

City of Piedmont
COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

DATE: March 2, 2020
TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: Sara Lillevand, City Administrator
SUBJECT: Piedmont Police Department 2019 Year End Report

RECOMMENDATION

This report is submitted for information purposes only.

BACKGROUND

The Piedmont Police Department Annual Report is provided to the Council and community as an overview of Departmental efforts aligned with its public safety mission as well as a summary of criminal offenses based on Uniform Crime Report (UCR) data. Note that the F.B.I. reporting requirements for the UCR uses crime definitions that vary slightly from California state law definitions or local standards. Therefore, it is not uncommon for the numbers shown in the UCR to differ from those taken directly from the Police Department's data analysis system. For example, under California law, breaking into a secured/locked vehicle to steal something would be criminally charged as a Burglary. However, in the UCR, this would be reported as a Larceny-Theft. The UCR is the only officially utilized measure of crime rate utilized by the Piedmont Police Department for reporting purposes. Other reported crime statistics are provided for local interest and education only.

CRIME SUMMARY

The City of Piedmont experienced an increase in reportable offenses in 2019 as compared to 2018, from 222 UCR reported offenses in 2018 to 244 UCR reported offenses in 2019. Please see the attached UCR comparison tables for reference. The increase in reported offenses in 2019 as compared to 2018 was most notably due to an increase in larceny thefts. While there was an increase in the overall Part 1 offenses, the number of reported robberies dropped from 10 in 2018 to five in 2019.

Two of the five robberies which were reported during 2019 were home invasion style robberies while the remaining three reported robbery incidents were street robberies where suspects approached individuals in public areas and took items of value by means of force or fear. Suspects were identified and/or arrested in all five robbery incidents that occurred in 2019. This is a testament to the outstanding initial response by patrol officers, investigative work by the Detective Unit, and the Department's ability to leverage technology and regional law enforcement partnerships.

Burglaries, defined generally as the unlawful entry into a dwelling or specified structure with the intent to commit a theft or other felony, remained flat in comparison to 2018 with 47 reported incidents in 2019. Larceny-theft increased from 123 reported offenses in 2018 to 162 reported offenses in 2019.

The table below reflects the number of robberies, larceny thefts, burglaries and motor vehicle thefts reported through the fourth quarter over the last three years.

2017 Robberies – 3	2018 Robberies – 10	2019 Robberies – 5
2017 Burglaries – 60	2018 Burglaries – 47	2019 Burglaries - 47
2017 Larceny/Theft – 97	2018 Larceny/Theft – 123	2019 Larceny/Theft – 162
2017 Motor Vehicle Theft - 16	2018 Motor Vehicle Theft - 25	2019 Motor Vehicle Theft - 19

While the Police Department continuously conducts proactive patrols to mitigate thefts and other crimes, we cannot overemphasize the importance of residents and visitors employing basic crime prevention actions such as not leaving valuables in vehicles.

In 2019, Piedmont police officers made 14 arrests and recovered 33 stolen vehicles with a valuation of \$280,100 in events directly related to the Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) cameras. By comparison, officers made 17 arrests and recovered 29 stolen vehicles with an approximate valuation of \$257,800 in 2018.

CRIME PREVENTION SUMMARY

The Department continues its practice of community engagement through its social media presence, print media and in-person interactions to educate the public on crime prevention measures, Department activity, and significant public safety events. The Coffee, Cars, and Cops; and National Night Out events were extremely successful in terms of participation and attendance in 2019.

The Department continues to partner with the Public Safety Committee to increase community participation in Neighborhood Watch and disaster preparedness. The Public Safety Committee also established a subcommittee to aid the Police Department with public outreach related to public safety cameras. That outreach consisted of several neighborhood meetings and a community meeting. The subcommittee also worked with staff and a consultant to develop a survey to inform and collect opinion data relative to the proposed public safety camera program.

STAKEHOLDER COLLABORATION SUMMARY

The Department is committed to collaborating with the Piedmont Unified School District (PUSD) to maintain a safe learning environment and being a resource for students and parents. Department personnel routinely respond to specific incidents and work to collaborate with PUSD staff on various ongoing issues which affect students, staff and the larger community. In 2019, the City Council approved acceptance of the California Department of Justice Tobacco Grant award in the amount of \$390,000. A portion of the grant was provided to the PUSD for student health education services and education. The grant will continue through the 2021/22 fiscal year after which point the Department will provide options for the continuation of the Juvenile Officer position.

