

MIAMI BEACH

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COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: The Members of the Neighborhood / Community Affairs Committee

FROM: Daniel J. Oates, Chief of Police

DATE: April 4, 2018

SUBJECT: **Neighborhood / Community Affairs Committee
R9X Discussion Regarding the Perceived Increase in Crime in
Miami Beach and Having More Community Policing Citywide**

This memorandum is prepared to provide detailed information on current crime trends in response to a request by the Neighborhood/Community Affairs Committee. In a previous Letter to Commission, dated February 23, 2018, the City Manager provided Uniform Crime Report (UCR) information on the 9.49 percent reduction in major index crime in Miami Beach in 2017 (LTC 99-2018, attached). At the March 21, 2018 NCAC meeting, the Police Department also presented data on the 21-percent decline in major index crime since 2013.

NCAC Commissioners asked for more detailed trend information, including citywide and for the areas of North, Middle and South Beach. Since UCR information generally takes a long time to compile and validate and is only official reported twice a year, the Police Department produces a separate, much more detailed "Crime Trend Report" for its frequent crime strategy meetings. This report is a snapshot in time, designed to provide commanders, supervisors and investigators with trend information to support immediate deployment decisions to reduce crime. Because it is produced quickly for the purpose of real-time decision making, the MBPD Crime Trend Report reflects slightly different but also more comprehensive data than the UCR. In addition, the Crime Trend Report breaks down crimes into important sub-categories, and it relies on Florida statute definitions of crimes, which vary somewhat from how the FBI categorizes crime under UCR.

Differences between FBI UCR and MBPD Crime Trend Report


The FBI Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) is a definition-driven system for providing comprehensive crime information about the nation. Because specific crime definitions vary from state to state, UCR applies a well-established definition scheme to square up crimes from state to state to meet FBI criteria. So the FBI UCR process is the only way to compare an individual city's record over time on crime or one city's crime to another's.


There are seven Part 1 crimes measured by UCR. Each city reports its data to the state, which in turn reports it to the FBI. These crimes are also known as the “major index crimes.” They are: murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, theft and auto theft.


There are a number of important distinctions in how crime is defined for UCR and for the MBPD Crime Trends Report, which relies on Florida law definitions of specific crimes. These differences in how crimes are defined explain why the UCR and the MBPD Crime Trends Report never match exactly. Some examples of the differences between the FBI UCR and the MBPD Crime Trends Report are as follows:


- A robbery where a bag is taken from the person of another without force (e.g., a purse snatch) is treated as a robbery under Florida law and in the MBPD Crime Trend Report, but as a theft under FBI/UCR.
- Burglary to the curtilage of a home is considered a larceny under a FBI/UCR but a burglary under Florida law and in the MBPD Crime Trend Report.
- Burglary to an auto is considered a larceny under FBI/UCR but is considered a burglary under Florida Law and in the MBPD Crime Trend Report.
- Every victim in a single aggravated-assault incident is recorded as a separate crime under FBI/UCR, but under Florida law and in the MBPD Crime Trend Report, the event counts as one crime of aggravated assault with multiple victims listed.

With these distinctions in mind, provided below is an MBPD Crime Trend Report for the first 10 weeks of 2018 comparing data to a year ago, with separate trend comparisons for: 1) the most recent four weeks compared to the immediate prior four weeks in 2018; and 2) the most recent four weeks compared to the same period a year ago.

