

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR
AND CITY COUNCIL

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**SUBJECT: POLICE DEPARTMENT
OPERATIONS AND PERFORMANCE
BI-MONTHLY STATUS REPORT**

DATE: June 30, 2020

Approved



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6/30/2020

INFORMATION

The purpose of this report is to provide a bi-monthly status report on Police Department Operations and Performance. This report had been scheduled for the June 18, 2020 Public Safety, Finance, and Strategic Support Committee meeting. However, since City Council Committee meetings were cancelled through June 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this report is being provided as an informational memorandum to the City Council instead.

The Police Department's bi-monthly status report is typically given as a PowerPoint slide presentation accompanied by a verbal description of each slide. This memorandum replicates that format as closely as possible by attaching a series of slide images, each accompanied by a written narrative in place of the typical verbal description.

The topics of the Police Department's June bi-monthly status report include:

1. City-Wide Crime Statistics
 - Year-to-date Uniform Crime Report (UCR) statistics
2. Sexual Assault Strategy Update
 - Five-year trends
 - Work items update
3. Other Matters of Interest
 - Unmanned Aircraft System usage update



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Chief of Police

Attachment: Bi-Monthly Report Slides

Reported Part I - UCR Crime Statistics

VIOLENT OFFENSES	2019 Jan-Apr	2020 Jan-Apr	% Change	5 yr. Average Jan-Apr
Homicide	11	8	-27.3%	10
Rape	197	176	-10.7%	174
Robbery	457	391	-14.4%	431
Aggravated Assault	766	707	-7.7%	691
Total Violent Crimes	1,431	1,282	-10.4%	

PROPERTY OFFENSES	2019 Jan-Apr	2020 Jan-Apr	% Change	5 yr. Average Jan-Apr
Burglary	1,372	1,274	-7.1%	1,375
Larceny	4,828	4,245	-12.1%	4,416
Vehicle Theft	2,177	1,793	-17.6%	2,404
Total Property Crimes	8,377	7,312	-12.7%	

GRAND TOTAL	9,808	8,594	-12.4%	
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Note: Changes to small number-sets result in large percentages



DISCUSSION:

This chart depicts the City's Uniform Crime Report (UCR) Part-1 crime figures for the months of January through April and compares 2019 to 2020 as well as shows how those numbers compare to the five-year average. Reported UCR crimes are down across the board when compared to this time last year. This year's eight homicides are two less than the five-year average and 3 below this time last year. Reports of rape are 10.7% below the year before but nearly on pace with the five-year average. Robberies are down 14.4% and were fewer in number than both last year and the five year trend. There were 707 aggravated assaults which is down compared to the year before but still a little bit higher than the five-year average. Overall UCR Part-1 violent crime is down 10.4% compared to the same time last year.

Property Crime is down in every category when compared to the previous year and when compared to the five-year average. The combined drop in reported UCR Part-1 property crime was 12.7% compared to this time in 2019.

Overall Part-1 crime (including both violent and property types) is down 12.4% over last year.

UCR “Rape” Offenses Year End Five Year History

UCR - Rape	2016 Jan-Apr	2017 Jan-Apr	2018 Jan-Apr	2019 Jan-Apr	2020 Jan-Apr
Attempted Sex Assault	26	33	33	24	23
Rape	71	105	82	123	93
Rape (Spouse)	3	4	6	5	6
Sodomy	2	8	7	14	15
Oral Copulation	13	8	13	13	11
Foreign Object	11	18	17	17	13
Rape (Domestic)	11	11	2	2	13
Attempted Sex Assault (Domestic)	3	0	0	0	3
TOTALS	140	187	160	198	177

THIS REPORT IS HIERARCHY BASED. CRIME TOTALS REFLECT ONE OFFENSE (THE MOST SEVERE) PER INCIDENT.
 These statistics are sourced from the San José Police Department's records management system. They are not used to report to the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program and therefore should not be compared to the UCR submitted statistics. This report is run by the dates the crimes are reported and statistics may be subject to change due to the reclassification or un-founding of crimes.

