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Durham Police Department 2018 1st Quarter Report Shows Decreases in Part 1 Violent and Part 1 Property Crimes

Reported violent crime and property crime in Durham dropped significantly during the first three months of 2018 compared to the same period in 2017, according to statistics provided by the Durham Police Department's Crime Analysis Unit. Crime was down in six out of seven Part 1 crime categories.

"We are pleased that our crime numbers are trending in the right direction," said Durham Police Chief C.J. Davis. "While there is still much work ahead of us, I am proud of the hard work being done by our employees every day. Partnering with our residents is essential in enhancing the quality of life for all Durham communities."

Part 1 violent crime (homicide, rape, robbery and aggravated assault) dropped 41 percent from 596 reported during the first quarter of 2017 to 350 reported during the first three months of 2018. There were double digit percentage decreases in reported rapes, robberies and aggravated assaults. The largest percentage decrease was in robberies which dropped by 48 percent, bringing robberies to the lowest first quarter numbers since 2012. Homicides increased by one from five reported during the first quarter of 2017 to six reported this year. Investigators have solved five of the six homicide cases.

Reported Part 1 property crime (burglary, larceny and motor vehicle theft) decreased by 18 percent from 2,295 in the first quarter of 2018 to 1,877 during the same period in 2017. There were decreases in all property crime categories.

The crime report also contains information about the Durham Police Department's activities and highlights in the first quarter. Eight officers were credited with saving lives during the first three months of the year. Information about these rescues and other highlights can be seen in the 2018 first quarter report <https://bit.ly/2jIBbZz>

Chief Davis presented the first quarter to the Durham City Council during their May 7 meeting. Her presentation can be seen here <https://bit.ly/2wkFLqm> In addition to the statistics, the presentation included information about the DPD's new Community Engagement Unit, which was started earlier

this year, the expansion of the Police Athletic League (PAL), which includes free sports programs for basketball, baseball, soccer, golf, cheering and track and field, and the department's EAGLE awards, which recognized women who made important contributions to the DPD and law enforcement.

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