



LOCUST POLICE DEPARTMENT

2015 ANNUAL STATISTICS

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SUMMARY OF 2015 STATISTICS

OFFENSE TYPES/INCIDENT REPORTS

Law enforcement activities in Locust for 2015 resulted in another solid year for the city in terms of low criminal activity, and continued to show that city residents and visitors enjoy a safe environment, and a peaceful atmosphere. Statistics documented by the Locust Police Department for the 2015 calendar year showed just a 1% increase in documented incident reports, a decrease in larcenies reported from residences, and continued with an extremely small average daily occurrence of reported larceny or assault activity.

For the year, the Locust Police Department continued with its policies of reports being documented for dispatched calls where interaction with the public occurred. This resulted in the aforementioned 1% increase in incident reports documented compared to 2014's total, and different reported offense types contained in these reports also increased by just 2.3%.

General service call types were down 7.7% 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 also down 1.3%. Calls considered as general investigation are also usually non-criminal in nature. In general investigations, reports involving missing persons were at six for the year. It should again be noted this year that no missing person reports involved foul play or legitimate run-away activity, and all reported missing were located.

Call types related to property crime and fraud were up in 2015 by 17.4%. Delving deeper into these numbers shows a more positive result however. The percentage increase represents just 38

more reported larceny or fraud “offense types” in 2015 from 2014. There was an increase of 31 “offense types” reported from businesses in 2015 from 2014, the majority of which would have been reported by the Locust Wal-Mart location. In multiple instances, the offense types reported by Wal-Mart included more than one larceny offense reported for the same single incident.

There was an increase in larcenies reported from/of vehicles of 29 from just 12 in 2014. A large percentage of these reports however can be attributed to the brief return of the unlocked vehicle break-in issue that plagued the entire county several years ago. On two separate incidents there were multiple unlocked vehicles that were reported to be broken into in the Edgewood and Meadowcreek Village sub-divisions. It should be noted however that not only were all of the vehicles broken into left unlocked (despite multiple advisories being issued about removing valuables and locking vehicles), many of the vehicles that were reported as being broken into also reported nothing being taken. This would still be listed as a larceny/break-in of vehicle offense. Much more positively, reported larceny offenses from residences dropped from 36 in 2014 to 19 in 2015, a decrease of nearly 48%.

The most positive number related to property and financial crime for the year would be an increase of just one total offense type reports of larceny from vehicle, residences, or persons. 2015 saw an offense type total of 49 as opposed to 48 in 2014. This translates into an average daily occurrence of “personal larceny” at just 0.13, which also equals the average daily occurrence from 2014. Total larceny offense types which include businesses as well came in at just an average daily occurrence of 0.55.

General law enforcement/criminal activity call types were also up 17.9% for 2015. Within that number however, there was an increase of 18 (+24.7%) offense types in the “traffic offenses” category. The “traffic offense” category means a driver was stopped on a traffic offense and investigation warranted additional actions beyond a warning or citation henceforth requiring an incident report to be completed as well.

The largest increase for 2015 in offense types for the second straight year occurred in the category related to alcohol and drug offense types which showed a 24.1% increase. These offense types can also mostly be attributed to traffic enforcement however. Drug offense types increased from 49 to 67, and Locust officers did encounter offenses involving heroin more than what has been typical in the past. Offense types involving heroin was confined to encounters initiated by traffic enforcement or larceny suspects at Wal-Mart for the most part, and no encounters with heroin activity was discovered at Locust residences.

In the category related to assault offense types, an increase of six was recorded compared to a year ago, from 26 to 32. The daily average occurrence remained very low however with an average of just 0.09.

Serious crime reports remained extremely low again in 2015. For the year, there were five offense types reported related to sexual offenses however each one was either determined to be unfounded, or reporting parties and/or victims failed to provide substantial evidence and/or refused to go forward with additional investigation. One common law (“strong-arm”) robbery was reported that resulted in minor injuries but also the arrest of four suspects. And finally, the

city experienced its first homicide since 2003. The homicide actually was reported at an address outside of the city limits but was an annexed property of the city. An arrest was made in that report as well.

