



# *Peoria Police Department*

## Memorandum

**To:** City Manager Patrick Urich  
**From:** Chief Steven Settingsgaard  
**Date:** Thursday, April 21, 2011  
**Subject:** Issues Update – UCR Crime Statistics

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Manager/Mayor/Council, attached are the UCR crime statistics for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2011 (January through March), including data in table form going back to 1998. The year is young but thus far the overall statistics look very good both from a property crime and violent crime perspective. The following is a brief summation of the attached data. Increases in crime rate are represented in red.

**Violent Crime (Crimes Against Persons):** Our total combined violent crimes (murder, sexual assault, robbery, aggravated assault) are the second lowest in the last 14 years, second only to 2008.

- 2011 compared to 2010: **-28%**
- 2011 compared to 5 year average: **-21%**
- 2011 compared to 14 year average: **-30%**

**Murder:** We currently have three murders compared to 5 last year. Two fewer murders is significant in that fewer lives have been lost but it is important to note that the sample size for this crime category is very small, making it difficult to draw valid conclusions based merely on the numbers.

- 2011 compared to 2010: **-40%**
- 2011 compared to 5 year average: **- 0%**
- 2011 compared to 14 year average: **+27%**

**Sexual Assault:** Sexual assault are up and by a large percentage but the number is misleading. 2010's YTD total was the lowest in the 14 year period, 2011's is the third lowest.

- 2011 compared to 2010: **+50%**
- 2011 compared to 5 year average: **- 11%**
- 2011 compared to 14 year average: **-38%**

**Robbery:** Robberies YTD are the lowest we have seen in the last 14 years.

- 2011 compared to 2010: **-25%**
- 2011 compared to 5 year average: **- 35%**
- 2011 compared to 14 year average: **-42%**

**Aggravated Assault:** Third lowest in the last 14 years.

- 2011 compared to 2010: **-34%**
- 2011 compared to 5 year average: **-15%**
- 2011 compared to 14 year average: **-22%**

**Property Crime:** Our total combined property crimes are the lowest in the last 14 years.

- 2011 compared to 2010: **-15%**
- 2011 compared to 5 year average: **-10%**
- 2011 compared to 14 year average: **-21%**

**Burglary:** Our Burglary rate is the second lowest in the last 14 years.

- 2011 compared to 2010: **-24%**
- 2011 compared to 5 year average: **-10%**
- 2011 compared to 14 year average: **-33%**

**Theft:** Our Theft rate is the lowest in the last 14 years.

- 2011 compared to 2010: **-12%**
- 2011 compared to 5 year average: **- 7%**
- 2011 compared to 14 year average: **-33%**

**Vehicle Theft:** Vehicle theft is the lowest in the last 14 years.

- 2011 compared to 2010: **-21%**
- 2011 compared to 5 year average: **- 54%**
- 2011 compared to 14 year average: **-76%**

**Arson:** Arson has had very little change in the last 14 years, this year's total matches the 14 year average.

- 2011 compared to 2010: **+8%**
- 2011 compared to 5 year average: **+14%**
- 2011 compared to 14 year average: **+ 0%**

**Total- All Crimes Combined**

The rate for all crimes combined is the lowest in the last 14 years.

- 2011 compared to 2010: **-17%**
- 2011 compared to 5 year average: **- 12%**
- 2011 compared to 14 year average: **-36%**