



Houston Police Department

Operational Summary

August 2012

Report Date Range: January 1, 2012 to August 30, 2012

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 11	Aug 12
Class A	5,264	5,287
Class B	0	0
Class C	2	2
TOTAL	5,266	5,289
Population	2,279,622	2,087,844
Rate per 1,000	2.31	2.53

Crime Statistics ² - Part I Crime				
	YTD 11	YTD 12	YTD Difference	YTD % Difference
Murder	127	151	24	18.9%
Forcible Rape	531	457	-74	-13.9%
Robbery	5,201	6,043	842	16.2%
Aggravated Assault	8,101	7,824	-277	-3.4%
VIOLENT CRIME	13,960	14,475	515	3.7%
Burglary	17,295	17,622	327	1.9%
Theft	45,916	44,696	-1,220	-2.7%
Auto Theft	7,934	8,766	832	10.5%
NON-VIOLENT CRIME	71,145	71,084	-61	-0.1%
TOTAL PART 1 CRIMES:	85,105	85,559	454	0.53%

Commendations ³				
	YTD 11	YTD 12	YTD Difference	YTD % Difference
Citizen	1,018	749	-269	-26.4%
Department	4,323	2,469	-1,854	-42.9%
TOTAL	5,341	3,218	-2,123	-39.7%

Complaints ⁴				
	YTD 11	YTD 12	YTD Difference	YTD % Difference
Internal Complaints	536	761	225	42.0%
External Complaints	188	170	-18	-9.6%
TOTAL	724	931	207	28.6%
New Cases	198	197	-1	-0.5%

Response Times ⁵				
	YTD 11	YTD 12	YTD Difference	YTD % Difference
Priority 1	4.5	4.9	0.4	8.9%
Priority 2	9.4	10.1	0.7	7.4%
Priority 3	19.7	22.6	2.9	14.7%
Priority 4	29.7	34.6	4.9	16.5%
AVERAGE	15.8	18.1	2.2	14.1%

Calls for Service ⁵				
	YTD 11	YTD 12	YTD Difference	YTD % Difference
Priority 1	19,985	22,429	2,444	12.2%
Priority 2	109,437	121,266	11,829	10.8%
Priority 3	170,630	166,961	-3,669	-2.2%
Priority 4	138,769	142,163	3,394	2.4%
All Other codes	340,272	323,444	-16,828	-4.9%
TOTAL	779,093	776,263	-2,830	-0.4%

HPD and the Community: A Sampling of Notables⁶

City of Houston Breaks Ground for New Houston Center for Sobriety – On August 16, 2012, Mayor Annise Parker announced the City of Houston has broken ground on the renovations and additions to the two-story, 19,080 sq. ft. building located at 150 N. Chenevert in north downtown that will become the Houston Center for Sobriety. "This building will be the culmination of a great public/private partnership that will not only help reduce the city's financial burden for handling public intoxication cases, it will also ease crowding in our city jail and make our streets safer," said Mayor Parker. "We hope contractors will meet the benchmarks set for a grand opening by the end of 2012." The city's annual cost to lease, maintain and staff the new center is estimated to be \$1.5 million. The Houston Center for Sobriety will be an alternative to jail for people detained for public intoxication, allowing the opportunity to regain sobriety in a safe, medically-monitored environment. The Houston Police Department (HPD), Houston Department of Health and Human Services and Houston Fire Department (HFD) will provide city services at the site. In addition, the building will also house the Houston Police Department's Mental Health Unit, bringing together staff dispersed throughout the city into one location. A 501(c)3 foundation will also be created to aid in future fundraising for operations and possible future expansion.

Information Exchange Initiative – on August 29, 2012, a presentation was held within the community to enhance communications between police officers and citizens throughout various areas of the city. At least 4 exchanges take place annually. The goal in this exchange was to educate the high concentration of Vietnamese immigrants by providing them with crime prevention literature, and discussing crime prevention strategies and concerns. These citizens historically are not very comfortable with interacting with officers within the department. There were approximately 75 to 100 citizens in attendance.

Gang Task Force – August 7, 2012, Executive Assistant Chief Martha Montalvo, HPD Gang Division Captain Dale Brown and other members of the Houston Area Multi-Agency Gang Task Force were recognized by Houston Mayor Annise Parker and Council member Ed Gonzales for outstanding collaborative efforts in combating gang crime with the Stop Houston Gangs website. (<http://www.stophoustongangs.org/>) The website, a joint initiative with members of the Harris County Sheriff's Office, FBI, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF), and other state and regional law enforcement agencies, has been instrumental in helping MAGTF locate and arrests several top wanted gang crime fugitives.



Blue Crew – August 26, 2012, members of HPD's Community Outreach Unit, dubbed the "Blue Crew," joined volunteers in donating their time and talent to local children returning to school. The fourth annual "Look Good, Feel Good" event provided free haircuts, styling, backpacks and school supplies to Houston area students. HPD's Community Outreach Unit facilitated the fourth annual "Look Good, Feel Good" event at the Star of Hope: Transitional Living Center, Fort Bend Boys and Girls Club, and the Morefield Boys and Girls Club. Professional stylists donated their time and talent to provide hair-cuts and styling services to the children. Backpacks and school supplies were also provided to the children upon receiving hair services. Some of the supplies and services were provided by Envy Beauty Supply, Style Rite, and KOne Salon.

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.