



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

Agenda Item Number: 4

Agenda Date: June 10, 2022

In Control: Public Safety Committee

DEPARTMENT: Police Department

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COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT: Briefing on Crime Statistics for 1st Quarter of Calendar Year 2022

SUMMARY:

The San Antonio Police Department (SAPD) will provide the Public Safety Committee with crime statistics for the 1st quarter for calendar year 2022 (January to March). At this briefing SAPD will review the transition to reporting crime data from Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) standard to the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS).

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

SAPD reports crime occurring in the city based on the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) standard. Each year, the SAPD reports crime data to the FBI which in turn produces an annual report highlighting national crime trends in major metropolitan areas throughout the country.

On January 1, 2021, the Federal Bureau of Investigation discontinued its Summary Reporting System (SRS) for crime statistics and fully transitioned the Uniform Crime Reporting Program to the National Incident-Based Reporting System. The NIBRS program includes three Offense Categories (Crimes Against Persons, Property and Society), 24 Group A Offense Categories made up of 52 Group A Offense Classifications. In contrast, the SRS program included ten offense classifications. Additionally, NIBRS provides standardized data, a more accurate picture of crime, improved transparency and accountability, context for understanding victimization and offenders, and better data for addressing citizen concerns.

Because NIBRS reports up to ten offenses within an incident, it provides a truer picture of major crime within San Antonio's jurisdiction.

Beginning in 2021, Part I and Part II Offenses under SRS were discarded in favor of NIBRS Group A Offenses. Group A Offense Categories include the violent crimes of Homicide, Sexual Assault, Robbery and Aggravated Assault. Additionally, Group A Offenses contain the property crimes of Burglary, Larceny, and Motor Vehicle Thefts. Financial Crimes such as Fraud/Embezzlement, and quality of life crimes to include Human Trafficking and Prostitution are also reported as Group A Offenses.

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ALTERNATIVES:

This is a briefing only.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This is a briefing only.

RECOMMENDATION:

This is a briefing only.