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## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Message from Chief – Crime Statistics for Phoenix

About a year ago the citizens of Phoenix approved Proposition One. We have seen our Patrol ranks increase to levels we have never seen before. Our response times are down, our arrests are up and crime is down. We have seen Violent Crime go down 5% with major decreases recently in Homicide of 24%. We have also seen Property Crime decrease by 7% with unprecedented decreases in Auto Theft of 26%.

To what, at least in part, do I attribute this reduction in crime and improvement in service?

- We developed a new immigration policy that allows our officers to use their discretion when dealing with criminal aliens and our officers have used this tool effectively.
- We have seen our investigative units address the rising violence within organized crime factions that capitalize on the illegal immigration trade, the illegal drug trade and criminal street gang activity.
- We have experienced unprecedented cooperation between our investigative units and our state (DPS, GILTEM, and Attorney General's Office), federal (ATF, FBI, DEA, ICE and U.S. Postal Service) and local partners (Maricopa County Attorney's Office).
- We have seen tremendous cooperative efforts across the department to target repeat offenders and trends such as home invasions and robberies.
- We have also seen arrests rise to higher levels than the last several years. This includes adult and juvenile arrests as well as citations in lieu of detentions.

I firmly believe that this reduction in crime and improvement in service would not have been possible if not for the hard work, dedication and sacrifices of our officers, detectives, and professional staff. The citizens of Phoenix should be proud of the efforts that each and every one of you puts forth every day, just as I am. Thank you and keep up the good work!

*This information has been provided by the Chief's Office. Please contact Commander Glen Gardner for additional information at 602-262-6543..*