

City of Piedmont
COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

DATE: February 16, 2016
TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: Paul Benoit, City Administrator
SUBJECT: 2015 Year End Crime Report

The purpose of this report is to inform the Council and community of those criminal offenses reported to the Department of Justice that occurred within the City of Piedmont for the year 2015 and compare those statistics with the year 2014. Please see the attached Uniform Crime Report (UCR) comparison tables for reference.

Overall, crime in the City of Piedmont for 2015 has decreased 7% as compared to 2014, from 241 UCR reportable crimes in 2014 to 224 in 2015. This represents the third consecutive year that overall yearly crime has decreased in the City of Piedmont. In fact, since 2012, crime in Piedmont has fallen 37% from the 353 crimes reported at the end of 2012 to the 224 reported at the end of 2015.

Property crimes—burglaries, auto thefts, and larceny theft—represented 92% of the City’s total reportable crimes (205 out of 224). These types of crimes have also decreased significantly since 2012. From 2014 to 2015 there was a decrease of 11% (231 to 205); however, since 2012, property crimes have decreased 38% from the 333 reported in 2012 to the 205 reported in 2015. Larceny thefts accounted for 56% of the total property crimes in 2015 with the vast majority of those being thefts of property from unattended vehicles, mail thefts, or thefts of license plates from vehicles. Burglaries, the entering of a structure with the intent to commit theft (or other felony), accounted for 25% of the total property crimes, while auto thefts made up the remaining 19%. While larceny thefts rose slightly from 111 in 2014 to 116 in 2015, burglaries decreased by 36% (80 to 51). This marked the third consecutive year burglaries have decreased with an overall 62% decline since 2012 (135 to 51).

The City did see a marked increase in reportable rape (0 to 5) but, as has been reported at earlier crime reports to Council, the DOJ significantly expanded the UCR reporting criteria used by cities to report rapes. Previously, only forcible rapes were reported omitting many other types of sexual assaults from uniform crime reporting. This change, while widely heralded as a necessary and positive step toward more accurate reporting of sexual assaults, has resulted in increases in the uniform crime data collected. It is important to add there are no unidentified suspects, nor was any threat posed to the population at large as a result of any of the five cases investigated in 2015.

Moving forward, it is critical that Piedmont residents remain vigilant to crime trends and continue to maintain and build upon their existing Neighborhood Watch efforts in order to

enhance crime prevention. The Piedmont Police Department and the Piedmont Public Safety Committee continue to work together to increase community participation in Neighborhood Watch. In 2015, the Public Safety Committee expanded their community outreach to include disaster preparedness. Although separate from Neighborhood Watch, these meetings still provide an excellent avenue through which neighbors can come together and get to know each other and partner with Piedmont's public safety personnel on personal safety issues. In 2015, there were a total of ten disaster preparedness meetings and one Neighborhood Watch meeting. The Department will continue to partner with the Public Safety Committee to increase participation in Neighborhood Watch and Disaster Preparedness.

In addition to Neighborhood Watch, the Department continues to stress the "Three L's" of better home security: locks, lights, and landscaping. We remind residents to take proactive steps to properly secure their homes and property with good quality locks, install motion sensor lighting around their houses, and maintain the landscaping around their residences in such a way so as not to provide unnecessary concealment to thieves. A burglar (and fire) alarm system and/or video security system, notifying neighbors and the police department when going out of town, and continuing to be cognizant of and immediately reporting suspicious activities are all strongly encouraged.

Technology continues to be a key component of the Department's crime reduction efforts. The Automated License Plate Readers have proven to be an effective force multiplier during 2015, contributing to 49 arrests either directly or through investigative follow-up, as well as the recovery of 41 stolen vehicles valued at over \$225,000. Attached to this report is a chart reflecting the number of license plate hits along with the number of recovered stolen vehicles and patrol arrests made during 2015 as a result of the readers.

The digital speed signs purchased by the Department in May continue to assist the traffic calming efforts on Highland and Oakland Avenues. Data collected from the signs showed drivers slowed their vehicles upon approach 62% of the time on Highland Avenue and 59% of the time on Oakland Avenue. From May through December, data collected showed the average speed on Highland Avenue was 25 MPH, and the 85th percentile speed was 29 MPH which is a decrease from the 85th percentile speed of 32 MPH reported in the City's 2015 speed survey. Similar results were achieved on Oakland Avenue with an average speed of 27 MPH and an 85th percentile speed of 32 MPH as opposed to the 37 MPH reported in the speed survey.

