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San Francisco Police Announce 2015 Year End Crime Statistics

The 2015 numbers reported by the San Francisco Police Department to the FBI as part of the Uniform Crime Reporting program have been released. The overall number of Part 1 Crimes in San Francisco increased 15.30 percent in 2015 when compared with 2014 data, largely due to the 17.55 percent increase in Property Crimes.

Although Part I crime is up, Violent Crimes was actually flat when compared to 2014, and gun violence (injuries/deaths attributed to firearms) in 2015 was down 6.15 percent; a trend that has continued over the last several years.

Preliminary data collected by the Major Cities Chiefs of 75 agencies indicates that many other major cities across the country are experiencing an increase in violent crime. The Police Department continues its successful strategies to reduce violent crime with an emphasis on collaboration with other City departments as part of the Mayor's Street Violence Reduction Team Initiative. This citywide effort focuses on the prevention of violence through strategic intervention efforts in those neighborhoods most impacted by homicides and violent crimes. The initiative not only focuses on enforcement efforts, but brings together a variety of City departments to provide resources and support for those impacted by violent crime, especially victims and young children.

As stated, Property Crimes were up 17.55 percent, most notably a 21.31 percent increase in Larceny/Theft. Theft from vehicles, which is included in the Larceny/Theft category, saw the largest increase of 30.62 percent over the previous year. San Francisco is not alone in California as many major cities are experiencing similar increases in this category.

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In addition to efforts to reduce violent crime, there was a change in enforcement strategies to combat the rise in larceny/theft especially theft from vehicles. Bi-monthly meetings with district station Captains, Patrol Operations, Investigations, and Special Operations were held to coordinate efforts and identify areas being hit particularly hard by this type of criminal activity. By using tactical and strategic analysis reports created by the Crime Analysis Unit which highlighted high-crime areas as well as time of day/day of week these crimes were occurring, members assigned to the Patrol Bureau Task Force (PBTF) worked alongside district station undercover teams to perform enforcement activities in these targeted areas.

The Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program divides offenses into two groups, Part I and Part II crimes. Each month, contributing agencies submit information on the number of Part I offenses in order to measure the level and scope of crime occurring throughout the Nation. In 2015, the FBI included two new categories in Part 1 Violent Crimes, Human Trafficking-Sex Act and Human Trafficking-Involuntary Servitude. For more information on the FBI program, please see their website at <https://www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/ucr/word>

For a definition of Part I crimes go to: <http://www.ucrdatatool.gov/offenses.cfm>

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