

Michigan City Police Department

4th Quarter 2006



Activity	Oct	Nov	Dec	Quarter Totals	2005 Quarter Totals	{+/-} Prior Quarter	Yearly Totals	Prior Year Totals	{+/-} Prior Year
Police Activity - Calls For Service / Case Reports Written									
Calls For Service	4150	4530	3704	12384	11144	1240	51271	46111	5160
Case Report Written	719	635	397	1751	1260	491	7275	6376	899
Universal Crime Report Offenses									
Criminal Homicide	1	0	0	1	1	0	4	4	0
Forcible Rape	1	2	3	6	0	6	28	14	14
Robbery	6	7	7	20	17	3	62	70	(8)
Assault	59	42	37	138	166	(28)	779	793	(14)
Burglary	18	31	16	65	55	10	257	213	44
Theft	145	109	105	359	361	(2)	1399	1516	(117)
Motor Vehicle Theft	20	12	12	44	32	12	143	155	(12)
Officers Killed/Assaulted	1	0	2	3	3	0	22	12	10
Departmental Crash Report									
Total Accidents	118	102	100	320	368	(48)	1243	1415	(172)
Personal Injury	22	21	16	59	55	4	218	267	(49)
Property Damage	84	75	69	228	305	(77)	866	987	(121)
Hit & Run	3	4	13	20	8	12	163	195	(32)
Fatal Accidents	0	1	2	3	0	3	4	1	3
Alcohol Related	2	3	4	9	2	7	44	34	10
OWI Arrests	9	5	17	31	31	0	266	146	120
Traffic Activity									
Moving Tickets	384	555	414	1353	919	434	4517	3662	855
Non Moving Tickets	21	16	13	50	96	(46)	302	1077	(775)
Warning Tickets	613	1047	821	2481	1866	615	10141	8339	1802
Impounds	75	125	80	280	307	(27)	1042	1012	30
Notices (72 hour/10 day)	144	143	41	328	401	(73)	1169	1158	11
Off Duty Activity Reports									
Off Duty Activity Reports	117	162	120	399	478	(79)	1897	1544	353

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Arrests									
Total Arrests	356	390	283	1029	857	172	4130	3482	648
Adult Arrests	259	322	235	816	605	211	2919	2466	453
Juvenile Arrests	97	68	48	213	252	(39)	1014	1015	(1)
Warrants Served	41	49	31	121	124	(3)	586	553	33
Bureau Warrants	29	7	11	47		47	47		47
Investigative Division Activity									
Cases Assigned	89	86	44	219	275	(56)	1109	1165	(56)
Cases Closed	67	54	34	155	186	(31)	667	734	(67)
Cases Inactivated	25	16	34	75	81	(6)	305	470	(165)
Adult Felony Arrests	27	28	22	77	54	23	256	216	40
Adult Misdemeanor Arrests	4	3	2	9	14	(5)	75	73	2
Other Activities									
Tint Violation	2	2	8	12	76	(64)	182	252	(70)
Child Restraint	6	16	12	34	58	(240)	310	173	137
Seatbelt	52	246	68	366	541	(175)	2013	1974	39
Parking	56	58	71	185	158	27	838	778	60
Handicap Violation	3	1	9	13	74	(61)	91	211	(120)
Calls for service and Ordinance Violations									
City Ordinance	3	3	10	16	14	2	71	141	(70)
Noise Violation	6	2	9	17	6	11	176	43	133
Open Container	4	17	3	24	11	13	94	32	62
Alarms	217	175	177	569	638	(69)	2346	2674	(328)
Phone	2490	2143	1879	6512	6288	224	27684	27912	(228)
Departmental Training / Public Relations									
Training Hours	217	38	16	271	1130	(859)	3028	3149	(121)
Instructor's Hours	107	28	6	141	135	6	1326	961	365
Programs / Activities	19	12	8	39	21	18	174	83	91

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Annual Report for 2006;

Criminal Homicide: equal to 2005 (4 incidents all cases closed)

Forcible Rapes: increased by 14 incidents with a total of 28 incidents: (increase of 100% when compared to 2005 incidents)

*****A diagnostic examination of the cases indicated the following:**

9 Cases closed to lack of cooperation from victim, and lack of evidence

6 Cases closed as consent given / unfounded

2 cases Pending Prosecutor's decision

3 Cases Felony charges filed

5 Closed lack of evidence

2 Open

Robbery: Reduced by a number of (8) incident 11%

Assault: Reduced by a number of (14) incidents 1.7%

Burglary: Increased by a number of 44 incidents 2%

Theft: Reduced by a number of (117) incidents 7.7%

Motor Vehicle Theft: Reduced by a number of (12) incidents 7.7%

Officer assaulted: Increased by 10 incidents 83%

**Overall reduction of Universal Crimes Reported to the FBI for statistical tracking:
3.36% (****excluding Officer assaults which increased 83%)**

Arrests:

Total Arrests:	Increased by 648 Incidents 19%
Adult Arrests:	Increased by 453 Incidents 18%
Juveniles Arrests:	Decreased by (1) Incidents
OWI Arrests:	Increased by 120 Incidents 82%