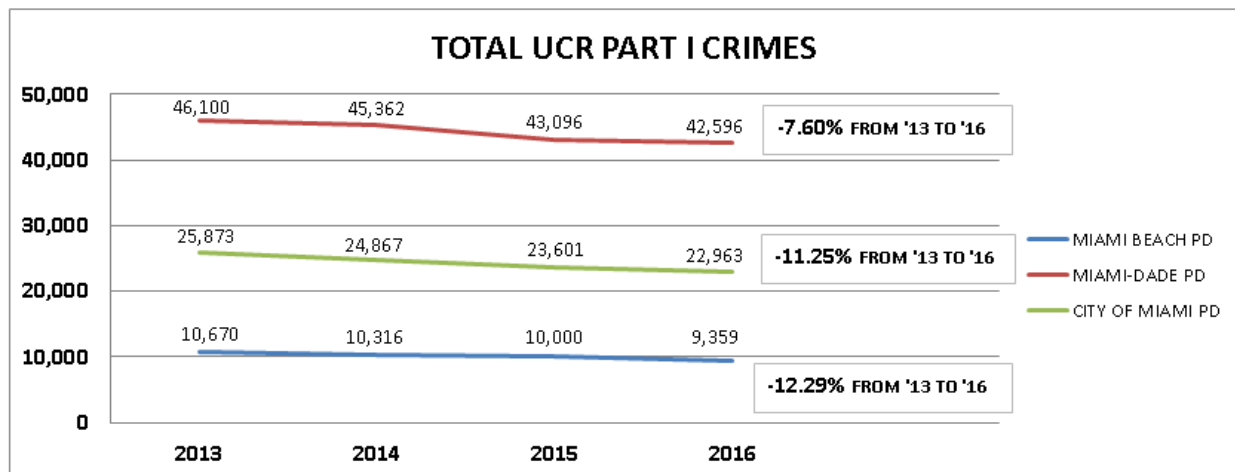
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*Trends are measured by a count of occurred incidents during the reported period. Major Crimes	Current Week	Prior four weeks From Mon to Sun	Current four weeks From Mon to Sun	Percent Change	Equivalent four weeks Prior Year	Current four weeks Current Year	Percent Change	Prior Year to Date (YTD)	Current Year to Date (YTD)	Percent Change
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Homicide	0	1	0	-100.00%	0	0		0	1	
Sexual Battery	3	5	8	60.00%	6	8	33.33%	13	15	15.38%
Robbery	5	8	15	87.50%	21	15	-28.57%	56	31	-44.64%
- Armed	3	2	4	100.00%	9	4	-55.56%	19	10	-47.37%
- Strong Arm	2	6	11	83.33%	12	11	-8.33%	37	21	-43.24%
Agg. Battery/Assault	6	17	21	23.53%	22	21	-4.55%	43	41	-4.65%
Burglary	16	51	58	13.73%	42	58	38.10%	108	133	23.15%
- Residential	1	5	9	80.00%	6	9	50.00%	17	15	-11.76%
- Apartment	1	15	13	-13.33%	11	13	18.18%	27	32	18.52%
- Commercial	0	1	4	300.00%	1	4	300.00%	6	7	16.67%
- Hotel	7	16	21	31.25%	13	21	61.54%	28	46	64.29%
Thefts	94	347	395	13.83%	426	395	-7.28%	1,017	937	-7.87%
- Beach	19	54	85	57.41%	92	85	-7.61%	180	162	-10.00%
- Retail	10	44	43	-2.27%	45	43	-4.44%	123	114	-7.32%
Vehicle Burglaries	15	67	63	-5.97%	87	63	-27.59%	220	180	-18.18%
Auto Thefts	9	34	35	2.94%	42	35	-16.67%	86	83	-3.49%
7 Major Crimes	148	530	595	12.26%	646	595	-7.89%	1,543	1,421	-7.91%

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Homicide	0	1	0	-100.00%	0	0		0	1	
Sexual Battery	2	5	5	0.00%	5	5	0.00%	8	11	37.50%
Robbery	3	5	12	140.00%	19	12	-36.84%	41	22	-46.34%
- Armed	2	1	3	200.00%	8	3	-62.50%	14	6	-57.14%
- Strong Arm	1	4	9	125.00%	11	9	-18.18%	27	16	-40.74%
Agg. Battery/Assault	4	11	14	27.27%	15	14	-6.67%	29	27	-6.90%
Burglary	6	32	29	-9.38%	24	29	20.83%	57	72	26.32%
- Residential	0	2	0	-100.00%	0	0		4	2	-50.00%
- Apartment	1	11	12	9.09%	9	12	33.33%	18	25	38.89%
- Commercial	0	1	0	-100.00%	0	0		3	1	-66.67%
- Hotel	3	10	13	30.00%	8	13	62.50%	16	28	75.00%
Thefts	71	258	274	6.20%	304	274	-9.87%	687	669	-2.62%
- Beach	17	49	72	46.94%	81	72	-11.11%	143	139	-2.80%
- Retail	9	34	34	0.00%	40	34	-15.00%	98	89	-9.18%
Vehicle Burglaries	8	37	34	-8.11%	43	34	-20.93%	100	102	2.00%
Auto Thefts	4	19	17	-10.53%	26	17	-34.62%	43	47	9.30%
7 Major Crimes	98	368	385	4.62%	436	385	-11.70%	965	951	-1.45%