BUSINESS/NEIGHBORHOOD PATROLS

During the 2015 calendar year, fuel prices steadily dropped which resulted in significant savings on fuel costs for patrol vehicles. Despite the lower prices, the Locust Police Department maintained a loose 1300 mile cap for department patrol vehicles to contribute to cost savings while still adequately patrolling Locust businesses and neighborhoods. This continued strategy again resulted in a decrease of documented patrols of Locust neighborhoods and businesses compared to 2014 however, 18,128 neighborhood and business patrols were still completed for the 2015 calendar year. Within the perspective of daily patrols; this represented just a decrease of 5.8 patrols conducted on average daily by the department this year as opposed to last. This decrease would also be partially attributed to Detective Shew being moved from a patrol position to investigations and a shortage of one patrol officer for several months in the spring and summer of 2015. 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 DECREASE of nearly 25% for full-time department patrol vehicles (Based on 2014/2015 budget year vehicle expenditure report).

ARREST CHARGES

Arrest charges in 2015 were up 67.9%, from 162 in 2014 to 272. This steep increase can be attributed to traffic enforcement efforts resulting in more DWI and drug arrest charges than the previous year. Larceny activity at Wal-Mart resulting in arrests remained elevated however no higher than what is considered typical on an annual basis. No charge trends indicated anything of concern as the resulting charges were on a level consistent with past years or were charges that resulted from the arrest of non-Locust residents.

CITATION CHARGES

Traffic safety and enforcement is always a priority for the Locust Police Department with the primary goal of keeping Locust residents and all motorists safe through speed and DWI enforcement efforts. Citation charges were down 20.6% for the year; from 1412 in 2014 to 1121 in 2015. This decrease should not detract however from the efforts of Locust officers in presenting a strong presence on Locust streets and highways.

Of the 1121 citation charges, 579 were issued for speed related violations. Also, although the DWI citation charge number shows at only 7 for the year, this would be inaccurate as the handwritten citations for DWIs were not correctly entered into the office computer database. DWI arrest charges for the year came in at 41, and the vast majority of DWI charges would be made on handwritten citations at the jail during booking. Again, the transfer of Detective Shew from patrol to investigations which resulted in one less patrol officer for several months would also contribute to fewer citation charges being issued. A monthly average of 96.8 warnings issued by Locust officers was also recorded. This resulted in a total monthly average of 190 interactions by Locust officers with the general public that resulted in a citation or warning issued.

For those that still hold a perception of excessive traffic enforcement in Locust, the 1121 total citation charges represented a daily charge issuance average of just 3.1 while the daily average of warnings issued would also come in at 3.1.

TRAFFIC CRASHES

Total recorded/reported crashes for the year (street/highway and pva/parking lots) in Locust was 153 for a monthly average of 12.8, and a daily average occurrence of just 0.4. No deaths in 2015 occurred as a result of a traffic crash in Locust. The increase in reported crashes for the year is something that should continue to be monitored however as the Department of Transportation changes the speed limit throughout Locust to 45 mph.

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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.
Murder - Homicide

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

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Offenses/Incident Reports

CATEGORY: GENERAL SERVICE

Call Type	2015 Total #	Monthly Avg.	2014 Total #	% Change
Escorts Provided	388	32.3	417	-6.9%
Assist EMS/Fire	183	15.3	203	-9.9%
Mutual Aid	81	6.8	69	+17.4%
Calls For Service	53	4.4	65	-18.5%
Assist Motorist	39	3.3	52	-25%
2015 TOTAL/ MONTHLY AVERAGE/ 2014 TOTAL/ % CHANGE	744	62	806	-7.7%

CATEGORY: GENERAL INVESTIGATION

Call Type	2015 Total #	Monthly Avg.	2014 Total #	% Change
Alarm Calls	156	13	162	-3.7%
Disturbances	111	9.3	115	-3.5%
Investigations	88	7.3	98	-10.2%
Suspicious Act.	71	5.9	63	+12.7%
Property Calls	22	1.8	13	+69.2%
Missing Persons	6	0.5	9	-33.3%
2015 TOTAL/ MONTHLY AVERAGE/ 2014 TOTAL/ % CHANGE	454	37.8	460	-1.3%

*Missing Person's # includes REPORTS OF missing persons such as. NO missing person's reports for 2015 included suspected foul play or went unsolved.

