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Description of Incident:

2010 UCR Crime Stats Released

Communities and law enforcement agencies across the country are required to report crime statistics to the FBI annually. The San Bernardino Police Department has just released 2010 numbers and we are pleased to announce that there are reductions in most crime categories. Overall, crime is down over 5% and there is a reduction of 14.8% in violent crime alone:

| Category | 2009 | 2010 | % Change |
|---------------------------|------|------|----------------|
| <i>Murder</i> | 32 | 31 | -3.13% |
| <i>Forcible Rape</i> | 61 | 66 | 8.20% |
| <i>Robbery</i> | 677 | 632 | -6.65% |
| <i>Aggravated Assault</i> | 1138 | 895 | -21.35% |
| <i>Burglary</i> | 2349 | 2318 | -1.30% |
| <i>Theft</i> | 4775 | 4928 | 3.20% |
| <i>Vehicle Theft</i> | 2121 | 1721 | -18.86% |
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| Overall | | | -5.03% |
| Violent Crime | | | -14.80% |

Some Community and Police Department highlights that play a role in these reductions:

- Community Involvement – Neighborhood Watch organizations throughout the City are as active as they have ever been. The Police Department has a full-time staff of dedicated professionals that work with various citizen groups to establish safe neighborhoods and generate citizen involvement. Additionally, the Police Department graduated over 200 people through a newly established “Citizen Academy” – a program designed to educate citizens about the internal functions of the Police Department and how they can be partners in making their community safer.
- Expansion of Gang Enforcement in the City – The Police Department dedicated additional resources and manpower to ensure 7-day a week staffing of officers solely dedicated to addressing the gang issues in

the City. The gang enforcement teams are responsible for 336 felony arrest and the removal of 85 guns from the streets in 2010.

- Expansion of Graffiti Enforcement – The Police Department has a team of police officers solely dedicated to the enforcement and eradication of graffiti throughout the City. Working on the philosophy that graffiti leads to blight and in turn contributes to crime problems the Graffiti Task Force is charged with investigating and tracking down those responsible for this crime. In addition to the efforts of this team, SBTAAG has been established as clearing house for graffiti information and connections between stakeholders.
- The Use of Technology – The Police Department continues to expand its use of available technology in combating crime:
 - LEADS Online – new to the Police Department in 2010, this technology allows the department to better track potentially stolen property through a database that links several entities such as pawn shops and online auction houses.
 - Offender Watch – Introduced to San Bernardino in 2010, Offender Watch is tracking tool to monitor sex offenders that have been ordered by the courts to register in the jurisdiction they reside.
 - COPLINK – Technology obtained during 2010 that links the San Bernardino Police Department with agencies throughout the region. Used as an investigative tool for information sharing by linking databases of various agencies this tool has been vital in numerous investigations in helping to identify suspects in crimes.

The challenges facing this community and police department continue. The men and women of the San Bernardino continue to strive to provide the best police service possible and are committed to working with the various stakeholders in this community to improve the quality of life and safety of the citizens of San Bernardino.