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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

Activities	2013	2012	1-Year Change
<b>Calls For Service</b>	27,326	30,295	- 10%
<b>Collisions Reported</b>	2,014	1,927	+ 5%
<b>Citations Issued</b>	4,259	5,108	- 17%
<b>DWI Arrests</b>	142	200	- 29%
<b>Drug Arrests</b>	465	304	+ 53%
<b>Total All Arrests</b>	1,708	1,832	- 7%

2013 revealed some interesting trends: while we experienced a slight increase in the number of alarm calls received (+3%), we did witness an increase in the number of alarm calls cancelled before officer arrival (+8%.) This is a positive trend which hopefully reflects upon our educational efforts. A concerning issue is not only the (slight) increase in traffic collisions investigated, but the greater increase in injury-involved collisions (from 180 to 207.) We will increase our focus on impaired & unsafe drivers in the coming year.

## ANNUAL CRIME REPORT

Index (Part 1) Crimes	2013	2012	1-Year Change
<b>Murder</b>	1	1	0%
<b>Rape</b>	3	1	+ 300%
<b>Robbery</b>	21	17	+ 24%
<b>Aggrv. Assaults</b>	31	25	+ 24%
<b>Burglary</b>	99	113	- 12%
<b>Larceny</b>	739	763	- 3%
<b>Auto Theft</b>	36	44	- 18%
<b>Arson</b>	6	9	- 33%
<b>Index Crimes Listed</b>	<b>936</b>	<b>973</b>	<b>- 4%</b>
<b>Total All Crimes</b>	<b>2,434</b>	<b>2,370</b>	<b>+ 3%</b>

While we did experience an increase in most ‘Violent Crime’ categories (Rape, Robbery & Aggravated Assaults), those are still remaining at a relatively low rate. That said, we will strengthen our educational and enforcement activities to lower the incidence rate of those serious crimes. We were glad to see a significant decline in reported Burglaries, Larcenies & Auto Thefts.