Investigative Division

Cases Assigned:	Decreased by (56) incidents 5%
Cases Closed:	Decreased by (67) incidents 2%
Cases Inactivated:	Decreased by (165) incidents 35%
Adult Felony Arrests:	Increased by 40 incidents 19%
Adult Misdemeanor:	Increased by 2 incidents 3%

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*****New Category Bureau Warrants Obtained 47 for 4th Quarter**

Crash Reports

Total Accidents:	Decreased by (172) Incidents 12%
Personal Injury:	Decreased by (49) Incidents 18%
Property Damage	Decreased by (121) Incidents 12%
Hit & Run	Decreased by (32) Incidents 16%
Fatal	Increased by 3 300% (**one fatal 2005)
Alcohol Related	Increased by 10 Incidents 29%

Traffic Enforcement

Moving Citations	Increased by 855 Incidents 23%
Non-Moving	Decreased by (775) Incidents 72%
Warning	Increased by 1802 Incidents 22%
Impounds	Increased by 30 Incidents 3%
Notices	Increased by 11 Incidents 1%
Tinted Window	Decreased by (70) Incidents 28%
Child Restraint	Increased by 137 Incidents 79%
Seatbelt	Increased by 39 incidents 2%
Parking	Increased by 60 incidents 8%
Handicap Parking	Decreased by (120) incidents 57%

Off Duty Activity **Increased by 353 Incidents 23%**

City Ordinance:

Miscellaneous	Decreased by (70) Incidents 50%
Noise Violation	Increased by 133 Incidents 301%
Open Container	Increased by 62 Incidents 101 %

Calls for Service

Service Calls	Increased by 5160 Incidents 11%
Case Reports Written	Increased by 899 Incidents 14%
Alarms	Decreased by (328) Incidents 12%
Phone Calls	Decreased by (228) Incidents 1%

Training

Training Hours	Decreased by (121) Hours 4%
Instructor Hours	Increased by 365 hours 38%
Community Programs	Increased by 91 Incidents 10%

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Several social economic factors relate to both increases and decreases in crime statistics nation wide. The largest control factors appear to revolve around frequent police contacts, quality of life issues, community awareness, community support, and education related to the philosophy of Community Policing.

The Michigan City Police Department is addressing these issues as illustrated by the statistics below. These statistics reflect initiatives in the following areas:

Increased Traffic Enforcement

Concentration of the offense of Operating while intoxicated

Impounds and Notices for junk and abandoned vehicles

Increased Arrests of Wanted persons

Increased felony / misdemeanor arrests by Detectives

Increased Noise / Open Container Citations

For the year 2006 Michigan City interacted with Citizens through Traffic stops. Substantial increases in Moving and Warning Citations were noted. There was also a large increase in the area of OWI arrests. This interaction also has the peripheral benefit of making arrests on active warrants, and persons driving with suspended licenses, or habitual Offender status. This correlates to a reduction of overall accidents with exception of fatal accidents (total of 3) and Alcohol related accidents.

For 2007 the Michigan City Police should continue with increased overall Traffic enforcement with concentration on OWI and Click it or Ticket funded initiatives. Focus for enforcement should also extend to the secondary routes of the City to promote the feeling of a strong police presence, and increase contacts in these areas. Areas should be identified by district and targeted as Shift and Traffic Division Goals.

For 2006 the Michigan City Police Department increased initiatives with the Code Enforcement Team. However it is noted that overall City ordinance citations are down substantially.

For 2007 the Code Enforcement team philosophy needs to be analyzed to mold it into both a Public Relations tool and an enforcement tool. This philosophy also needs to be integrated with active participation by the Uniform Shift and Traffic entities.

We have enjoyed success in this area regarding Junk Vehicles, Noise and Open Container issues. We could also educate officers on violations that could be referred to other departments. A list could be generated and passed on when these code violations are noted during daily patrol. This would be an indicator of successful integration. A quarterly check could determine the participation of each City Department regarding

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referrals. This quarterly measure would indicate the level of “alignment” we have between the multi agency initiatives of Code Enforcement. This comprehensive list could enhance the Code Enforcement efforts and encourage departments to act as the “eyes and ears of the City.

As arrest statistics and Traffic statistics seem to indicate substantial progress seems be made when citations are issued and corrective action taken as opposed to a consummate Public Relations approach. Currently we can measure participation by reports generated by one team, but there is no standard to measure participation by all applicable departments.

Civic Report Number 22 December 2001 outlines a statistical and theoretical analysis of the initiatives of the New York City Police Department during the 1990s. The success revolves around Problem Solving, “The Broken Window Theory” (incorporating Community Policing), and a new system of managing police resources and tactics (SARA or Compstat). The combination of these initiatives helped reduce violent crime consistently over a 10 year period.

For 2006 Public Programs and Instructor hours both increased

For 2007 the Michigan City Police Department will offer a Speakers Bureau for interested Community groups. We intend to extend topics and look forward to participation from other City Departments.

Off Duty Activity increased, but was tempered during 2006 due to fuel cost increases. This remains a great Public Relations program for Citizens of Michigan City and a safety tool for residents and Police Officers. Statistics indicate that officer assaults increased by 83% and National trends are indicative to an increase of violent acts.

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