



LOCUST POLICE DEPARTMENT

2014 ANNUAL STATISTICS

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SUMMARY OF 2014 STATISTICS

OFFENSE TYPES/INCIDENT REPORTS

Law enforcement activities in Locust for 2014 proved to be another banner year for the city in terms of low criminal activity, and continued to show that city residents and visitors enjoy a safe environment, peaceful atmosphere, and “a wonderful place to live, work, and play!” Statistics documented by the Locust Police Department for the 2014 calendar year, although showing a slight increase in overall offense types and documented incident reports, showed another decrease in property crime related calls as well as essentially a non-existent rate of violent crime.

For the year, the Locust Police Department continued with its policies of reports being documented for dispatched calls where interaction with the public occurred. With that policy, the department showed just a slight 2.4% increase in incident reports documented compared to 2013, and offense types contained in these reports also increased by just 3.95%.

General service call types were down 3.6% from the previous year, and these non-criminal call types continue to represent the largest percentage of dispatched calls we receive. General investigation call types were up 15.6% however these types of calls also are usually non-criminal in nature. In general investigations, reports involving missing persons were at nine for the year. It should be noted that no missing person reports involved foul play or legitimate run-away activity, and all reported missing were located.

Most positively for the criminal activity we deal with most often in Locust, call types related to property crime and fraud were down again in 2014. Overall, property and financial crime call

types were down 3.5% from last year. Within this category, reports related to larcenies from businesses went up by just three reports from a year ago, larcenies from residences were down three reports, and activity related to larcenies from vehicles also dropped by six. Reports related to fraud activity also dropped by two compared to 2013. Overall larceny activity for the year showed another decrease from last year with an average daily occurrence in the city of 0.46, a decrease of 3.4% from 2013. Personal larceny activity reports related to persons, vehicles or residences, and not including businesses showed another sizeable decrease and was down 15.8% from 2013. This represents an average daily occurrence of just 0.13 in Locust.

General law enforcement/criminal activity call types were even from last year as 212 total offenses in this category were reported for the second straight year. Within this category, traffic offense related reports increased 9% and property damage offense reports were up 7.8%.

The largest increase for 2014 in offense types occurred in the category related to alcohol and drug offense types. These offense types can mostly be attributed to traffic enforcement and is partially reflected in the increase in citation charges for the year. Offense types related to alcohol and drugs increased from 46 to 87 for the year and points to an increase in DWI and drug enforcement by the department.

In the category related to assault offense types, an increase of nine was recorded compared to a year ago, from 17 to 26. Although this represented a 52.9% increase from 2013, the daily average occurrence remained very low with an average of just 0.07.

Serious crime reports were down to numbers near zero again in 2014. For the year, there were no offenses related to robbery or violent theft activity, and only two offense types related to sexual offenses.

BUSINESS/NEIGHBORHOOD PATROLS

For the majority of the 2014 calendar year, fuel prices continued to stay elevated enough for the department to continue its philosophy of efficient patrol of Locust neighborhoods and businesses. This philosophy results in adequate presence being shown in the city but with efforts being made to limit fuel expenditures and excessive mileage with patrol vehicles. This continued strategy again resulted in a decrease of documented patrols of Locust neighborhoods and businesses compared to 2013 however, 20,216 neighborhood and business patrols were still completed for the 2014 calendar year. Within the perspective of daily patrols; this represented just a decrease of 1.8 patrols conducted on average daily by the department this year as opposed to last. The result of the continued efficient patrol strategy resulted in another small decrease in daily patrols, yet contributed greatly to the department's fuel cost average DECREASE of 12.1% for full-time department patrol vehicles (Based on 2013/2014 budget year vehicle expenditure report).

ARREST CHARGES

Arrest charges in 2014 were 162, up from 128 in 2013. This 26.6% increase can also be attributed heavily to increased traffic enforcement by the department related to alcohol and drug activity. Although some charges may have been the result of outstanding arrest warrants, the

department made 35 arrest charges related to driving while impaired offenses and 23 arrest charges related to different types of drug activity.

CITATION CHARGES

Traffic safety and enforcement remained a priority for the Locust Police Department in 2014, with the primary goal of keeping Locust residents and all motorists safe, as well as an increase in DWI and drug enforcement. Citation charges were up 17.4% for the year; from 1203 in 2013 to 1412 in 2014.

For detractors that hold a perception of excessive traffic enforcement in Locust, despite the 17.4% increase for the year, the 1412 total citation charges represented a daily charge issuance average of just 3.9. In addition, traffic stops recorded by Stanly Communications mobile software showed that 1449 traffic stops conducted in Locust resulted in verbal or written warnings issued, 37 more than the total number of citation charges issued for 2014.

