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### **Redding Police Department's 2010 Mid-Year Report**

The Redding Police Department's "2010 Mid-Year Report" is now available. The report is attached as an Adobe (pdf) file. It also can be found online at:

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# **The Redding Police Department 2010 Mid-Year Report**

**January 1 to June 30**

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## Mid-Year Report 2010

The intent of the Redding Police Department's mid-year report is to provide community members with an overview of statistical information relating to crimes reported during the first six months of 2010. The purpose of tracking this data is to gauge general crime trends. While the information is used in many different ways, it does not reflect whether the city of Redding is "safer" or "more dangerous" during this time period when compared to past reporting periods; however, the information gathered becomes a useful tool throughout the year.

One way our agency uses this information is to more efficiently allocate resources as a means to prevent a trend from becoming problematic. We understand it is important to take current data and project into the future to prepare for potential problems. By drawing from past experience and employing a vast array of knowledge and acquired skills, our goal is to establish realistic plans and remain proactive, not reactive, in our efforts to address these rising concerns and/or issues.

Law enforcement agencies are mandated to report seven categories of statistical information, known as Part 1 Crimes, each month to the California Department of Justice. This information is forwarded to the Federal Bureau of Investigations, which will become part of the national statistics compiled and published by the federal government. Part 1 crimes represent seven "benchmark" crime categories which may not be representative of all crimes reported to law enforcement. However, this group of crime codes consistently has been monitored on a nationwide basis for more than 50 years.

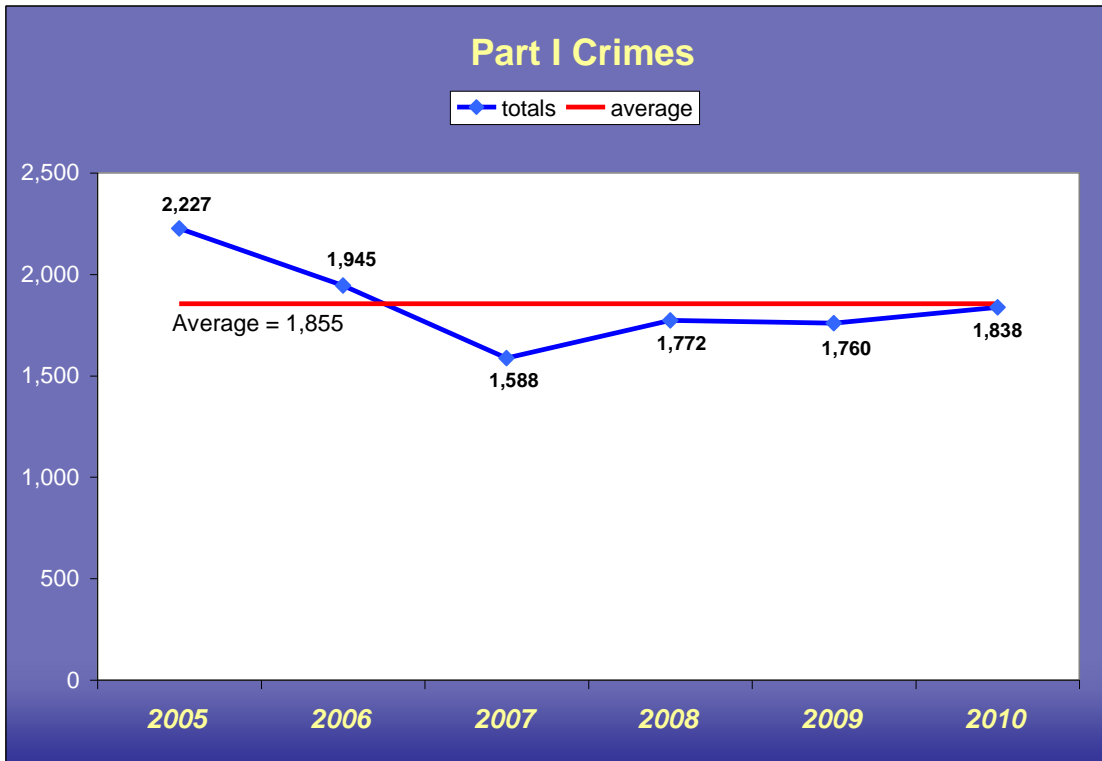
It is important to note that the statistics presented in this report are based on data available at the time of publishing. Many cases require further investigation after the initial report is made, actual numbers may change as cases are closed.

