



Houston Police Department

Operational Summary

April 2013

Report Date Range: January 1, 2013 to April 30, 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		
	Apr 12	Apr 13
Class A	5,292	5,292
Class B	0	0
Class C	2	2
TOTAL	5,294	5,294
Population	2,279,622	2,087,844
Rate per 1,000	2.32	2.53

Crime Statistics ² - Part I Crime				
	YTD	YTD	YTD	YTD %
	12	13	Difference	Difference
Murder	67	65	-2	-3.0%
Forcible Rape	212	212	0	0.0%
Robbery	2,917	3,023	106	3.6%
Aggravated Assault	3,807	3,232	-575	-15.1%
VIOLENT CRIME	7,003	6,532	-471	-6.7%
Burglary	8,442	7,833	-609	-7.2%
Theft	20,835	23,678	2,843	13.6%
Auto Theft	4,054	4,324	270	6.7%
NON-VIOLENT CRIME	33,331	35,835	2,504	7.5%
TOTAL PART 1 CRIMES:	40,334	42,367	2,033	5.0%

Commendations ³				
	YTD	YTD	YTD	YTD %
	12	13	Difference	Difference
Citizen	342	313	-29	-8.5%
Department	1,341	1,109	-232	-17.3%
TOTAL	1,683	1,422	-261	-15.5%

Complaints ⁴				
	YTD	YTD	YTD	YTD %
	12	13	Difference	Difference
Internal Complaints	429	290	-139	-32.4%
External Complaints	85	83	-2	-2.4%
TOTAL	514	373	-141	-27.4%
New Cases	247	198	-49	-19.8%

Response Times ⁵				
	YTD	YTD	YTD	YTD %
	12	13	Difference	Difference
Priority 1	4.8	4.9	0.1	2.1%
Priority 2	9.8	9.7	-0.1	-1.0%
Priority 3	22.0	23.6	1.6	7.3%
Priority 4	34.5	36.8	2.3	6.7%
AVERAGE	17.8	18.8	1.0	5.5%

Calls for Service ⁵				
	YTD	YTD	YTD	YTD %
	12	13	Difference	Difference
Priority 1	10,867	10,615	-252	-2.3%
Priority 2	58,728	58,147	-581	-1.0%
Priority 3	80,834	79,465	-1,369	-1.7%
Priority 4	70,177	69,614	-563	-0.8%
All Other codes	159,813	156,029	-3,784	-2.4%
TOTAL	380,419	373,870	-6,549	-1.7%

HPD and the Community: A Sampling of Notables⁶

"Drug Take-Back Day" - On April 27, 2013, HPD and the Mayor's Office participated in the DEA's Drug Take-Back Day. There were 11 drop-off locations. Citizens had the option to visit any of the locations to leave unused or expired medications for safe disposal with no questions asked.

Anti-Texting while Driving Awareness - On April 2, 2013, Houston Mayor Annise Parker, members of the Houston Police Department, AT&T and other agencies joined to kick off a local anti-texting while driving public awareness campaign. HPD and HFD are also conducting workshops in high schools to change the culture of distracted driving among teens. In 2011, 13 percent of more than 3,000 traffic fatalities in Texas were due to texting while driving. Don't put your life and the lives of others at risk when you drive. Take the pledge and remember, "It Can Wait, Houston!"

HPD Burglarizes a Car to Educate Citizens - On April 10, 2013, at a demonstration on Tuesday (April 9), officers with the Houston Police Department's Special Operations Division showed just how quickly thieves can break into a vehicle and steal items left in plain view every day. In less than six seconds, the HPD plain clothes officer used a hammer to smash a rear window and steal two bags left on the back seat. It is a scenario seen all too often throughout the city. Through the end of March, more than 5,600 motor vehicles had been reported as being burglarized. "We feel it is a crime that can be 100% preventable, if we can get citizens to help us," said HPD Senior Police Officer Jay Roberts. "They can do this by not leaving their personal belongs in their vehicles- items such as purses, wallets, laptops, GPS devices." "Crooks sit and watch as you go into your workout facility or a mall," Officer Roberts explained. "Even though it only takes seconds, they know they're going to have a long period of time to break into your vehicle and steal your items." Officer Roberts said the key message is to hide your valuables before you arrive at your destination so thieves can't see you have anything of value. Or better yet, he said, leave your valuable items at home.



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.