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DEPARTMENT: Police Department

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COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

San Antonio Police Department 2023 Crime Statistics and Property Crimes Task Force Update

SUMMARY:

The San Antonio Police Department (SAPD) will provide the Public Safety Committee with a briefing on crime data for January 2023 to September 2023 and an update on the consolidation of the Property Crimes Task Force.

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.

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.

The Department will provide a January through September crime comparison of 2022 and 2023, as well as discuss the factors that have influenced criminal activity. The briefing will also include an overview of the newly centralized Property Crimes Task Force.

At this briefing, the Police Department will provide an overview of efforts currently underway to target property crimes. The Property Crimes Task Force was formed in July 2023 to address the rise in property crime. Formerly, property crimes detectives were decentralized under the patrol division. To maximize economy of force, investigative efficiencies, and unit of command, the property crimes detectives were consolidated into the Property Crimes Task Force under the Investigations Division.

The Property Crimes Task Force consists of 54 Detectives, six Sergeants, and one Lieutenant providing 20 hours of daily coverage. Further, the new unit provides a proactive, intelligence led and offender focused approach to property crime.

ISSUE:

The San Antonio Police Department (SAPD) will present the Public Safety Committee crime statistics for the period of January 2023 to September 2023 and an overview of the Property Crimes Task Force.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This item is for briefing purposes only.

ALTERNATIVES:

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RECOMMENDATION:

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