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The purpose of this report is to keep you informed of what is happening within our community.

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Chief Rob L. Hunter
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ANNUAL SERVICE REPORT

	2012	2011	1-Year Change
Calls For Service	32,834	37,118	- 12%
Collisions Reported	1,928	1,654	+ 17%
Citations Issued	5,097	5,736	- 11%
DWI Arrests	201	202	- 0%
Drug Arrests	307	331	- 7%
Total All Arrests	1,835	1,920	- 4%

2012 revealed some concerning trends. While the total number of calls for service declined from 2011, our traffic collisions increased as did the percentage of those involving personal injury (+9%.) One such alcohol-involved collision in December resulted in two deaths. Our department has increased its focus on impaired and/or dangerous drivers, and we will be working to assure our alcohol-serving establishments are doing so responsibly.

ANNUAL CRIME REPORT

	2012	2011	1-Year Change
Murder	1	1	n/c
Rape	1	1	n/c
Robbery	17	9	+ 89%
Aggrv. Assaults	25	28	- 11%
Burglary	113	88	+ 28%
Larceny	766	672	+ 14%
Auto Theft	45	44	+ 2%
Arson	9	10	- 10%
Index Crimes Listed	977	853	+ 15%
Total All Crimes	2,464	2,409	+ 2%

While our community's burglary rate remains at a relatively low number, we are concerned with the increase above the record-low number in 2011. Likewise, we are also focused on proactive patrols and educational visits with various business establishments as we experienced a significant increase in commercial robberies and larcenies.