### Historical Comparison: Major Crime For the First Six Months

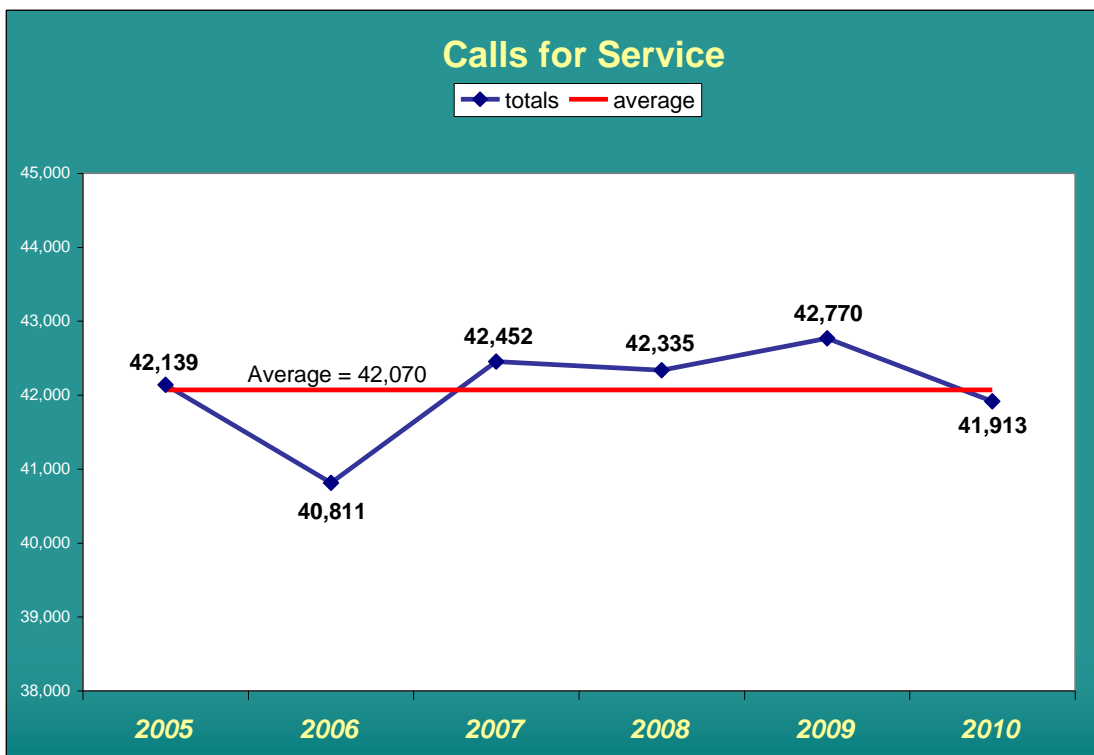
During the first six months of 2010, there was an increase in the total number of Part 1 Crimes of 4.43 percent when compared to the same period during 2009. The table below reflects the specific numbers for each category.

PART 1 CRIME CATEGORY	January - June						Percent Change 2009 to 2010	Raw Number Change 2009 to 2010
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010		
Homicide	0	0	0	1	2	1	-50.00%	-1
Rape	42	37	34	51	31	17	-45.16%	-14
Robbery	35	35	48	38	30	58	93.33%	+28
Aggravated Assault	183	129	136	217	274	311	13.50%	+37
<b>TOTAL VIOLENT CRIME</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>307</b>	<b>337</b>	<b>387</b>	<b>14.84%</b>	<b>+50</b>
Burglary	468	370	312	317	324	382	17.90%	+58
Larceny	1,288	1,131	905	1,030	1,006	959	-4.67%	-47
Vehicle Theft	211	243	153	118	93	110	18.28%	+17
<b>TOTAL PROPERTY CRIME</b>	<b>1,967</b>	<b>1,744</b>	<b>1,370</b>	<b>1,465</b>	<b>1,423</b>	<b>1,451</b>	<b>1.97%</b>	<b>+28</b>
<b>TOTAL PART I CRIMES</b>	<b>2,227</b>	<b>1,945</b>	<b>1,588</b>	<b>1,772</b>	<b>1,760</b>	<b>1,838</b>	<b>4.43%</b>	<b>+78</b>

The following graph illustrates how the first six months of 2010 compares to the same time period for the past several years; indicating this year's Part 1 crimes continue to remain slightly below the five-year average.



