



Greetings from Police Chief Paul Williams



In any community, crime is only one aspect of public safety. Rarely can police or city officials solve public safety problems alone.

In Springfield, we are working together to address a variety of problems. Public safety is no different. Together, we are working to identify, reduce, eliminate and prevent problems that impact community safety and order.

The Springfield Police Department's Community Policing philosophy serves as a guide for daily operations and functions. It is a philosophy based upon a partnership between the police and the community, in which the police and the community work together.

To increase awareness about public safety issues in our community, the Springfield Police Department presents this first edition of a Quarterly Public Safety Report. In addition to providing crime statistics, we will include information on programs and services (such as those listed to the right) that exist to address important safety issues, including crime. We also hope to inspire citizens to become a part of the solution to make Springfield an even safer place to live, work and play.

By working together, the police and the community can reduce the fear and incidence of crime, and improve the quality of life in neighborhoods citywide.

By working together, we can mobilize the efforts and resources of the police, the community and local government.

Sincerely,

Chief of Police

Headquarters:

321 E. Chestnut Expressway
Springfield, MO 65802

South District Station:

2620 W. Battlefield Rd.
Springfield, MO 65807

Community Engagement

Springfield Police Department offers a variety of programs and services that engage citizens in public safety initiatives.

- Police Area Representative (PAR) Officers
- Crime Prevention Officers
- Neighborhood Watch
- Business Watch
- Night Watch
- Targeted awareness Campaigns
- Crime Stoppers
- Citizens Police Academy
- Coffee with the Chief
- Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS)

Police Engagement

Springfield Police Department is organized to maximize effective deployment and utilization of resources.

- Highly trained and specialized teams
- Targeted enforcement efforts
 - people
 - places
 - crime
- Annual beat surveys
- Spirit of service
- Commitment to transparency
- Crime trend analysis
- Daily officer deployment based on crime data

See Something. Say Something.

When it comes to public safety, there's no information that's insignificant. Don't hesitate. Call 911.

Report criminal activity anonymously to Crime Stoppers.

(417) 869-TIPS

Text a Tip: Text 417SPD plus your message or photo to CRIMES (274637)

facebook.com/sgfpolice

Twitter: @sgfpolice

YouTube.com/sgfpolice

Learn more about how you can be involved in crime prevention efforts:

(417) 874-2113 or **www.springfieldmo.gov/SPD**

Springfield Crime Statistics

Year to Date (Jan. - Sept.)

↑ 3.2%
Overall increase
in crime in 2013.

CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS

January - September	2012	2013
Homicide	11	8
Rape	113	210*
Robbery	241	290
Aggravated Assault	876	934
Total Against Persons	1241	1442

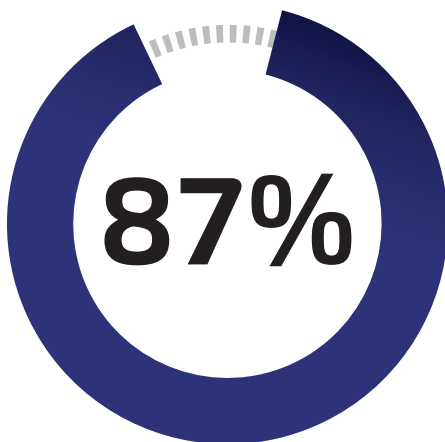
THERE WAS A **16% TOTAL INCREASE IN CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS** FROM THIS PERIOD IN 2012.

* Effective Jan. 1, 2013, the Department of Justice changed the definition of rape with the goal of a more comprehensive statistical reporting of rape nationwide. Due to the definition change, many more cases are now classified as rape, causing the increase between 2012 and 2013 to be vast.

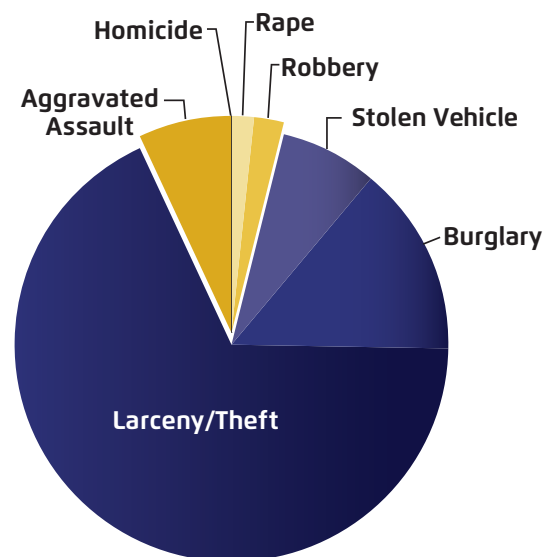
CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY

January - September	2012	2013
Burglary	1622	1792
Larceny/theft	8444	8558
Stolen Vehicle	792	872
Total Against Property	10858	11222

THERE WAS A **3.4% TOTAL INCREASE IN CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY** FROM THIS PERIOD IN 2012.



87% OF CRIMES REPORTED JAN - SEPT. 2013 WERE PROPERTY CRIMES



2013 BREAKDOWN OF TOTAL PART 1 OFFENSES