

January 15, 2020, City of Hammond, LA – The Hammond Police Department has released the 2019 Uniform Crime Report (UCR) and has included the crime statistics within the city limits from the past three years.

While murder cases saw the most significant increase from one in 2018 to three in 2019, violent crimes in every other category decreased. All three murders in 2019 were solved by detectives within 24 hours of their occurrence and had suspects in custody. Forcible rapes had the largest decrease from 32 in 2018 down to 13 in 2019, or by 59%. Aggravated assaults and robberies also decreased by 40% and 27% respectively.

In non-violent crimes, auto theft decreased significantly from 116 to 66, or by 43%. Larceny/theft and burglaries also decreased by 8% and 16% respectively.

“The reduction in crime in the city can be attributed to many things, but first and foremost, we need to credit the hard work and dedication of the officers of Hammond Police Department,” said Chief Edwin Bergeron, Jr.

Chief Bergeron also attributes the crime reduction to initiatives started over the past nine months, such as “Lock It Up Hammond” and “Boots on the Ground.” The “Lock It Up Hammond” program aims to bring awareness to citizens to remind them to lock their vehicles and homes. A vast majority of vehicle burglaries committed in Hammond were of unlocked and unsecured vehicles. “Although locking your car or home may not stop every burglary, it definitely decreases your chances of becoming a victim.” said Chief Bergeron.

Another positive change is Hammond has an increase in police patrols due to the “Boots on the Ground” initiative. All members of HPD including the chief, assistant chief, and captains are patrolling the city. “When our daily administrative duties are completed, we need to be on the streets assisting officers,” said Chief Bergeron.

The working relationship between citizens and police has become one of the best assets for the police department. During the past several months, community meetings held in council chambers and residences throughout the city have provided useful information and leads for the police department. They also give an opportunity for the police and community to work on crime issues and crime prevention together. More people are reporting suspicious activity, which allows HPD to respond, locate and identify those individuals and investigate them further for active warrants or possible criminal activity.

Hammond Police Department is asking anyone with information about a crime to contact them at 985-277-5700 or call Crime Stoppers of Tangipahoa's anonymous tip line at 1-800-554-5245 (JAIL). Be a part of the solution, and you may be eligible for a cash reward of up to \$1,000.

**UCR Report - 2016**

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	# per Mo	
Murder & Non-Negligent Homicide	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	1	0	1	2	7	0.58
Forcible Rape	0	1	0	1	2	1	1	3	2	0	1	0	12	1.00	
Robbery	6	4	9	6	5	7	4	8	3	2	2	2	4	60	5.00
Aggravated Assault	32	25	45	46	43	23	41	42	49	35	29	26	436	36.33	
Burglary	57	30	59	40	62	51	45	54	61	41	68	60	628	52.33	
Larceny/Theft	161	96	129	128	116	148	110	114	74	133	103	110	1422	118.50	
Motor Vehicle Theft	7	7	6	4	5	10	8	6	10	6	1	8	78	6.50	

**UCR Report - 2017**

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	# per Mo
Murder & Non-Negligent Homicide	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	4	0.33
Forcible Rape	2	1	1	3	1	0	2	3	3	3	2	3	24	2.00
Robbery	6	5	2	3	5	4	5	8	7	4	7	9	65	5.42
Aggravated Assault	27	29	38	26	30	26	29	32	32	33	32	32	366	30.50
Burglary	73	43	25	48	41	73	78	43	54	45	57	75	655	54.58
Larceny/Theft	110	109	98	89	112	108	105	114	95	111	108	119	1278	106.50
Motor Vehicle Theft	2	2	3	8	8	10	7	11	11	6	6	5	79	6.58

**UCR Report - 2018**

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	# per Mo
Murder & Non-Negligent Homicide	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0.08
Forcible Rape	3	0	1	1	3	1	1	3	3	9	2	5	32	2.67
Robbery	3	8	3	7	5	3	2	11	4	7	4	1	58	4.83
Aggravated Assault	30	28	31	40	36	19	54	31	24	26	29	21	369	30.75
Burglary	49	44	23	20	36	54	47	84	57	61	56	93	624	52.00
Larceny/Theft	103	92	98	126	143	95	127	124	125	130	113	112	1388	115.67
Motor Vehicle Theft	10	8	7	11	6	15	11	12	9	7	9	11	116	9.67

**UCR Report - 2019**

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	# per Mo	increase/decrease
Murder & Non-Negligent Homicide	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	0.25	200%
Forcible Rape	2	2	3	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	13	1.08	-59.37%
Robbery	2	2	8	3	2	3	7	1	0	3	2	2	35	2.92	-39.65%
Aggravated Assault	19	20	21	25	30	30	19	29	30	24	10	14	271	22.58	-26.55%
Burglary	46	39	46	45	43	59	64	42	38	41	33	29	525	43.75	-15.86%
Larceny/Theft	103	103	109	120	110	138	127	95	108	81	87	91	1272	106.00	-8.35%
Motor Vehicle Theft	4	4	4	4	6	3	8	5	5	7	7	9	66	5.50	-43.10%

**Robbery**—The taking or attempting to take anything of value from the care, custody, or control of a person or persons by force or threat of force or violence and/or by putting the victim in fear.

**Aggravated assault**—An unlawful attack by one person upon another for the purpose of inflicting severe or aggravated bodily injury. This type of assault usually is accompanied by the use of a weapon or by means likely to produce death or great bodily harm. Simple assaults are excluded.

**Burglary (breaking or entering)**—The unlawful entry of a structure to commit a felony or a theft. Attempted forcible entry is included.

**Larceny-theft (except motor vehicle theft)**—The unlawful taking, carrying, leading, or riding away of property from the possession or constructive possession of another. Examples are thefts of bicycles, motor vehicle parts and accessories, shoplifting, pocketpicking, or the stealing of any property or article that is not taken by force and violence or by fraud. Attempted larcenies are included. Embezzlement, confidence games, forgery, check fraud, etc., are excluded.

**Motor vehicle theft**—The theft or attempted theft of a motor vehicle. A motor vehicle is self-propelled and runs on land surface and not on rails. Motorboats, construction equipment, airplanes, and farming equipment are specifically excluded from this category.

**Arson**—Any willful or malicious burning or attempt to burn, with or without intent to defraud, a dwelling house, public building, motor vehicle or aircraft, personal property of another, etc. Arson statistics are not included in this table-building tool.