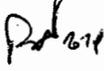


ITEM 9.A.

MOORPARK CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

TO: Honorable City Council
FROM: Ron Nelson, Captain 
DATE: January 31, 2011 (CC Meeting of 2/16/11)
SUBJECT: Consider Report on the City of Moorpark's 2010 Part I Crime Statistics

SUMMARY

The Ventura County Sheriff's Department recently released the 2010 Part I crime statistics for the five incorporated cities that contract for police services, including the City of Moorpark (City), and the unincorporated county areas. Part I crimes are broken down into two main categories of crime; crimes of violence and property crimes. Crimes of violence include homicide, rape, robbery, and aggravated assault. Property crimes include burglary, theft, and arson.

The following are the highlights for the City of Moorpark:

- Overall Part I crimes decreased 20% from 553 crimes in 2009 to 441 crimes in 2010.
- When adjusted for a slight population increase, Part 1 crimes decreased 21%.
- Violent crimes decreased 17% from 57 to 48.
 - This was driven by decreases in the categories of Robbery and Assault.
- Property crimes decreased 21% from 496 to 393.
- Residential burglaries decreased 35% from 66 to 43.
- Theft crimes decreased from 374 to 322. The largest decrease was in the area of property taken from unlocked vehicles.
- The crime rate per 1,000 residents fell from 14.93 crimes to 11.74, a reduction of 21%.

- Within the Sheriff's Contract Cities and the unincorporated areas of the County, Moorpark had the lowest crime rate, followed by Camarillo with 15.56 crimes per 1,000 residents and Thousand Oaks with 16.77 crimes per 1,000 residents.

Refer to the attached chart for specific Part I crime rate details.

DISCUSSION

During 2010, the Police Department took an aggressive stance aimed at holding convicted criminals accountable to the terms of their parole and probation release back into the community. Deputies worked with local probation officers and state parole agents in holding suspects accountable to the terms of their parole and probation terms. Several persons on probation and parole found themselves facing new charges of violating their parole and probation terms, with sentences of additional jail and prison time.

Recognizing that many drug users typically prey on the public by committing property crimes in order to support their drug habits, deputies assigned to the Police Department aggressively enforced laws aimed at illegal drug use. The result was a 75% increase in drug related arrests. This proactive enforcement was responsible for holding repeat criminals accountable before they had a chance to commit additional crimes.

Along with the enforcement side, the Police Department also kept up with crime prevention campaigns, designed to educate and involve the residents and business leaders of Moorpark in the work of keeping their neighborhoods safe. These campaigns included increasing the participation in Neighborhood Watch, increasing the public's participation in an e-mail network called "Moorpark City Watch," and the increased use of the Volunteers in Policing.

Along with the goal of educating and involving residents and business leaders to take steps to protect their property, another goal was to get people in the community to call the Police Department whenever they observed crime or suspicious activity. Officers on patrol normally come across criminal activity under two situations. Either they personally observe the activity, or it is reported to them by the people in the community. Since a limited number of officers patrol at any given time, and they cannot be everywhere at once, the Police Department relies on the people of the community to report suspicious activity.

FISCAL IMPACT

None

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

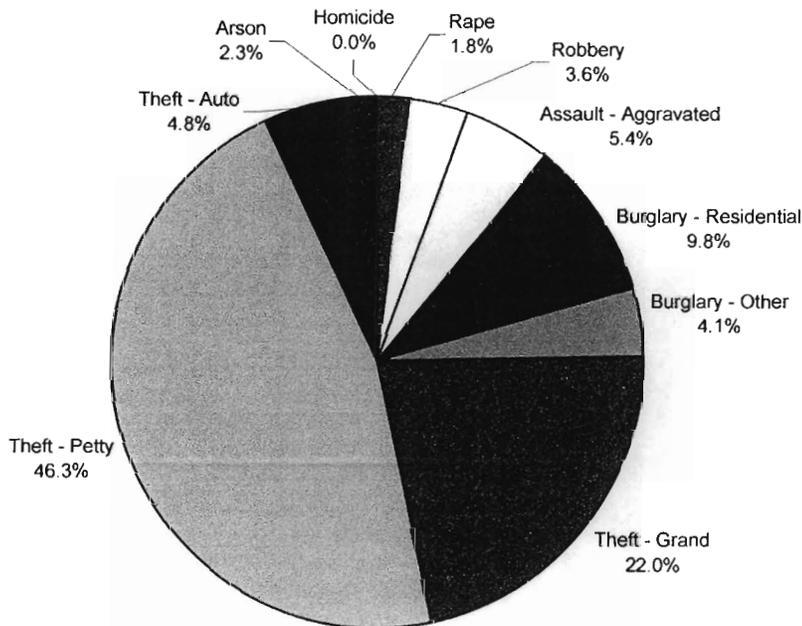
Receive and file report.

Attachment: Crime Rate Chart

**City of Moorpark
2009 / 2010 January - December Comparison of Reported Crimes**

	Jan - Dec 2009	Jan - Dec 2010	Numerical Difference	Percent Change	Jan - Dec 2009	Jan - Dec 2010	Percent Change
Population	37,051	37,576	525	1%			
Part I Crimes	Reported Offenses				Rate per 1,000		
Homicide	0	0	0	NC	0.00	0.00	NC
Rape	1	8	7	700%	0.03	0.21	689%
Robbery	25	16	-9	-36%	0.67	0.43	-37%
Assault - Aggravated	31	24	-7	-23%	0.84	0.64	-24%
<i>Firearm</i>	0	2	2	NC	0.00	0.05	NC
<i>Knife</i>	7	0	-7	-100%	0.19	0.00	-100%
<i>Other</i>	13	10	-3	-23%	0.35	0.27	-24%
<i>Hands/Fist/Feet</i>	11	12	1	9%	0.30	0.32	8%
<i>Total Violent</i>	57	48	-9	-16%	1.54	1.28	-17%
Burglary - Residential	66	43	-23	-35%	1.78	1.14	-36%
Burglary - Other	53	18	-35	-66%	1.43	0.48	-67%
Theft - Grand	127	97	-30	-24%	3.43	2.58	-25%
Theft - Petty	225	204	-21	-9%	6.07	5.43	-11%
Theft - Auto	22	21	-1	-5%	0.59	0.56	-6%
Arson	3	10	7	233%	0.08	0.27	229%
<i>Total Property</i>	496	393	-103	-21%	13.39	10.46	-22%
Total Part I Crimes	553	441	-112	-20%	14.93	11.74	-21%

2010 January - December Reported Part I Crimes by Percent



NC = Not Calculable