TRAFFIC CRASHES

A new statistic tracked for 2014 was traffic crashes recorded through Stanly Communications mobile software. Total recorded/reported crashes for the year (street/highway and pva/parking lots) in Locust was 134 for a monthly average of 11.2, and a daily average occurrence of just 0.37. No deaths in 2014 occurred as a result of a traffic crash in Locust.

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Offenses/Incident Reports Statistics Key

Call/Offense Types

Escorts Provided – General, Business Closing, Child Custody Exchange, Funeral, Etc.
Assist EMS/Fire – Medical Or Fire Calls With Law Enforcement Involvement
Calls For Service – Various Community Service Or Non-Criminal Dispatches, Animal Complaints, Etc.
Mutual Aid – Help Requested And Given To Other Agencies
Assist Motorist – Stranded Motorists, Keys Locked In Vehicle, Flat Tires, Etc.

Alarm Calls – Business, Residential Alarm Activation Responses
Disturbances – General, Various, Or Domestic Disturbance Responses
Suspicious Act. – Dispatched Reports Of Suspicious Activities, Vehicles, Or Persons
Investigations – General, 911 Hang-Ups, Suicide Threats, Open Doors, Etc.
Property Calls – Reports Of Lost Or Found Property
Missing Persons – Reports Of Missing Or Found Individuals

Bus. Larceny – Larcenies Reported From Locust Businesses
Fraud – Counterfeiting, Forgery, Obtaining Property By False Pretense, Identity Theft, Etc.
Resi. Larceny/Minor Larceny From Person – Breaking & Entering, Larcenies From Residences
Vehicle Larceny – Breaking & Entering, Larceny From/Of Vehicles

Traffic Offenses – Traffic Offenses That Result In Other Charges, Arrests, Vehicle Towed, Etc.
Property Damage – Malicious Damage To Businesses, Residences, Vehicles, Or Minor Vehicle Crashes
Warrants – Arrest Warrants, Court Processes Served
Harassment – Harassing Phone Calls, Communicating Threats, Etc.
Trespassing – Unlawful Entry, 1st Or 2nd Degree, Etc.
Other Illegal Act. – Resist, Obstruct, Or Delay, Vehicle Pursuits, Lesser Charges, Etc.
Ordinance Viol. – Violations Of City Ordinances Investigated Or Committed
Vandalism – Defacement Of Property, Minor Arson, Etc.
Juvenile Violations – Illegal Activity Committed By Juveniles
Weapons Violations – Unlawfully Carrying Concealed Weapon, Possession By Felon, Etc.

Drug Offenses – Possession, Distribution, Intent To Sell, Etc. Involving Illegal Drugs
Alcohol Charges – Charges Involving Alcohol Other Than DWI
DWI – Driving While Impaired Reports

Assaults – Minor Or Simple Assaults, Affray, Etc.

Sex Offense – Reports Of Or Offenses Involving Unlawful Sexual Activity
Personal Larceny – Serious Larceny Or Robbery Including Strong Arm, With Dangerous Weapon, Etc.

Death Inv. – Non-Criminal Investigations Of Unattended Deaths, Suicide, Etc.

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Offenses/Incident Reports

CATEGORY: GENERAL SERVICE

Call Type	2014 Total #	Monthly Avg.	2013 Total #	% Change
Escorts Provided	417	34.8	506	-17.6%
Assist EMS/Fire	203	16.9	156	+30.1%
Mutual Aid	69	5.8	69	----
Calls For Service	65	5.4	70	-7.1%
Assist Motorist	52	4.3	35	+48.6%
2014 TOTAL/ MONTHLY AVERAGE/ 2013 TOTAL/ % CHANGE	806	67.2	836	-3.6%

CATEGORY: GENERAL INVESTIGATION

Call Type	2014 Total #	Monthly Avg.	2013 Total #	% Change
Alarm Calls	162	13.5	127	+27.6%
Disturbances	115	9.6	110	+4.6%
Investigations	98	8.2	59	+66.1%
Suspicious Act.	63	5.3	67	-6.0%
Property Calls	13	1.1	23	-43.5%
Missing Persons	9	0.8	12	-25%
2014 TOTAL/ MONTHLY AVERAGE/ 2013 TOTAL/ % CHANGE	460	38.3	398	+15.6%

*Missing Person's # includes REPORTS OF missing persons such as. NO missing person's reports for 2014 included suspected foul play or went unsolved.

