

**City of Piedmont
COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT**

DATE: February 6, 2012

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SUBJECT: **Crime Statistics for 2011**

INTRODUCTION:

The purpose of this report is to inform the council and residence of those criminal offenses reported to the Department of Justice which occurred within the city during 2011 and to compare those statistics with 2010 and the city's prior 10-year average and to graph the City of Piedmont's 11-year crime trend (attached). A city map showing the locations of individual crimes is also attached.

After a year (2010) of welcomed exceptionally low reported crimes, the City of Piedmont has returned to a near normal average (based on the average of the previous ten years) of reported crimes per category, with the exception of reported burglaries. Sixty (or 68%) of the reported burglaries were to residences: of these, eleven (or 13%) were residences where someone was at the home. Twenty-eight (or 32%) of the reported burglaries were to garages, sheds, schools or other types of non-residential buildings. Next to being the victim of a robbery, a burglary of one's home is a most unsettling type of property crime. In an attempt to counter this increase, which started at the beginning of 2011, overtime has been authorized to supplement our regular patrol force with an additional officer to patrol areas of the city which had been experiencing an increase in residential burglaries. Several arrests have been made on burglary suspects, however there are more burglars to take their places.

We are not alone; our neighboring police departments of Oakland, Berkeley and Albany have also experienced a large increase in residential and auto burglaries.

With California's prison realignment, where low-level felons have and will continue to be sent to county jails or released to probation, I fear our current crime rate will remain at today's level or continue higher. At current staffing levels, it makes it difficult to be as proactive towards deterrence as I wish we could be. With this said, more burden of self-protection of property and looking out for one's neighbors will fall on citizens.

In the past five years, the Piedmont Police Department has sponsored 25 public safety meetings at residents' homes to inform citizens of crime in their neighborhoods and crime prevention tips. We have additionally conducted 22 reporting district public safety meetings during this timeframe. Crime prevention ideas are posted on the police department's website and are routinely printed in the local newspapers. Crime prevention is the first line of defense against becoming a victim and we will continue to do our part in educating so as to have an active partnership in fighting crime.

Crime Rate:

The numbers of each major offense category which reported incidents increased as compared to 2010, with the exception of arson. Robberies increased by 3; assaults increased by 1; burglaries increased by 39; thefts increased by 10; and motor vehicle thefts increased by 20. Arson decreased by 1 to zero reported in 2011. Our total number of reported crimes was 291. Our prior 10-year average of reported cases is 268.

Specific Crime Statistics:

Homicide: *Unlawful killing of a human being.*

There have been no homicides reported in Piedmont since 1999.

Rape: *Unlawful sexual intercourse.*

There were no reported rapes in Piedmont in 2010 or 2011.

Robbery: *Taking personal property in the possession of another, against their will by force or fear.*

There were seven (7) reported cases, compared to four (4) cases in 2010. Our prior 10-year average of reported cases is 7.

Assault: *An unlawful attempt, coupled with present ability, to commit a violent injury on another person.*

There was one assault in 2011, an increase of one from 2010. Our prior 10-year average of reported cases is 2.

Burglary: *Enter dwelling with the intent of committing a theft or any felony.*

There were eighty-eight (88) reported burglaries in 2011, compared to forty-nine (49) in 2010. Our prior 10-year average of reported cases is 58.

Theft/Larceny: *Unlawful stealing of personal property belonging to another (includes theft from vehicles and buildings).*

There were one hundred forty-nine (149) reported cases of theft in 2011, compared to one hundred thirty-nine (139) in 2010. Our prior 10-year average of reported cases is 145.

Auto Theft: *Taking a vehicle, which belongs to another.*

There were forty-six (46) reported cases of auto theft in 2011, compared to twenty-six (26) in 2010. To date, 92% (24 out of 26) of stolen vehicles have been recovered. Our prior 10-year average of reported cases is 52.

Arson: *Willfully and maliciously set fires to any structure, forest, land or property.*

There were no reported cases of arson for 2011. Our prior 10-year average of reported cases is 2.

Citizens are encouraged to visit the City of Piedmont's website, www.ci.piedmont.ca.us, and select the link to view the Piedmont Police Department's web page, where updates on Piedmont community crime maps and statistics can be found, in addition to other pertinent information and services offered by the department.