TRAFFIC SAFETY SUMMARY

Maintaining safe roadways for all who use them is an ongoing area of attention for the Department. Enforcement, while providing short-term mitigating effects, cannot be counted on alone to solve speeding issues and other types of hazardous driving. Residents and visitors need to take individual accountability with respect to driving habits. The Department continues to seek opportunities to educate and remind drivers of common hazardous driving practices and safe driving practices. The Department continues to maintain electronic speed signs in areas with high volumes of vehicle traffic and deploys a speed trailer throughout the City based on staff observations of excess speed as well as complaints received by residents.

The Department conducts selective traffic enforcement targeted primarily in and around the schools and on the more highly traveled streets; specifically, Oakland, Highland, Wildwood, Grand, Moraga, and Linda Avenues, Estates Drive, and Hampton Road. Reportable incidents generated declined from 91 events in 2018 to 73 events in 2019. Speed and inattention continue to be the main factors associated with the reported collisions.

Finally, the traffic safety group, an interdepartmental group made up of staff from the Public Works Department, Police Department, and City Engineer, worked to ensure the City appropriately addressed traffic safety concerns related to roadways and intersections which have been brought to our attention by the public and staff observations. Traffic safety will be one of the areas of focus for the update to the City's Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan in 2020.

ATTACHMENTS

2019 Fourth Quarter UCR Statistics
2019 vs. 2018 & 2017 Fourth Quarter Comparison
2019 vs. 2018 & 2017 Monthly Crime Comparison
2019 Year-End Quarter Crime Map
2019 ALPR Report

By: Jeremy Bowers, Chief of Police

Uniform Crime Stats 4th Qrtr 2019

CRIME	OCT	NOV	DEC	Totals
Criminal Homicide	0	0	0	0
Rape	1	1	0	2
Robbery	0	0	1	1
Assault	0	0	0	0
Burglary	5	6	6	17
Larceny - Theft	22	9	14	45
Motor Vehicle Theft	1	2	2	5
Arson	0	0	1	1
Monthly Totals	29	18	24	71

Uniform Crime Report

End of Year Comparison

CRIME	2017	2018	2019
Criminal Homicide	0	0	0
Rape	8	1	3
Robbery	3	10	5
Assault	11	15	7
Burglary	60	47	47
Larceny - Theft	97	123	162
Motor Vehicle Theft	16	25	19
Arson	0	1	1
Yearly Totals	195	222	244

Uniform Crime Report 2019

CRIME	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	Totals
Criminal Homicide	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rape	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	3
Robbery	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	5
Assault	0	1	1	0	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	7
Burglary	3	3	5	2	3	1	5	6	2	5	6	6	47
Larceny - Theft	10	8	7	12	16	14	17	27	6	22	9	14	162
Motor Vehicle Theft	5	0	2	3	1	0	0	1	2	1	2	2	19
Arson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Monthly Totals	19	12	16	17	23	17	23	36	10	29	18	24	244