CATEGORY: PROPERTY/FINANCIAL CRIME

Call Type	2014 Total #	Monthly Avg.	2013 Total #	% Change
Bus. Larceny	120	10	117	+2.6%
Fraud	51	4.3	53	-3.8%
Resi. Larceny	36	3	39	-7.7%
Vehicle Larceny	12	1	18	-33.3%
2014 TOTAL/ MONTHLY AVERAGE/ 2013 TOTAL/ % CHANGE	219	18.3	227	-3.5%

TOTAL LARCENY OCCURRENCE (BUSINESS, VEHICLE, RESIDENTIAL, PERSONAL)	168	0.46 Avg. Daily Occurrence	174	-3.4%
PERSONAL LARCENY OCCURRENCE (VEHICLE, RESIDENTIAL, PERSONAL)	48	0.13 Avg. Daily Occurrence	57	-15.8%

CATEGORY: GENERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT/CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

Call Type	2014 Total #	Monthly Avg.	2013 Total #	% Change
Traffic Offenses	73	6.1	67	+9.0%
Property Damage	55	4.6	51	+7.8%
Warrants	30	2.5	38	-21.1%
Harassment	19	1.6	25	-24%
Other Illegal Act.	16	1.3	6	+166.7%
Trespassing	9	0.8	17	-47.1%
Ordinance Viol.	5	0.4	4	+25%
Weapons Viol.	3	0.3	1	+200%
Vandalism	2	0.2	2	----
Juvenile Viol.	0	----	1	-100%
2014 TOTAL/ MONTHLY AVERAGE/ 2013 TOTAL/ % CHANGE	212	17.7	212	----

CATEGORY: ALCOHOL/DRUGS

Call Type	2014 Total #	Monthly Avg.	2013 Total #	% Change
Drug Offenses	49	4.1	20	+145%
DWI	24	2	12	+100%
Alcohol Charges	14	1.2	14	----
2014 TOTAL/ MONTHLY AVERAGE/ 2013 TOTAL/ % CHANGE	87	7.3	46	+89.1%

CATEGORY: PHYSICAL CRIME

Call Type	2014 Total #	Monthly Avg.	2013 Total #	% Change
Assaults	26	2.2	17	+52.9%
2014 DAILY AVERAGE	.07	----	----	----

CATEGORY: SERIOUS/VIOLENT CRIME

Call Type	2014 Total #	Monthly Avg.	2013 Total #
Sex Offense	2*	--	6*
Personal Larceny	0	--	3

*Sex Offense # includes REPORTS OF sex offenses committed even if investigation revealed no misconduct OR offense occurred in a different jurisdiction.

CATEGORY: OTHER INVESTIGATION

Call Type	2014 Total #	2013 Total #
Death Investigation	2	3

2014 TOTAL OFFENSE TYPES AND INCIDENT REPORTS

2014 TOTAL OFFENSE TYPES/ MONTHLY/ DAILY AVG.	1814	151.2	5.0	<u>2013</u> <u>#</u> 1745	<u>%</u> <u>Change</u> +3.95%
2014 TOTAL INCIDENT REPORTS COMPLETED/ MONTHLY/ DAILY AVG.	1652	137.7	4.5	<u>2013</u> <u>#</u> 1614	<u>%</u> <u>Change</u> +2.4%

Area Patrols/Checks

Patrol Type	Total #	Monthly Avg.	Daily Avg.
Businesses	10,919	909.9	29.9
Neighborhoods	9,161	763.4	25.1
Requested House	91	7.6	--
Susp. Vehicles	30	2.5	--
Susp. Persons	9	--	--
Special Inv.	6	--	--

2014 TOTAL PATROLS/ DAILY PATROL AVG.	20,216	<u>2014 DAILY AVG.</u> 55.4	<u>2013 DAILY AVG.</u> 57.2
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Arrests/Offense Charges/Counts

Charge	2014 Total #	2013 Total #
Driving While Impaired	35	17
Assault On A Female	17	2
Failure To Appear	14	16
Misdemeanor Larceny	11	18
Obtain Property By False Pretense	9	5
Communicating Threats	6	3
Possession Schedule II	6	1
Carrying Concealed Weapon	5	7
Domestic Violence Violation	5	2
Assault & Battery	4	0
Driving While License Revoked	4	5
Felony Conversion	4	0
Probation Violation	4	0
Possess With Intent To Sell Sch. VI	3	0
Simple Assault	3	5
Disorderly Conduct	2	3
Felony Larceny	2	2
Minor Charges	2	3
Obtain Controlled Sub. By Fraud	2	0
Possession Drug Paraphernalia	2	1
Possession Schedule III	2	0
Possession Schedule VI	2	1
Possess With Intent To Sell Cocaine	2	0
Possess With Intent To Sell Sch. I	2	0
Unauthorized Use Of Motor Vehicle	2	0
Assault By Pointing A Gun	1	0
Assault With A Deadly Weapon	1	2
Court Order Violation	1	0
Damage To Property	1	2
Financial Card Fraud	1	0
Fugitive From Justice	1	0
Give Alcohol To Underage	1	0
Misdemeanor Flee To Elude	1	0
Possess With Intent To Sell Sch. II	1	0
Resist, Delay, Or Obstruct	1	1
Trafficking Opium/Heroin	1	0