CATEGORY: PROPERTY/FINANCIAL CRIME

Call Type	2015 Total #	Monthly Avg.	2014 Total #	% Change
Bus. Larceny	151	12.6	120	+25.8%
Fraud	58	4.8	51	+13.7%
Vehicle Larceny	29	2.4	12	+141.7%
Resi. Larceny	19	1.6	36	-47.7%
2015 TOTAL/ MONTHLY AVERAGE/ 2014 TOTAL/ % CHANGE	257	21.4	219	+17.4%

TOTAL LARCENY OCCURRENCE (BUSINESS, VEHICLE, RESIDENTIAL, PERSONAL)	200*	0.55 Avg. Daily Occurrence	168	+19%
PERSONAL LARCENY OCCURRENCE (VEHICLE, RESIDENTIAL, PERSONAL)	49*	0.13 Avg. Daily Occurrence	48	+2.1%

*Includes common law robbery offense listed in serious crime category.

CATEGORY: GENERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT/CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

Call Type	2015 Total #	Monthly Avg.	2014 Total #	% Change
Traffic Offenses	91	7.6	73	+24.7%
Property Damage	47	3.9	55	-14.6%
Warrants	41	3.4	30	+36.7%
Other Illegal Act.	35	2.9	16	+118.8%
Harassment	22	1.8	19	+15.8%
Trespassing	9	0.8	9	----
Vandalism	4	0.3	2	+100%
Weapons Viol.	1	0.1	3	-66.7%
Juvenile Viol.	0	----	0	----
Ordinance Viol.	0	----	5	-100%
2015 TOTAL/ MONTHLY AVERAGE/ 2014 TOTAL/ % CHANGE	250	20.8	212	+17.9%

CATEGORY: ALCOHOL/DRUGS

Call Type	2015 Total #	Monthly Avg.	2014 Total #	% Change
Drug Offenses	67	5.6	49	+36.7%
DWI	29	2.4	24	+20.8%
Alcohol Charges	12	1	14	-14.3%
2015 TOTAL/ MONTHLY AVERAGE/ 2014 TOTAL/ % CHANGE	108	9	87	+24.1%

CATEGORY: PHYSICAL CRIME

Call Type	2015 Total #	Monthly Avg.	2014 Total #	% Change
Assaults	32	2.7	26	+23.1
2015 DAILY AVERAGE	.09	----	----	----

CATEGORY: SERIOUS/VIOLENT CRIME

Call Type	2015 Total #	Monthly Avg.	2014 Total #
Sex Offense	5*	--	2*
Personal Larceny/Robbery	1	--	0
Murder	1	--	0

*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	2015 Total #	2014 Total #
Death Investigation	3	2

2015 TOTAL OFFENSE TYPES AND INCIDENT REPORTS

2015 TOTAL OFFENSE TYPES/ MONTHLY/ DAILY AVG.	1855	154.6	5.1	<u>2014</u> # 1814	<u>%</u> <u>Change</u> +2.3%
2015 TOTAL INCIDENT REPORTS COMPLETED/ MONTHLY/ DAILY AVG.	1668	139	4.6	<u>2014</u> # 1652	<u>%</u> <u>Change</u> +1.0%

Area Patrols/Checks

Patrol Type	Total #	Monthly Avg.	Daily Avg.
Neighborhoods	9,322	776.8	25.5
Businesses	8,730	727.5	23.9
Requested House	34	2.8	--
Susp. Vehicles	25	2.1	--
Special Inv.	11	0.9	--
Susp. Persons	6	0.5	--

2015 TOTAL PATROLS/ DAILY PATROL AVG.	18,128	<u>2015 DAILY AVG.</u> 49.6	<u>2014 DAILY AVG.</u> 55.4
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Arrests/Offense Charges/Counts

Charge	2015 Total #
Misdemeanor Larceny	55
Driving While Impaired	41
Failure To Appear	35
Assault On A Female	16
Felony Larceny	16
Obtain Property By False Pretense	13
Felony Flee To Elude	9
Probation Violation	8
Assault & Battery	7
Possession Schedule VI	7
Minor Charges	6
Possession Drug Paraphernalia	5
Possession Schedule I	5
Court Order Violation	4
Possession Schedule II	4
Possession With Intent To Sell Meth	4
Resist, Delay, Or Obstruct	4
Breaking & Entering	3
Damage To Property	3
Indecent Exposure	3
Shoplifting	3
Trespassing	3
Carrying Concealed Weapon	2
Communicating Threats	2
Driving While License Revoked	2
Embezzlement	2
Intoxicated & Disruptive	2
Possess With Intent To Sell Sch. VI	2
Murder	1
Possess Counterfeit	1
Possession Firearm By Felon	1
Possession Schedule IV	1
Simple Affray	1
Simple Assault	1

