



## Springfield Police Department Launched New "Victim Resources" Page

At the Springfield Police Department, we strive to continuously evolve alongside the community we serve. Over the past few months we have realized the need for a more open and thorough dialog with our community partners and the citizens of Springfield. One way in which we have worked to open those lines of communication is with an addition to our website.



On Jan. 15 we launched our new "Victim Resources" page, after several weeks of working with community partners, including Me Too Springfield, The Victim Center and the Greene County Family Justice Center. The "Victim Resources" page is geared toward victims of sexual assault or domestic abuse, their loved ones and anyone looking for more information. On this page you will find a comprehensive list along with contact information to community resources that can help victims map out their options. We've also provided detailed descriptions of our investigative processes for sexual and domestic assaults, explaining every step from the time a crime is committed to when charges are presented to the prosecutor.

Some other helpful resources found on the new webpage include how to file a report, contact information, awareness tips, crime data and SPD's Standard Operating Guidelines.

"We want this to be a resource where people can easily get answers and find information that can help them make an informed decision," said Police Chief Paul Williams. "We hope our new webpage will be an educational tool that will encourage victims to come forward, so we can move closer to eradicating the epidemic of sexual assault and domestic abuse in our community."

On the "Victim Resources" page there is also information about a new partnership between SPD and The Victim Center. This new effort allows any victim to utilize The Victim Center's already existing 24-Crisis Response Line if they don't feel comfortable contacting law enforcement or have questions about their current or past case. That number is (417) 864-7233 (HOPE).

You can find our new "Victim Resource Page" at [Springfieldmo.gov/SPD](http://Springfieldmo.gov/SPD)

## 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
  - Neighborhood Watch
  - Business Watch
  - Night Watch
  - CPTED
  - Apartment Watch
  - Citizens Alert Patrol
- 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.

There's no information that's insignificant. Don't hesitate. Call 911.

**Report criminal activity anonymously to Crime Stoppers.**

**(417) 869-TIPS**

**[www.p3tips.com](http://www.p3tips.com)**

### Headquarters:

321 E. Chestnut Expressway  
Springfield, MO 65802

### South District Station:

2620 W. Battlefield Rd.  
Springfield, MO 65807

Connect with us: [sfpd](https://www.facebook.com/sfpd)



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

**(417) 874-2113 or [springfieldmo.gov/spd](http://springfieldmo.gov/spd)**

# Springfield Crime Statistics

Fourth Quarter 2018 (Oct. - Dec.)

↓ **10%**

Overall decrease  
in crime in 4th Qtr.  
(Compared to 4th Qtr. 2017)

## CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS

Oct. - Dec.	2017	2018
Homicide	4	7
Rape	75	82
Robbery	103	86
Aggravated Assault	376	417
<b>Total Against Persons</b>	<b>558</b>	<b>592</b>

THERE WAS A **6% TOTAL INCREASE** IN CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS FROM THIS PERIOD IN 2017.

## CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY

Oct. - Dec.	2017	2018
Burglary	506	505
Larceny/theft	2,486	2,130
Stolen Vehicle	406	344
<b>Total Against Property</b>	<b>3,398</b>	<b>2,979</b>

THERE WAS A **12% TOTAL DECREASE** IN CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY FROM THIS PERIOD IN 2017.



**100%**  
of homicide cases  
were **SOLVED** in the  
fourth quarter of 2018.



**41 more**  
aggravated  
assaults occurred  
(a 10% increase)  
compared to this  
period in 2017.

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