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Homicides Decrease in LASD area. Overall crime increases in first 3 months of 2012 compared to 2011. Overall 5 year crime decreases.

Homicides Decrease slightly in LASD area compared to last year. Overall crime increases in the first 3 months (YTD) of 2012 compared to YTD 2011. Decrease in overall crime compared to 5 years ago.

119 pages of details showing preliminary reported crime statistics for the unincorporated communities and 42 contract cities policed by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department can be found at: www.lasd.org . Visit the "Crime Prevention and Information" page or access them directly at:

http://file.lacounty.gov/lasd/cms1_148405.pdf

These include year to date (January-March) 2012 preliminary reported crime statistics compared to 2011 and compared to five years ago (2007). Reported crimes for each sheriff's station and city include homicides, robberies, burglaries, etc. To review the statistics, open the file, right click with your computer mouse and use the search engine:

http://file.lacounty.gov/lasd/cms1_148405.pdf

As of the end of March 2012, preliminary reported crime data shows that reported overall incidents of violent crimes (Part 1) have increased 0.82 percent, and serious property crimes reported (Part I) have increased by 6.09 percent in Sheriff's patrol areas countywide, compared to last year at this time. These numbers combine to show a 5.1 percent increase in overall Part I crimes.

In comparison, the 5 year (2012/2007) change in year to date (YTD) crime rate for March, preliminary reported crime data shows that reported overall incidents of violent crimes reported (Part 1) have decreased 25.47 percent, and serious property crimes reported (Part 1) have decreased by17.13 percent in Sheriff's patrol areas countywide, compared to a five year period. These numbers combined to show a 18.75 percent decrease in overall Part 1 crimes.

To help prevent car burglaries, PLEASE always lock your car doors and do not leave property that looks valuable in plain sight in your car and avoid parking in isolated spots.

As of the end of March 2012, preliminary reported crime data shows that criminal homicides

decreased by 6.25 percent in Sheriff's patrol areas (44 homicides YTD in 2012 compared to 45 homicides YTD in 2011), and have decreased by 34.78 % (70 homicides) compared to five years ago (2007). 2011 had the lowest homicide rate (allowing for population changes) in Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department patrol areas since 1965.

Population source for crime rates per 10,000 population: 2001- 2009 population projections from the Chief Administrative Officer's (CAO) Office of Urban Research and California Department of Finance. 2011 and 2012 Year-To-Date (YTD) population source from the 2010 United States Census Population count.

Note: The East Los Angeles Station of the LASD began policing the cities of Maywood and Cudahy on July 1, 2010. This should be considered when comparing 2011/2012 crime statistics to 2007.

To view the LASD 1960-2010 homicides and ratios, and 1960-2010 charts of Part 1 crimes and rates on the official website of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (http://www.lasd.org), click on the following link:

http://sheriff.lacounty.gov/wps/portal/lasd/media/detail/?WCM_GLOBAL_CONTEXT=/lasd+content /lasd+site/home/home+top+stories/homicide_rate_declines_2010

You do not need to wait to see the monthly crime statistics summary. Continuously available expanded crime mapping for Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department patrol areas is available at www.Crimemapping.com and www.lasd.org at:

http://sheriff.lacounty.gov/wps/portal/lasd/crimeprevention/

Partner to prevent or report crime by contacting your local sheriff's station. Or, if you wish to remain anonymous, call "LA Crime Stoppers" by dialing 800-222-TIPS (8477), texting the letters TIPLA plus your tip to CRIMES (274637), or using the website http://lacrimestoppers.org.

To access the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) national Online Tool that makes decades of crime statistics research easier, go to:

http://sheriff.lacounty.gov/wps/portal/lasd/!ut/p/c5/04_SB8K8xLLM9MSSzPy8xBz9CP0os3gLAwg wcjfzdDPw9Hf3dAswNjcyCDLRDwfpwK3CyRwib4ADOBro-3nk56bqF2Rnpzk6KioCAMV4niQ!/dl3/d3/L2dJQSEvUUt3QS9ZQnZ3LzZfOTAwMEdPQIMyRzZN OTBJQ1Q2S1Y0UDFPMzA!/?WCM_GLOBAL_CONTEXT=/wps/wcm/connect/lasd+content/lasd+site/home/home+top+stories/fbi_crime_tool

and logon to the following links: UCR Data Tool; Crime Statistics; Uniform Crime Reporting

Program; Crime in the United States, 2009.

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