Additionally, the Department has augmented the speed signs with selective traffic enforcement specifically targeted on the more highly traveled streets, as well as those around the schools, primarily Oakland, Highland, Moraga, and Grand Avenues. From 10/1/2015 through 12/31/2015, the Department logged over 62 hours of targeted traffic enforcement throughout the City. The top three violations for which drivers were ticketed as a result of fourth quarter special enforcement were distracted driving, speeding, and failure to yield for pedestrians in a crosswalk. These three violations represented 58% of the 80 special enforcement tickets written during the fourth quarter of 2015. We remind residents to be responsible and follow all traffic laws when they drive through the City. Remember to only talk with a hands-free device, do not engage in texting or any other distracted driving activity, and be especially mindful and observant around schools and other areas with high pedestrian traffic.

Also provided with this report is a printout of the Piedmont Police Department Case Disposition Report for 2015. This report shows the number of police reports generated by the department during the year, as well as the dispositions of those cases.

We also invite the public to visit the Piedmont Police Department's website, <http://www.ci.piedmont.ca.us/police>, where they can view a map of recently reported incidents by selecting Crime Reports (users can also set up alerts with CrimeReports.com to automatically inform them of crimes in their neighborhood), as well as find helpful tips for using 9-1-1, information about programs and services offered by the Piedmont Police Department, resources and references, commonly used forms, and contact information to reach our employees.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

It should be noted that the FBI reporting requirements for the Uniform Crime Report uses crime definitions that vary slightly from California state law definitions or local standards. Therefore, it is not uncommon for the numbers shown in the UCR to differ from those taken directly from the Police Department's Data Analysis system. For example, under California law, breaking into a secured/locked vehicle to steal something would be criminally charged as a Burglary. However, in the UCR, this would be reported as a Larceny-Theft.

The UCR is the only officially utilized measure of crime rate. Other reported crime statistics are provided for local interest and education only.

ATTACHMENTS

2015 vs. 2014 vs. 2013 Crime Comparison
2015 vs. 2014 vs. 2013 Monthly Crime Comparison
Jan – Dec 2015 Crime Map
Jan – Dec 2015 Case Disposition Report
Jan – Dec 2015 ALPR Report

By: Rikki Goede, Chief of Police

Uniform Crime Report

CRIME	2013	2014	2015
Criminal Homicide	0	0	0
Forcible Rape	0	0	5
Robbery	13	4	2
Assault	10	6	12
Burglary	116	80	51
Larceny - Theft	126	111	116
Motor Vehicle Theft	50	40	38
Arson	2	0	0
Jan - Dec Total	317	241	224

UCR JANUARY through DECEMBER
2013,2014,2015 Totals

Uniform Crime Report 2015

CRIME	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	Totals
Criminal Homicide	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Forcible Rape	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	5
Robbery	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
Assault	1	1	2	0	0	3	1	1	2	0	0	1	12
Burglary	4	4	7	4	6	8	4	3	2	2	5	2	51
Larceny - Theft	6	14	11	11	7	12	8	9	7	12	11	8	116
Motor Vehicle Theft	3	3	2	2	3	4	4	3	4	3	4	3	38
Arson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monthly Totals	15	22	23	17	17	28	17	17	15	18	20	15	224

