<b>422</b>	<b>375</b>	<b>416</b>	<b>10%</b>



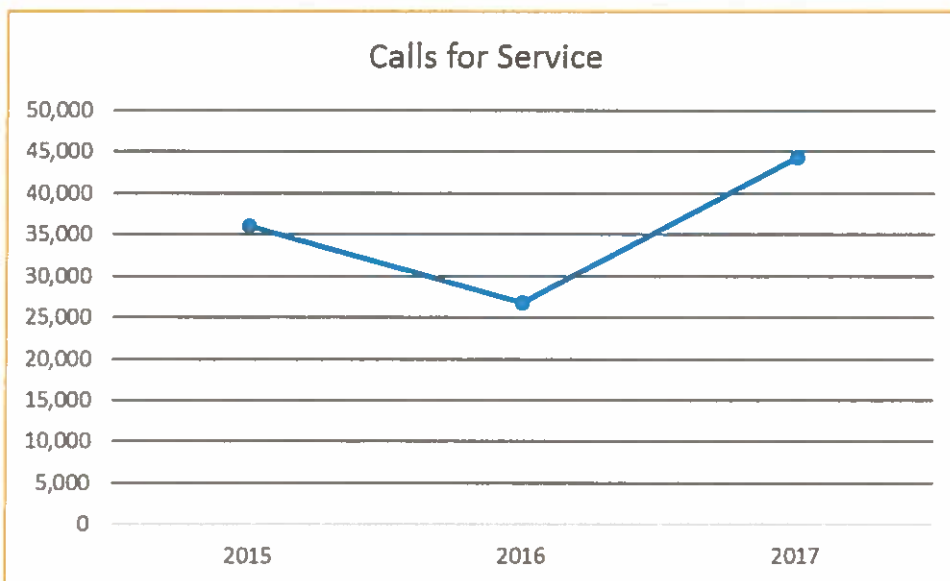


## OTHER DATA

Emergency Petitions are the process by which we encounter a person who may be threat to themselves or others and refuses medical treatment. We complete the petition and transport the individual to the hospital for evaluation. This is a very time consuming process for our officers and has been steadily increasing since 2013.



Last year's report show that calls for service had been declining. Noting that self-initiated calls had been removed from the data which showed only those call which had been initiated by the public. This year's calls for service include all calls for service. Weather initiated by an officer or the public the officer is still tied up on a work assignment and this should be noted to show the true amount of incidents our police officers actually handle.



Arrests and traffic enforcement are not only indicators of the presence of violations, but are also a reflection of the motivation and professionalism of our officer.