Worthless Check	1	1
2014/2013 TOTAL ARREST CHARGES/ MONTHLY/DAILY AVG.	162 13.5/0.44	128 10.7/0.4
% CHANGE	+26.6%	---

Citation Charges

CATEGORY: SPEEDING

Citation Charge	Total #
Speeding	793
Speeding In School Zone	37
2014 TOTAL CATEGORY CHARGES	830
MONTHLY/DAILY AVERAGE	69.2/2.3
2013 TOTAL/% CHANGE	679/+22.2%

CATEGORY: VEHICLE VIOLATIONS

Citation Charge	Total #
Expired Registration	152
Operate/Allow Vehicle With No Insurance	34
Cancelled/Revoked Registration	12
Fictitious/Altered Registration	12
Expired/No Inspection	11
Drive Motor Vehicle/Not Properly Registered	7
2014 TOTAL CATEGORY CHARGES	228
MONTHLY/DAILY AVERAGE	19/0.6
2013 TOTAL/% CHANGE	222/+2.7%

CATEGORY: LICENSE VIOLATIONS

Citation Charge	Total #
Driving While License Revoked	68
No Operator's License	54
Other License Violations	9
2014 TOTAL CATEGORY CHARGES	131
MONTHLY/DAILY AVERAGE	10.9/0.4
2013 TOTAL/% CHANGE	112/+17.0%

CATEGORY: SAFETY/UNSAFE VIOLATIONS

Citation Charge	Total #
Fail To Stop/Stop Sign Or Red Light	23
Careless Reckless Driving/Unsafe Movement	17
Child Restraint Violation	12
Fail To Wear Seat Belt Passenger	9
Lane Violations	9
Fail To Reduce Speed	8
Fail To Move Over For Emergency Vehicle	7
Window Tint Violation	7
Fail To Wear Seat Belt Driver	6
Following Too Close	6
Vehicle Lights Violations	6
Unsafe Passing	5
Fail To Yield Right Of Way	3
Improper Equipment	2
Fail To Stop For Stopped School Bus	1
2014 TOTAL CATEGORY CHARGES	121
MONTHLY/DAILY AVERAGE	10.1/0.3
2013 TOTAL/% CHANGE	116/+4.3%

CATEGORY: ALCOHOL/DRUG OFFENSES

Citation Charge	Total #
Driving While Impaired	23
Possess Open Container Alcohol In Vehicle	16
Simple Possession Schedule VI	10
Possession Drug Paraphernalia	5
Possess/Consume Alcohol Under 21	3
Aid & Abet DWI	1
Possession Schedule II	1
2014 TOTAL CATEGORY CHARGES	59
MONTHLY/DAILY AVERAGE	4.9/0.2
2013 TOTAL/% CHANGE	37/+59.5%

CATEGORY: CRIMINAL/OTHER OFFENSES

Citation Charge	Total #
Misdemeanor Larceny	28
Hit And Run/Fail To Stop For Accident	4
Shoplifting	3
Carrying Concealed Weapon	2
Parking Violations	2
Fail To Heed Blue Light	1

Other Non-Specified Charges	1
Possession Of Stolen Goods	1
Simple Affray	1
2014 TOTAL CATEGORY CHARGES	43
MONTHLY/DAILY AVERAGE	3.6/0.1
2013 TOTAL/% CHANGE	34/+26.5%

2014	
TOTAL CITATION CHARGES	1412
MONTHLY/DAILY AVERAGE	117.7/3.9
2013 TOTAL #/% CHANGE	1203/+17.4%

2014 REPORTED TRAFFIC STOPS WITH WARNINGS ISSUED	1449
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Traffic Crashes

2014 TOTAL REPORTED TRAFFIC CRASHES (STREET/HIGHWAY, PVA) / MONTHLY AVG./DAILY AVG.	134/11.2/0.37
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TRAFFIC CRASH "HOT SPOTS" STREET/HIGHWAY - # REPORTED

West Main Street/Wal-Mart Intersection Area – 9
West Main/Red Bridge Blvd. Intersection Area – 5
West Main/Renee Ford Road Intersection Area – 4
East Main Street/Pond Road Area – 4 (1 Reported With Deer)
North Central Ave./Bethel Ch. Rd. Intersection Area – 3 (1 Deer)
North Central Ave./Mission Church Road Intersection Area – 3 (1 Deer, 1 Debris)

PARKING LOT/PVA "HOT SPOTS" - # REPORTED

1876 West Main Street (Wal-Mart) – 11
1004 West Main Street (Food Lion) – 7
1718 West Main Street (Bojangles) – 4
1878 West Main Street (McDonalds) – 3