12-Month Uniform Crime Report

2010

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	Totals
Criminal Homicide													
Forcible Rape													
Robbery	1			1	1							1	4
Assault													
Burglary	6	2	1	5	1	0	3	5	5	10	5	6	49
Larceny - Theft	20	11	11	13	17	10	4	8	15	7	12	11	139
Motor Vehicle Theft	1	1	3	2	2	1	2	3	6	1	0	4	26
Arson										1			1
Monthly Totals	28	14	15	21	21	11	9	16	26	19	17	22	219

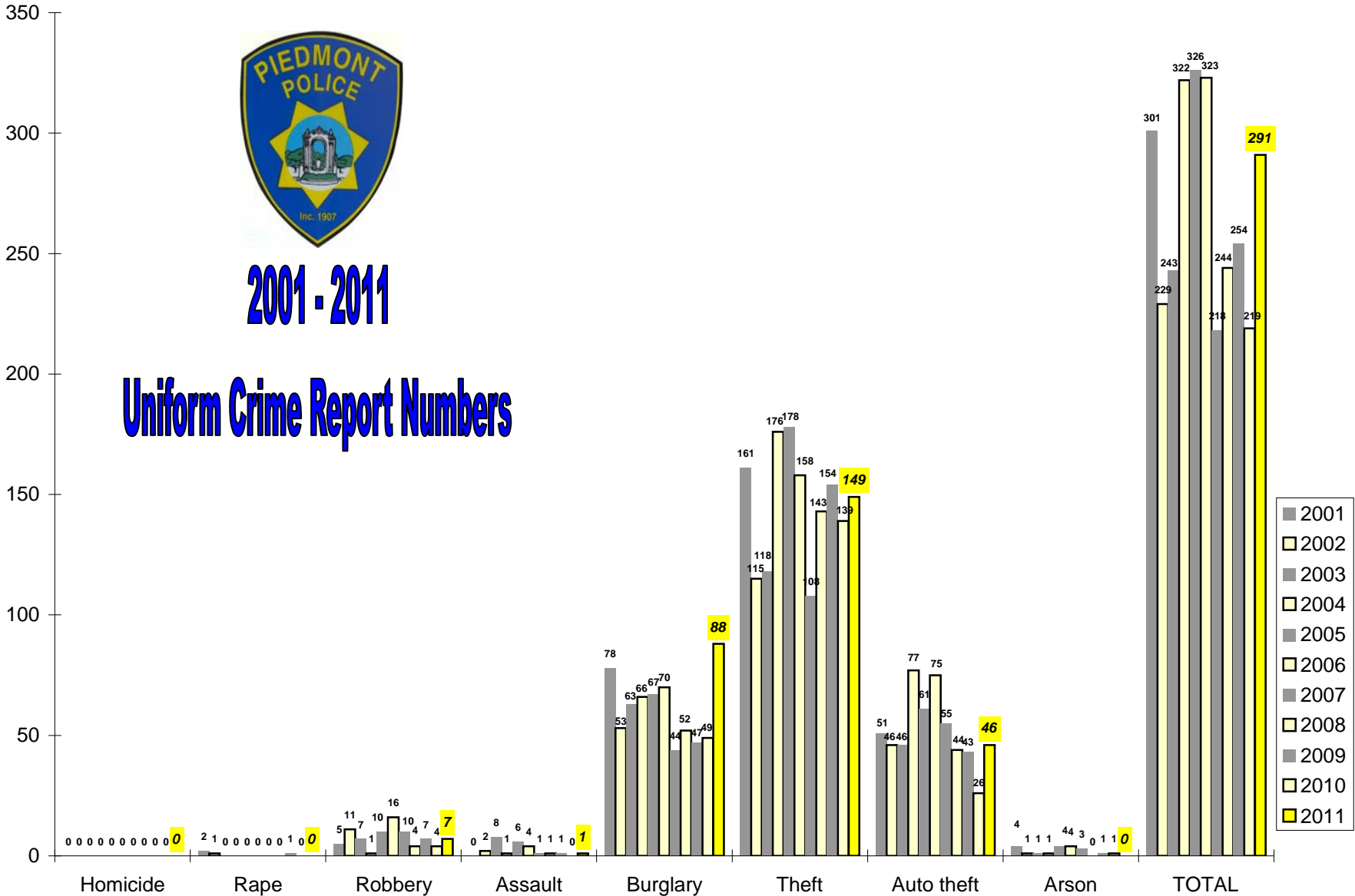
2011

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	Totals
Criminal Homicide													
Forcible Rape													
Robbery	2		1							3		1	7
Assault									1				1
Burglary	7	9	8	10	3	8	11	5	7	8	4	8	88
Larceny - Theft	28	16	7	16	15	12	10	10	4	11	7	13	149
Motor Vehicle Theft	5	3	4	1	6	1	4	3	3	2	7	7	46
Arson													
Monthly Totals	42	28	20	27	24	21	25	18	15	24	18	29	291



2001 - 2011

Uniform Crime Report Numbers



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Major Offenses by Location: 2011

- Agenda Report Page 5
- Burglary Other (3)
 - Burglary Other - Attempted (1)
 - Burglary from Building (79)
 - Burglary from Building - Attempted (5)
 - Burglary from Vehicle (49)
 - Burglary from Vehicle - Attempted (1)
 - Robbery (6)
 - Stolen Vehicle (42)
 - Theft Other (34)
 - Theft from Building (12)
 - Theft from Vehicle (33)
 - Vandalism (46)