Part 1 crimes may provide crime-trend data; however, they do not represent the full demand for police services. The following graph illustrates the total police calls for service, which includes all crime categories as well as some non-crime related calls (advice, repossessions, etc.) There were 857 fewer incidents in 2010, representing a decrease of 2 percent when compared to 2009. This reduction may not be indicative of a decrease in incidents requiring a police response. It may be the result that there are fewer opportunities for patrol personnel to generate self-initiated calls as a result of a reduction in staffing levels this past year.



In addition to Part 1 crimes, the Redding Police Department personnel engage in a wide-variety of enforcement activities. The following table provides an overview of those additional categories, as well as the tracking how many officers are assaulted during the course of their duty.

Other RPD Activity	January - June						Percent Change 2009 to 2010	Raw Number Change 2009 to 2010
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010		
Arrests	3,297	3,754	4,331	4,615	4,528	4,133	-8.72%	-395
DUIs	187	279	501	401	385	279	-27.53%	-106
DUI-related Traffic Collisions	58	91	73	80	75	46	-38.67%	-29
All Other Traffic Collisions	881	879	903	723	707	631	-10.75%	-76
Citations	8,223	6,757	8,424	8,804	9,694	6,150	-36.56%	-3,544
Domestic Violence	453	427	332	305	290	359	23.79%	+69
Violence Against Seniors	9	3	7	6	8	12	50.00%	+4
Officers Assaulted	19	14	10	10	10	23	130.00%	+13

When comparing the data over the past several years, there are many variables that can be attributed to the changes in these figures. Until 2008, the computer tracking used to capture raw data was different than it is today. We feel the new system is more accurate, especially as it relates to duplicate information and/or erroneous information being included in the statistics.

However, the data from 2009 and 2010 can be compared side-by-side as it was captured using the current method. Many categories show a substantial decrease in total overall numbers. While it is difficult to attribute this to a specific trend or reason, it is clear that a reduction in staffing levels has had an impact on many categories.

The most notable change is in the number of citations issued, which is typically a self-initiated enforcement activity. With a reduction in staffing levels, including cuts made in the number of non-sworn community service officers, sworn officers are unable to perform traffic-related enforcement duties as frequently as in the past. Traffic enforcement remains a high priority for our department and continues to be the number one concern of our community. Measures to ensure for the safety of our roadways have been researched and continue to be implemented in an attempt to soften the impact the staffing reductions have in this area, including:

- In April 2010, the Traffic Unit began working joint enforcement details with the California Highway Patrol. This collaborative effort will focus on areas that have a high rate of collisions and/or high-traffic volume.
- Participation in the Avoid the Six will continue with local law enforcement agencies working together conducting planned DUI enforcement operations.
- After a long absence, the radar trailer has been redeployed with the assistance of department volunteers. The radar trailer is placed in neighborhoods to address concerns expressed by residents regarding speeding vehicles.
- We will continue our efforts to seek additional funding sources, including grants, in order to provide the equipment and resources officers will need to work more efficiently. Priorities for funding include the acquisition of hand-held citation devices, on-line reporting software, and a computerized speed monitor.

As the year continues, the department faces many challenges. As we remain committed to providing the highest level of service to our community, staff continues to explore a variety of options that promise to improve our ability to respond quickly to priority calls and fulfill the needs of our residents.

The police department relies on the public to be our eyes and ears in the community. We encourage continued reporting of suspicious and criminal activities as they occur. While response times are likely to rise, the information is crucial to keep officers informed of problem areas where efforts can be focused to improve the quality of life in the City of Redding.