2015 TOTAL ARREST CHARGES/ MONTHLY/DAILY AVG.	272 22.7/0.75
2014 TOTAL ARREST CHARGES/ MONTHLY/DAILY AVG.	162 13.5/0.44
% CHANGE	+67.9%

Citation Charges

CATEGORY: SPEEDING

Citation Charge	Total #
Speeding	545
Speeding In School Zone	34
2015 TOTAL CATEGORY CHARGES	579
MONTHLY/DAILY AVERAGE	48.3/1.6
2014 TOTAL/% CHANGE	830/-30.2%

CATEGORY: VEHICLE VIOLATIONS

Citation Charge	Total #
Expired Registration	96
Expired/No Inspection	20
Operate/Allow Vehicle With No Insurance	20
Cancelled/Revoked Registration	11
Fictitious/Altered Registration	10
Drive Motor Vehicle/Not Properly Registered	5
2015 TOTAL CATEGORY CHARGES	162
MONTHLY/DAILY AVERAGE	13.5/0.4
2014 TOTAL/% CHANGE	228/-28.9%

CATEGORY: LICENSE VIOLATIONS

Citation Charge	Total #
Driving While License Revoked	78
No Operator's License	64
Other License Violations	13
2015 TOTAL CATEGORY CHARGES	155

MONTHLY/DAILY AVERAGE	12.9/0.4
2014 TOTAL/% CHANGE	131/+18.3%

CATEGORY: SAFETY/UNSAFE VIOLATIONS

Citation Charge	Total #
Fail To Stop/Stop Sign Or Red Light	15
Careless Reckless Driving/Unsafe Movement	15
Unsafe Passing	14
Fail To Wear Seat Belt Driver	12
Lane Violations	9
Fail To Reduce Speed	8
Fail To Yield Right Of Way	6
Child Restraint Violation	5
Fail To Wear Seat Belt Passenger	5
Window Tint Violation	4
Following Too Close	3
Improper Equipment	1
Vehicle Lights Violations	1
2015 TOTAL CATEGORY CHARGES	98
MONTHLY/DAILY AVERAGE	8.2/0.3
2014 TOTAL/% CHANGE	121/-19.0%

CATEGORY: ALCOHOL/DRUG OFFENSES

Citation Charge	Total #
Simple Possession Schedule VI	19
Possess/Consume Alcohol Under 21	17
Possess Open Container Alcohol In Vehicle	17
Possession Drug Paraphernalia	12
Driving While Impaired	7
Possession Schedule IV	1
2015 TOTAL CATEGORY CHARGES	73
MONTHLY/DAILY AVERAGE	6.1/0.2
2014 TOTAL/% CHANGE	59/+23.7%

CATEGORY: CRIMINAL/OTHER OFFENSES

Citation Charge	Total #
Misdemeanor Larceny	37
Other Charges	8
Parking Violations	3
Shoplifting	3
Hit And Run/Fail To Stop For Accident	2
Flee To Elude	1

2015 TOTAL CATEGORY CHARGES	54
MONTHLY/DAILY AVERAGE	4.5/0.1
2014 TOTAL/% CHANGE	43/+25.6%

2015 TOTAL CITATION CHARGES	1121
MONTHLY/DAILY AVERAGE	93.4/3.1
2014 TOTAL #/% CHANGE	1412/-20.6%

2015 REPORTED TRAFFIC STOPS WITH WARNINGS ISSUED MONTHLY AVERAGE	96.8* *Recorded through June '15
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Traffic Crashes

2015 TOTAL REPORTED TRAFFIC CRASHES (STREET/HIGHWAY, PVA) / MONTHLY AVG./DAILY AVG.	153/12.8/0.4
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TRAFFIC CRASH "HOT SPOTS" STREET/HIGHWAY (5 Or More Reported)

- Main Street/Central Avenue Intersection Vicinity
- W Main Street/Browns Hill Road Area
- W Main Street/Renee Ford Road Area
- W Main Street/Red Bridge Boulevard Area