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Homicide	0	0	0		0	0		0	0	
Sexual Battery	1	0	3		0	3		2	3	50.00%
Robbery	0	0	1		0	1		6	3	-50.00%
- Armed	0	0	0		0	0		2	2	0.00%
- Strong Arm	0	0	1		0	1		4	1	-75.00%
Agg. Battery/Assault	1	2	4	100.00%	2	4	100.00%	2	6	200.00%
Burglary	6	12	16	33.33%	14	16	14.29%	36	35	-2.78%
- Residential	0	2	4	100.00%	6	4	-33.33%	12	6	-50.00%
- Apartment	0	0	0		0	0		0	1	
- Commercial	0	0	2		0	2		2	2	0.00%
- Hotel	3	6	7	16.67%	4	7	75.00%	10	15	50.00%
Thefts	15	60	75	25.00%	74	75	1.35%	206	167	-18.93%
- Beach	2	4	12	200.00%	10	12	20.00%	34	18	-47.06%
- Retail	0	3	2	-33.33%	0	2		7	6	-14.29%
Vehicle Burglaries	5	20	15	-25.00%	23	15	-34.78%	62	46	-25.81%
Auto Thefts	2	4	8	100.00%	6	8	33.33%	17	14	-17.65%
7 Major Crimes	30	98	122	24.49%	119	122	2.52%	331	274	-17.22%

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Homicide	0	0	0		0	0		0	0	
Sexual Battery	0	0	0		1	0	-100.00%	3	1	-66.67%
Robbery	2	3	2	-33.33%	2	2	0.00%	9	6	-33.33%
- Armed	1	1	1	0.00%	1	1	0.00%	3	2	-33.33%
- Strong Arm	1	2	1	-50.00%	1	1	0.00%	6	4	-33.33%
Agg. Battery/Assault	1	4	3	-25.00%	5	3	-40.00%	12	8	-33.33%
Burglary	4	7	13	85.71%	4	13	225.00%	15	26	73.33%
- Residential	1	1	5	400.00%	0	5		1	7	600.00%
- Apartment	0	4	1	-75.00%	2	1	-50.00%	9	6	-33.33%
- Commercial	0	0	2		1	2	100.00%	1	4	300.00%
- Hotel	1	0	1		1	1	0.00%	2	3	50.00%
Thefts	8	29	46	58.62%	48	46	-4.17%	124	101	-18.55%
- Beach	0	1	1	0.00%	1	1	0.00%	3	5	66.67%
- Retail	1	7	7	0.00%	5	7	40.00%	18	19	5.56%
Vehicle Burglaries	2	10	14	40.00%	21	14	-33.33%	58	32	-44.83%
Auto Thefts	3	11	10	-9.09%	10	10	0.00%	26	22	-15.38%
7 Major Crimes	20	64	88	37.50%	91	88	-3.30%	247	196	-20.65%

The NCAC also asked for crime trend information from neighboring jurisdictions and for the State of Florida and for nation in recent years. Below is a chart showing crime trends since 2013 for Miami-Dade County, for City of Miami and for Miami Beach. All have shown a similar downward arc of crime reduction, with Miami Beach showing slightly better reductions than City of Miami and almost a 5 percent better reduction than the County. During the same period, UCR crimes in the entire State of Florida declined by 7.83 percent. Data for the entire United States was a little harder to find, but staff was able to confirm from official DOJ reports that from 2012 to 2016, violent crime in the United States increased by 2.6 percent while property crime decreased by 12 percent.



The NCAC also requested data on total arrests in Miami Beach. MBPD total arrest numbers for the past 5 years are as follows:

Total Arrests

2013: 9,793

2014: 6,999

2015: 5,639

2016: 5,431

2017: 5,790

The NCAC also requested data on DUI arrests in Miami Beach. MBPD DUI arrest numbers for the past 5 years are as follows:

DUI Arrests

2013: 318

2014: 293

2015: 117

2016: 148

2017: 183

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