Uniform Crime Report 2014

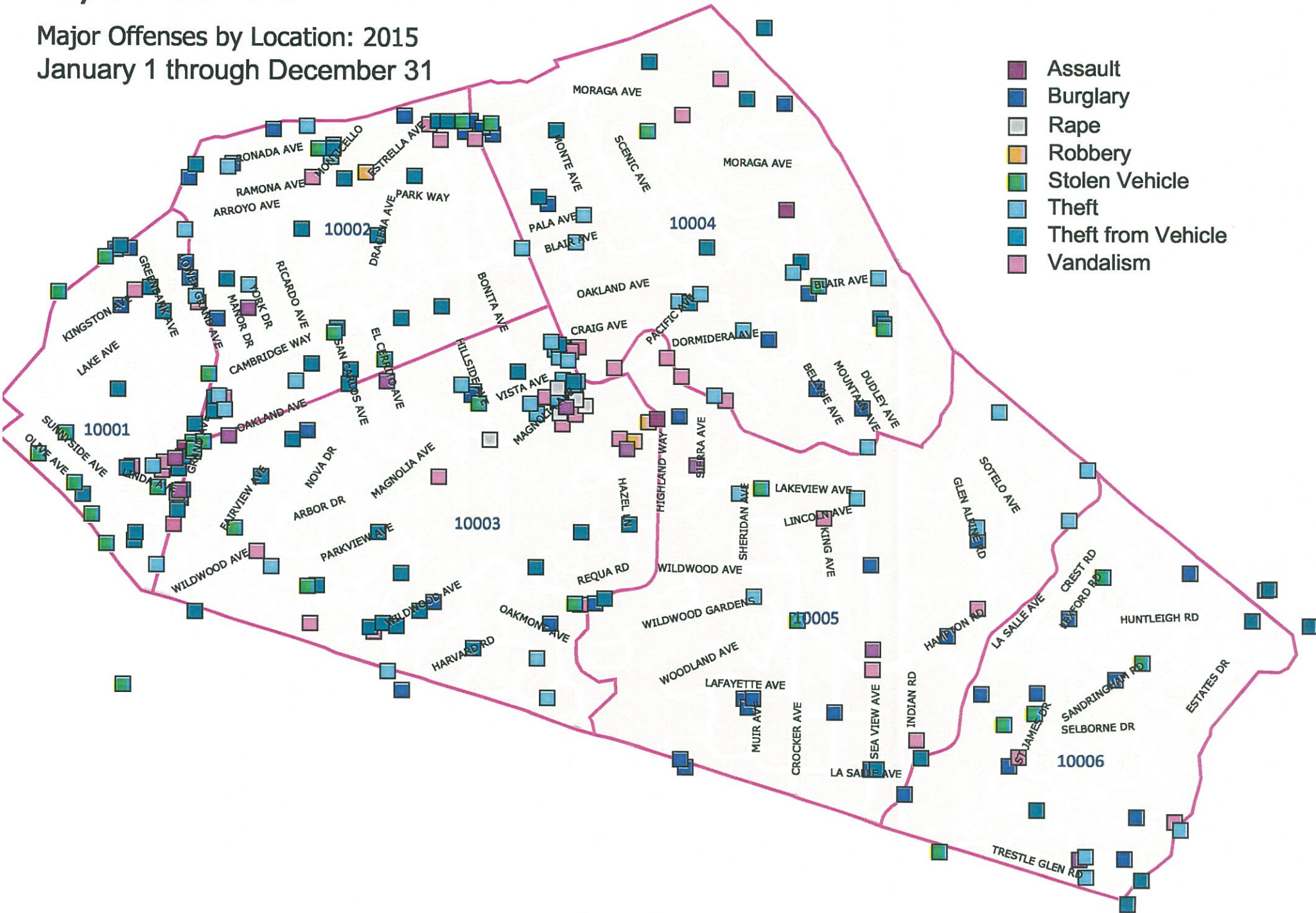
CRIME	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	Totals
Criminal Homicide	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Forcible Rape	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	4
Assault	0	0	2	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	6
Burglary	11	5	3	5	2	4	5	5	11	8	11	10	80
Larceny - Theft	14	7	7	12	6	9	15	6	6	13	6	10	111
Motor Vehicle Theft	4	0	6	6	4	3	6	0	2	5	3	1	40
Arson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monthly Totals	29	13	18	24	12	17	26	11	21	26	20	24	241

Uniform Crime Report 2013

CRIME	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	Totals
Criminal Homicide	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Forcible Rape	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	4	0	0	0	2	2	1	1	0	1	2	0	13
Assault	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	1	0	2	1	10
Burglary	24	8	14	10	7	11	10	9	5	6	7	5	116
Larceny - Theft	16	5	12	8	8	11	11	11	11	11	15	7	126
Motor Vehicle Theft	8	3	2	7	4	3	4	4	4	3	5	3	50
Arson	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
Monthly Totals	54	17	28	26	21	27	27	27	21	21	31	17	317

