Fort Pierce Police Department

Crime Analysis Unit

2006 & 2009 Part 1 UCR Statistics Report

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The Fort Pierce Police Department reported 2,987 Part 1 UCR crimes in the year 2009. This number represents the lowest UCR index statistic reported to the FBI in over 30 years ago. The City of Fort Pierce has not recorded fewer than 3000 part 1 crimes since the year 1978. In addition, the 2009 annual statistic signifies a decrease of 18.8% since 2006, when the implementation of the FPRA Grant took place.

Most attributable to the decline in 2009 statistics was the sharp decreases in the violent crime categories. The 37.5% decrease in aggravated assault and a 42% drop in robbery all contributed to the 35.1% total decrease in violent crime when compared to 2006.

2006 & 2009 Part 1 UCR Crime Statistics			
UCR Category	**2006**	**2009**	**% Change**
Homicide	4	8	100.0%
Rape	37	47	27.0%
Robbery	231	134	-42.0%
Aggravated Assault	528	330	-37.5%
Total Violent Crimes	**800**	**519**	**-35.1%**
Burglary	831	722	-13.1%
Larceny/Theft	1797	1653	-8.0%
Motor Vehicle Theft	298	133	-55.4%
Total Non-Violent Crimes	**2926**	**2508**	**-14.3%**
Grand TOTAL	**3,726**	**3,027**	**-18.8%**

All Part 1 UCR Crime

The maps below represent the 2006 annual concentration of crime within the city and a spatial comparison to 2009 for the purpose of revealing areas with heightened and diminished activity compared to 2006.

2006 Annual Part 1 UCR Hot Spot

2006/2009 Part 1 UCR Spatial Trend Map

The 2006 Annual Hot Spot Map on the left shows that the majority of criminal activity is clustered within the FPRA boundaries which encompass the north end of the city and considerable areas in zones 220 and 230. Although the FPRA area makes up less than half of the city's population and land mass, it a counted for 66% of the UCR Part I violent crime.

Violent Crime

Exposed in the 2009 Spatial Trend Map to the right are significant decreases in the FPRA area. As you can see, decreases in criminal activity are documented all throughout the northern half of the city with specific consideration to the FPRA area. Fort Pierce documented a total decrease in crime of 43% in the FPRA area when comparing 2006 to 2009.

2006 Annual Violent Crime Hot Spot

2006/2009 Violent Crime Spatial Trend Map

The 2006 Violent Crime Hot Spot map on the left shows that virtually all of the concentrated areas of violent activity are centered within the FPRA boundaries. Stated earlier, 66% of the reported violent crime in Fort Pierce was attributable to the FPRA area. It remarkably made up approximately 74% of the robberies, 63% of the aggravated assaults and 49% of the rapes that were reported in the year 2006.

Please see below for a table that outlines a comparison of all FPRA and City-Wide UCR Statistics 2006 to 2009.

FPRA Comparison Table

Jurisdiction:	2006 UCR Part 1 Crimes					2009 UCR Part 1 Crimes					2006/2009 Percent Change in FPRA Area
	FPRA			Fort Pierce		FPRA			Fort Pierce		
Population:	19,356			41,102		19,356			41,102		
Crime Category	**Index**	**Rate**	**% of City**	**Index**	**Rate**	**Index**	**Rate**	**% of City**	**Index**	**Rate**	
Murder	3	15.5	75%	4	9.7	5	25.8	63%	8	19.5	67%
Rape, Committed	18	93.0	49%	37	90	8	41.3	35%	23	56.0	-56%
Robbery	171	883.4	74%	231	562	59	304.8	44%	134	326.0	-65%
Aggravated Assault	332	1,715.2	63%	528	1284.6	169	873.1	51%	330	802.9	-49%
Violent Crime	**524**	**2,707.2**	**66%**	**800**	**1946.4**	**241**	**1,245.1**	**49%**	**495**	**1,204.3**	**-54%**
Burglary	502	2,593.5	60%	831	2021.8	297	1,534.4	41%	722	1,756.6	-41%
Larceny - Theft	687	3,549.3	38%	1797	4372.1	480	2,479.9	29%	1653	4,021.7	-30%
Motor Vehicle Theft	155	800.8	52%	298	725	47	242.8	35%	133	323.6	-70%
Property Crime	**1,334**	**6,943.6**	**46%**	**2926**	**7118.9**	**824**	**4,257.1**	**33%**	**2508**	**6,101.9**	**-38%**
TOTAL	**1,868**	**9,650.8**	**50%**	**3726**	**9065.3**	**1065**	**5,502.2**	**35%**	**3003**	**7,306.2**	**-43%**

As you can see from the above table, the FPRA Area has shown a remarkable decrease all crime categories except for homicide. Most attributable to the FPRA decline in 2009 statistics was the sharp decreases in the violent crime categories. The 56% decline in rape, a 49% decrease in aggravated assault, and a 65% drop in robbery all contributed to the 54% total decrease in violent crime when compared to 2006.

Not only did violent crime curtail by more than half the number of incidents in 2006, property crime also revealed significant decreases in frequency. Motor vehicle thefts experienced a 70% decline and burglaries decreased by more than 40%.

Domestic Violence

2006 Domestic Violence Hot Spot Map

2006/2009 Domestic Violence Spatial Trend Map

The Fort Pierce Police Department documented 626 domestic violence related crimes in the year 2006. The FPRA area, which encompasses the north end of the Fort Pierce and partial areas of zones 220 and 230, reported 435 of those crimes. This made up approximately 69.4% of the total domestic violence activity in Fort Pierce.

However, with the year 2009, the Fort Pierce Police Department saw significant decreases in domestic violence, more specifically in the FPRA area. 559 domestic related crimes were reported in 2009 which represents a total -10.7% decrease city-wide compared to 2006. However, looking at just the FPRA targeted area, a -21.4% decline in domestic violence was documented when comparing 2006 to 2009.

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