



Houston Police Department

Operational Summary

August 2013

Report Date Range: January 1, 2013 to August 31, 2013

The Badge Means We Care

The mission of the Houston Police Department is to enhance the quality of life in the city of Houston by working cooperatively with the public to prevent crime, enforce the law, preserve the peace, and provide a safe environment.

Classified Employees ¹		
	Aug 12	Aug 13
Class A	5,287	5,362
Class B	0	0
Class C	2	2
TOTAL	5,289	5,364
Population	2,279,622	2,119,011
Rate per 1,000	2.32	2.50

Crime Statistics ² - Part I Crime				
	YTD	YTD	YTD	YTD %
	12	13	Difference	Difference
Murder	151	144	-7	-4.6%
Forcible Rape	457	430	-27	-5.9%
Robbery	6,043	6,468	425	7.0%
Aggravated Assault	7,824	9,798	1,974	25.2%
VIOLENT CRIME	14,475	16,840	2,365	16.3%
Burglary	17,622	16,065	-1,557	-8.8%
Theft	44,696	49,229	4,533	10.1%
Auto Theft	8,766	9,154	388	4.4%
NON-VIOLENT CRIME	71,084	74,448	3,364	4.7%
TOTAL PART 1 CRIMES:	85,559	91,288	5,729	6.7%

Commendations ³				
	YTD	YTD	YTD	YTD %
	12	13	Difference	Difference
Citizen	749	633	-116	-15.5%
Department	2,469	1,106	-1,363	-55.2%
TOTAL	3,218	1,739	-1,479	-46.0%

Complaints ⁴				
	YTD	YTD	YTD	YTD %
	12	13	Difference	Difference
Internal Complaints	769	575	-194	-25.2%
External Complaints	172	158	-14	-8.1%
TOTAL	941	733	-208	-22.1%
New Cases	196	198	2	1.0%

Response Times ⁵				
	YTD	YTD	YTD	YTD %
	12	13	Difference	Difference
Priority 1	4.8	5.0	0.2	4.2%
Priority 2	9.9	9.7	-0.2	-2.0%
Priority 3	22.0	22.8	0.8	3.6%
Priority 4	33.8	34.5	0.7	2.1%
AVERAGE	17.6	18.0	0.4	2.1%

Calls for Service ⁶				
	YTD	YTD	YTD	YTD %
	12	13	Difference	Difference
Priority 1	22,429	21,702	-727	-3.2%
Priority 2	121,033	122,112	1,079	0.9%
Priority 3	166,803	167,616	813	0.5%
Priority 4	142,342	144,753	2,411	1.7%
All Other codes	140,266	137,511	-2,755	-2.0%
TOTAL	592,873	593,694	821	0.1%

HPD and the Community: A Sampling of Notables⁶

Look Good Feel Good 2013 (August 25, 2013) Thanks to all that contributed to the 5th Annual Department Wide School Supply Drive. Your generous donations allowed us to stuff 500 backpacks with loads of school supplies. The backpacks were distributed to underprivileged children throughout the City of Houston and it allowed children to receive free hair cuts, hair styles, hair products and backpacks filled with school supplies. Children looked and felt their best on their first day of school!

No Refusal Weekend (August 31, 2013) HPD and law enforcement agencies from all around our city reminded everyone not to drink and drive this holiday weekend. Extra officers were patrolling Houston's streets and highways, looking for those who made what can be the fatal decision of driving while impaired. Like every weekend in Houston, the holiday was a no refusal weekend.

Special needs kids sponsor deaf HPD horse (August 19, 2013) KPRC Local 2 recently highlighted one of the newest members of HPD's Mounted Patrol who has a unique story and dedicated sponsors. His name is Smash and he is a deaf horse with one blue eye, one brown eye and very high energized. Some local young people with autism and Down Syndrome are showing just how special a bond with an animal can be. HPD officers said the girls communicate with Smash better than anyone. Katherine Richards said, "I sponsored Smash because he was a special needs horse just like us. We have a fun time with him, we have a fun time washing him, and a fun time talking to him." "It's okay to be different because we're all people with, like, different personalities," Roberts said. Soon, they will have a plaque with their group's name, The Kim & Don Richards Foundation, in Smash's stall. But first, they need to raise \$5,000 for the sponsorship cost. They know they'll reach their goal soon. In the meantime we can all learn a lesson from Smash.



¹ Human Resources WPABH report. Class B Officers were converted to Class A. ² UCR data reported to the FBI. ³ Human Resource Committee Monthly Report.
⁴ Complaints compiled from all issue classifications, department wide. Statistics represent number of employees involved in each allegation category. Multiple complaints may make up a single allegation. Some complaints may be modified upon conclusion of open investigations.
⁵ CFS Codes were changed in May 2012. Numbers differ from other published numbers due to more accurate filtering of CFS numbers.
⁶ HPD Official Website, HPD and City of Houston Press Releases, and HPD Facebook Pages.