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Crime is Down in Sheriff's Department Areas



A new San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) report is out and it shows crime in all San Diego County Sheriff's Department patrol areas is down.

All categories of crime show a decrease. The good news—violent crimes such as homicide, rapes, aggravated assaults and robberies were down in 2018. The largest part of the drop was in property crime. This is noteworthy considering the county's growing population.

ARJIS UCR	Homicide	Rape	Robbery	Assault	Total	Res. Burg	Non-Res Burg	\$400+ Theft	<\$400 Theft	MV Theft	Total	Total Crime
2017	24	227	562	1885	2698	1234	1074	2828	4065	1701	10902	13600
2018	23	218	526	1847	2614	1025	926	2756	4037	1671	10415	13029
Change	-1	-9	-36	-38	-84	-209	-148	-72	-28	-30	-487	-571

To read the full SANDAG report, click here: <https://bit.ly/2QeCJu9>.

To see the Sheriff's Department's patrol areas, visit www.sdsheriff.net/patrol.



Crime Analysis and Community Policing

Since taking office in 2009, Sheriff Bill Gore has championed Information-Led Policing as a crime fighting strategy.

Information-Led Policing (ILP) is a modern law enforcement model that harnesses data and information from a wide range of sources. ILP helps us identify patterns, links and trends.

This actionable information gives us a better understanding of our beats while strengthening relationships with community members. We can make more strategic decisions in preventing crime because ILP gives us a better idea of where trouble may arise. Deputies can then begin a dialogue to dissuade crime or they will have a better understanding of the situation and potential suspects before responding to an incident. ILP puts crimefighters one step ahead of criminals. The result is safer neighborhoods.

Sheriff Gore says, "It's about putting our resources at the right place and the right time. It's a game-changer for our deputies to connect the dots and stop the crime before it happens. Utilizing information-led policing is about enhancing our ability to provide service through a partnership with the community that builds trust, reduces crime, creates a safe environment and enhances the quality of life in our neighborhoods."

Sheriff Gore also credits the continuing drop in crime to the hard work and dedication of deputies, professional staff and the collaborative efforts occurring within our communities. We forge strong partnerships with the people we serve. Our deputies are always making contacts with community members so they trust us and they feel free to talk to us.

Criminals don't respect neighborhood boundaries so our investigators and analysts also check with their counterparts in Riverside, Orange, San Bernardino and Los Angeles Counties for crime trends or series that might spread into our communities.

A continued focus for 2019 will be to increase staffing in our unincorporated areas and improve our mental health services. We've made great strides with the creation of the Homeless Outreach Team and Alzheimer's Response Team in some of our patrol areas. Our goal is to make more positive connections with the homeless and offer them various resources to help improve their living situation.

An informed community is a safer community. To learn more about the Sheriff's Department, our community outreach and crime prevention programs, visit www.sdsheriff.net.

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