

POLICE DEPARTMENT CRIME UPDATE 2019

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2019 PART I CRIMES

	2018	2019	Difference	Percent Change
Homicide	1	2	1	100.0%
Rape	83	61	-22	-26.5%
Robbery	106	99	-7	-6.6%
Aggravated Assault	239	224	-15	-6.3%
Simple Assaults	1155	1083	-72	-6.2%
Burglary	525	535	10	1.9%
Larceny	3158	3280	122	3.9%
Auto Theft	310	329	19	6.1%
Arson	24	22	-2	-8.3%
Total (Not including Simple Assaults)	4446	4552	106	2.4%
Violent Crimes	429	386	-43	-10.0%
Property Crimes	4017	4166	149	3.7%

2019 PART I PROPERTY CRIME BREAKDOWN

Property Crime	2018	2019	2018-2019 # Change	2018-2019 % Change
Residential Burglary	193	204	11	5.7%
Garage Burglary	72	54	-18	-25.0%
Commercial Burglary	260	277	17	6.5%
Larceny - All Other	799	815	16	2.0%
Larceny - From Bldg	381	363	-18	-4.7%
Larceny - Pickpocket	6	10	4	66.7%
Larceny - Shoplifting	567	620	53	9.3%
Larceny - Vending	5	5	0	0.0%
Larceny - From Vehicle	1400	1467	67	4.8%
Auto Theft	310	329	19	6.1%
Arson	24	22	-2	-8.3%
Total Property Crimes	4017	4166	149	3.7%

BURGLARIES IN HUNTINGTON BEACH

- Residential

- 5.7% increase or 11 more crimes

- Several apartments along the Edinger corridor were targeted
 - Several vacant apartments / residences were broken into and used for sleeping
 - We had 3 fumigated residential burglaries in the south area of the city

- Commercial

- 6.5% increase or 17 more burglaries

- Storage facilities are still trending

- Once inside a building it is easy to burglarize 20 units in a night
 - Many facilities do not have up-to-date security protocols

LARCENIES IN HUNTINGTON BEACH

- Shoplifting

- 9.3% increase or 53 more crimes
- Shoplifting has increased since 2016 due to online marketplace sites such as Offer Up, Let Go and Facebook Marketplace which makes it very easy to sell stolen property. Huntington Beach (and much of Orange County) has been targeted by groups of thieves called Organized Retail Theft Groups. These groups target retail establishments to steal large quantities of products at one time. Beauty supplies, over-the-counter medications, alcohol and clothing are usually targeted. These types of groups account for \$180,000 of the total shoplifting loss of \$248,000 for 2019.

- Theft from Motor Vehicles

- 4.8% increase or 67 more crimes
- Theft from motor vehicles/vehicle parts had a 4.8% increase as compared to 2018. The total loss from these thefts was \$1.6 million dollars. Roughly half the theft from vehicles occur to unlocked vehicles.

LARCENIES CONTINUED

- Larceny – All Other
 - 2.0% increase or 16 more crimes
 - Bicycle thefts (counted under Larceny All-Other) have increased. This past year we have recovered 60 of the 480 reported bicycles stolen. Bicycle thefts account for \$386,000 loss in 2019. We average 40 report per months with an average price of \$800 per bicycle.

OTHER UPDATES

- 2018-2023 Strategic Plan update
- Staffing update
- Homeless response plans
- CAD/RMS project
- Building modernization
- False Alarm program
- Street Sweeping Enforcement program

QUESTIONS?