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# Press Release

## Arkansas City Police Department announces six-month stats

*Crime stats generally show marked decrease in property crime over 2014*

ARKANSAS CITY, Kan. (July 10, 2015) — The Arkansas City Police Department is seeing some of its newest data-driven crime-fighting techniques pay off, especially as they relate to crimes involving citizens' property.

The department has focused mainly on "hot spots" where crime and traffic offenses often intersect.

A review of the crime rates for the first six months of this year shows a marked decrease in many crimes from the same period in 2014, according to Police Chief Dan Ward.

Most notably, the statistics show an 81-percent reduction in nonresidential burglaries and a 44-percent decline in residential burglaries.

Similarly, reports of aggravated nonresidential burglaries and theft by deception were cut in half.

In addition, there was a 36-percent drop in theft cases, a 30-percent reduction in shoplifting incidents and a 28-percent decline in automobile thefts.

Finally, both criminal damage to property and total criminal offense reports were 10 percent lower than in the first six months of 2014, while theft from automobiles declined by 4 percent.

"The above rates are significant and exceed our expectations," Ward said.

He explained that as part of its strategic plan, ACPD began using several different programs aggressively in January in an attempt to reduce crime rates in Arkansas City.

For the past six months, officers have employed tactics such as Data Driven Approaches to Crime and Traffic Safety (DDACTS), Laser Point, Night Eyes and Saturation Patrols.

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“Additionally, staff has reviewed crime data monthly to ensure we are deploying resources to the correct places at the correct times,” Ward said. “This review of the first six months of 2015, in comparison to the first six months of 2014, indicates our efforts have made a significant difference.”

“Additionally, there are several proactive statistics which indicate our officers have been working hard to target the problems citizens routinely have indicated they want us to address — drug usage and drunk driving,” Ward added. They include:

- a 29-percent increase in failure to appear cases;
- a 50-percent increase in possession of methamphetamine;
- a 59-percent increase in cases involving driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol;
- a staggering 300-percent increase in arrests for possession with intent to sell methamphetamine.

“The Arkansas City Police Department is committed to improving the quality of life for all citizens and we will continue to look for ways to make the city safe,” Ward concluded.

“I would like to publicly thank the officers and staff of the Arkansas City Police Department for their continued hard work and dedication.”