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Violent Crime, Property Crime, Down in 2018

SPRINGFIELD, OH (March 19, 2019) — Violent crime and property crime in Springfield were down in 2018, by 11 percent and 20 percent respectively, a year in which police ramped up proactive community policing efforts.

“In 2018, we reinstated the Safe Streets Task Force and reopened the police substation on Johnny Lytle Avenue, just two of the many efforts we made toward crime prevention and community policing efforts,” said Chief Lee Graf, Springfield Police Division. “The Safe Streets Task Force is an effective tool for addressing quality-of-life issues like drug trafficking and drug abuse, as well as street violence and taking illegal guns off the streets. We are committed to continuing those efforts in 2019 and beyond.”

Violent crime is comprised of murder, rape, robbery, and aggravated assault. Property crime includes burglary, theft, motor vehicle theft, and arson. Violent crime decreased 11.65 percent in 2018 from 2017. Property crime decreased 20.20 percent in 2018 from 2017.

Robbery was lowest in five years in 2017, at 136 incidents. Burglary was also its lowest in five years in 2017, at 709 incidents. The same was true of theft, arson and rape.

	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	% Difference, 2017 to 2018
Aggravated assault	156	159	188	150	162	-1.89%
Arson	45	78	59	77	70	-42.31%
Burglary	709	1040	963	1047	1306	-31.83%
Motor vehicle theft	250	289	268	205	207	-13.49%
Murder	13	9	5	12	8	+44.44%
Rape	21	24	34	31	58	-12.50%
Robbery	136	177	184	164	223	-23.16%
Theft	2244	2685	2819	2446	2718	-16.42%

According to U.S. Census data, Springfield’s population was estimated at 59,208 in 2017.