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SUFFOLK POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORTS DROP IN CRIME FOR 2014

SUFFOLK, VA (January 14, 2015) The Suffolk Police Department saw an overall drop in crime in the City of Suffolk of 14.2% in 2014 with double digit decreases indicated in most categories of crime statistics for the year.

This is the most significant drop in crime since Chief Thomas Bennett joined the City of Suffolk Police Department in 2009. The results come from statistical information for the 2014 calendar year related to Part 1 FBI numbers utilized in their Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program.

A review of categories indicates the following statistics:

- Homicide, down 71.4%
- Rape, slight increase up 5.9%
- Robbery, down 18.8%
- Aggravated Assault, down 17.4%
- Burglary, down 33.7%
- Larceny, down 8.4%
- Vehicle Theft, down 17.2%

- Arson, down 59.1%

Chief Bennett notes, “The decrease in crime rates can be attributed to many factors, including the good working relationship and trust the Department has with our citizens in helping them solve and prevent crime; the hard work of our Officers; the efforts of the Commonwealth’s Attorney and their prosecutions which result in getting the right people off the street and into jail, and the continued support of the City Council and Administration in making public safety a priority in 2014 and beyond.”

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