Uniform Crime Report 2018

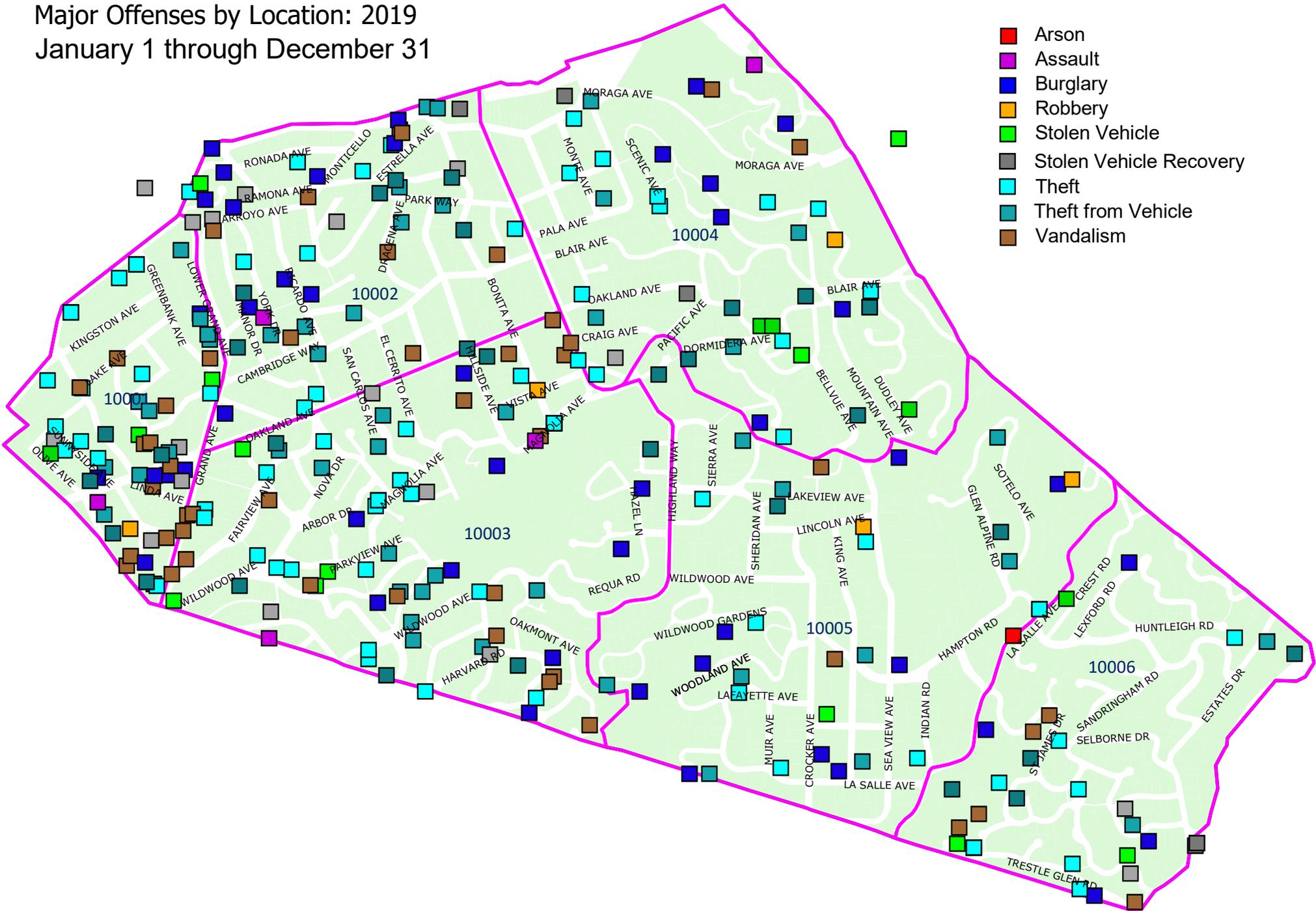
CRIME	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	Totals
Criminal Homicide	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rape	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Robbery	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	1	3	1	0	1	10
Assault	1	0	3	1	0	1	1	0	2	2	2	2	15
Burglary	1	5	7	7	7	3	1	2	4	3	2	5	47
Larceny - Theft	14	12	15	12	6	4	6	13	12	8	12	9	123
Motor Vehicle Theft	2	5	2	1	0	1	1	4	1	4	2	2	25
Arson	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Monthly Totals	19	22	28	21	13	11	11	20	22	18	18	19	222

Uniform Crime Report 2017

CRIME	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	Totals
Criminal Homicide	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rape	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	2	8
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	3
Assault	0	0	2	0	1	1	0	2	1	0	2	2	11
Burglary	3	7	6	8	11	3	4	2	3	4	3	6	60
Larceny - Theft	12	7	10	7	7	10	10	5	5	8	5	11	97
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	1	2	2	1	2	2	1	2	1	1	1	16
Arson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monthly Totals	17	16	20	17	20	17	16	10	13	14	12	23	195

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Major Offenses by Location: 2019 January 1 through December 31



2018	Plate Hits	Stolen Vehicle Recoveries	Recovered Vehicle Values	Arrests Related to ALPR's	Investigative Leads Related to ALPR's
January	605	5	\$ 24,000.00	2	1
February	535	3	\$ 43,000.00	2	0
March	724	4	\$ 113,000.00	3	0
April	780	1	\$ 4,000.00	1	2
May	714	5	\$ 17,300.00	4	5
June	unavailable	2	\$ 12,000.00	0	0
July	*203	1	\$ 500.00	0	1
August	664	2	\$ 10,000.00	2	0
September	705	0	\$ 0.00	0	0
October	809	2	\$ 20,000.00	1	1
November	779	2	\$ 11,000.00	2	0
December	823	2	\$ 3,000.00	0	0
Totals	7,341	29	\$ 257,800.00	17	10
2019	Plate Hits	Stolen Vehicle Recoveries	Recovered Vehicle Values	Arrests Related to ALPR's	Investigative Leads Related to ALPR's
January	653	2	\$ 6,000.00	0	1
February	735	3	\$ 30,000.00	1	1
March	710	3	\$ 8,600.00	0	2
April	828	2	\$ 35,000.00	2	1
May	852	4	\$ 61,000.00	2	1
June	640	0	\$ -	0	1
July	757	5	\$ 44,500.00	3	1
August	730	4	\$ 43,500.00	1	5
September	767	2	\$ 26,000.00	1	0
October	682	2	\$ 21,000.00	0	2
November	958	4	\$ 24,000.00	3	2
December	1062	2	\$ 4,500.00	1	1
Totals		33	\$ 280,100.00	14	18