City of Piedmont

Major Offenses by Location: 2015 January 1 through December 31





Case Status and Disposition Summary

Print Date/Time: 01/13/2016 14:53
 Login ID: lmd
 Officer: All

From Date: 01/01/2015
 To Date: 12/31/2015
 Date Type: Case Reported Date

Piedmont Police Department
 ORI Number: CA0011000
 Assignment: All

Case Status	Total	%
Closed	637	64.6
Inactive	310	31.44
Open	38	3.85
Unfounded	1	0.1
Reopened	0	0
Total Cases: 986 100		

Case Disposition	Total	%
Closed - Arrest	14	1.42
Closed - Case Charged	83	8.42
Closed - Citation Issued	17	1.72
Closed - Civil Matter *	18	1.83
Closed - Exceptionally Cleared	39	3.96
Closed - Forward to Outs. Agency *	78	7.91
Closed - Other *	119	12.07
Closed - Property Only *	115	11.66
Closed - Traffic *	78	7.91
Closed - Unfounded *	33	3.35
Minor Offender Program	0	0
Open *	8	0.81
Open - DA's Office *	9	0.91
Open - Follow up Due *	22	2.23
Parole	1	0.1
Probation	0	0
Suspended - No Further Leads	311	31.54
T1 LACK OF CORPUS	0	0
T2 LACK OF SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE	17	1.72
T3 INADMISSIBLE S & S	0	0
T4 VICTIM UNAVAIL./DECLINES	1	0.1
T5 WITN. UNAVAIL/DECLINES	0	0
T6 COMBINED WITH OTHER CASE	0	0
T7 DISMISSED I.O.J.	5	0.51
T8 OTHER ACTION BY DA	0	0
T9 DA PREFILING DEFERRAL	0	0
U2 REFERRED TO NON-CA JURIS	0	0
U3 DEFERRED FOR REV. OF PROB.	18	1.83
U4 DEF. FOR REV. OF PAROLE	0	0
Total Cases: 986 100		

Solve Rate = 38%

% may not be accurate as they are rounded to two decimals.

PIEDMONT POLICE DEPARTMENT ALPR STAT SHEET

2013	Plate Hits	Stolen Vehicle Recoveries	Recovered Vehicle Values	Arrests Related to ALPR's	Investigative Leads Related to ALPR's
January		0		0	
February		0		0	
March		0	\$ -	0	
April		0	\$ -	0	
May		0	\$ -	0	1
June		0	\$ -	0	
July		0	\$ -	0	
August		0	\$ -	0	
September		0	\$ -	0	
October		0	\$ -	0	
November	460	3	\$ 13,000.00	1	
December	532	2	\$ 4,501.00		
Totals	992	5	\$ 17,501.00	1	1

2014	Plate Hits	Stolen Vehicle Recoveries	Recovered Vehicle Values	Arrests Related to ALPR's	Investigative Leads Related to ALPR's
January	374	1	\$ 6,000.00	2	1
February	276	1	\$ 20,000.00	1	
March	323	2	\$ 10,000.00	1	
April	400				2
May	465	5	\$ 14,100.00	3	1
June	391	3	\$ 26,000.00		2
July	394	1	\$ 15,000.00		1
August	375	2	\$ 1,000.00	1	1
September	500	2	\$ 2,000.00		2
October	742				
November	692	3	\$ 12,432.00	3	
December	802	2	\$ 5,000.00	5	5
Totals	5,734	22	\$ 111,532.00	16	15

2015	Plate Hits	Stolen Vehicle Recoveries	Recovered Vehicle Values	Arrests Related to ALPR's	Investigative Leads Related to ALPR's
January	589	1	\$ 2,000.00		1
February	470	1	\$ 4,000.00		
March	537	1	\$ 3,500.00		
April	453	1	\$ 300.00	2	1
May	477	5	\$ 7,845.00	3	5
June	488	5	\$ 43,119.00	1	3
July	499	6	\$ 48,001.00	3	5
August	660	3	\$ 18,000.00	2	2
September	622	10	\$ 35,500.00	6	3
October	624	5	\$ 42,500.00	4	2
November	454	1	\$ 6,000.00	1	2
December	479	2	\$ 15,000.00		3
Totals	6,352	41	\$ 225,765.00	22	27