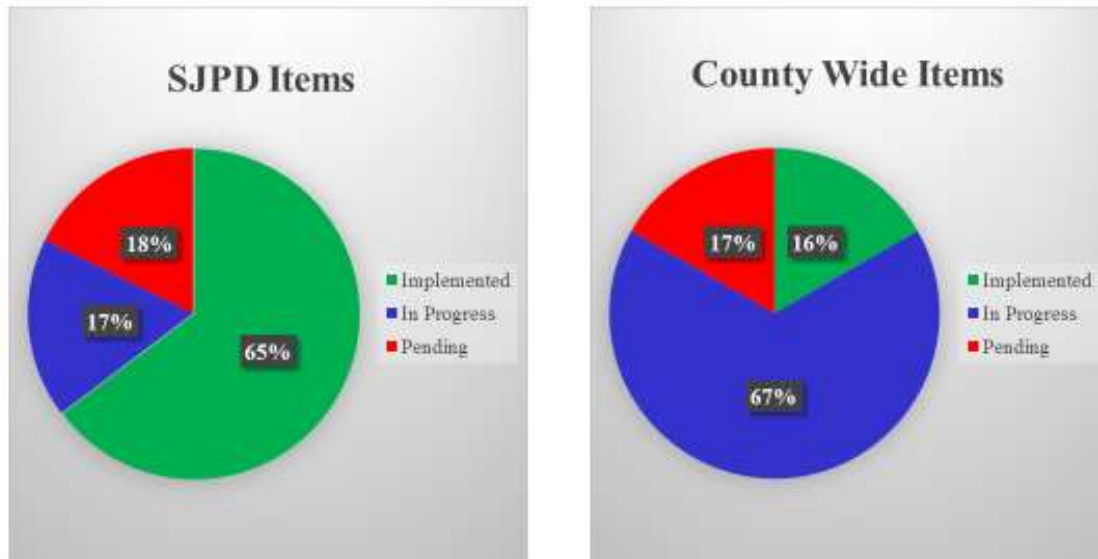


DISCUSSION:

This slide is a representation of the eight sexual assault offenses that make up the UCR Part-1 definition of Rape. However, since this report data was collected more recently than the UCR report data, and because it is hierarchy based, the numbers on this slide will NOT match the UCR reported data.

The value of presenting data in this format is to see how these component offenses track over time and which of them account for the most or least number of offenses. A predictable trend seen in this number-set are that Rape and Attempted Sex Assault continue to be the most prevalent offenses in the collection. While the total number of offenses is down compared to this time last year, there is a notable difference in the distribution of two categories: Rape (Domestic) and Attempted Sex Assault (Domestic). These offenses represent sexual assault between persons who live together. It is notable that the last six weeks of this reporting period occurred during the COVID-19 Shelter-in-Place order. Our understanding of how the Shelter-in-Place order has affected crime patterns is still very preliminary, but the Department will continue to monitor.

Sex Assault Strategy Work Items Implementation Status



DISCUSSION:

This slide is a comparative representation of the progress being made to complete the sexual assault strategy work items which came out of the City Council’s 2019 focus on reducing reports of sexual assault in San Jose. Progress on these items has been challenged by the COVID-19 Shelter-in-Place order and ensuing work from home posture of many employees. Despite the health order still being in effect, forward progress was still made on both the SJPD and county wide work lists. The charts above shows more items in the “Implemented” or “In Progress” classifications than when this was last reported to the Committee.

San Jose Sex Assault Work Items

Work Items	Status
2019 PSFSS Presentation	Implemented
2019 Special Meeting	Implemented
DV Lethality Assessment	Implemented
Sex Assault-DV Intersectionality Assessment Tool	Implemented
DV High Risk Response Team	Implemented
Report John Project	Implemented
UTSA Strategy Study	Implemented
Dissect Clearance Code-K	Implemented
Vigilant Parent Training	Implemented

Work Items	Status
Trauma Informed Approach Training for Detectives	Implemented
Bi-sect the Sexual Assault Unit	Implemented
Trauma Informed Approach Training for all Officers	In Progress
School Intervention Training	In Progress
Increase Number of S.A. Detectives	In Progress
Sub-Standard Housing Study	Pending
Study Clearance Code-K	Pending
Cultural Responsiveness & Competency in Clearance Code-K	Pending



DISCUSSION:

The Department has bisected the sexual assault unit, moving that task from the “pending” category and into the “implemented” category.

We continue to use the new clearance codes that were established at the beginning of this year when we broke down clearance code K into multiple code types. Once we have a full year of clearance data, we will consider how to structure a study on the topic that can inform improvements to cultural responsiveness and competency in this area of our service delivery.

Countywide Sex Assault Work Items

Countywide Work Items	Status
Formalize an S.A. Workgroup	Implemented
Child Advocacy Center	In Progress
Ethnic Based Agency Buildout	In Progress
Ethnic Based Agency Workgroup	In Progress
Strangulation Evidence Collection	In Progress
Follow up Joint PSFSS & SCCBOS Children Seniors & Families Meeting	Pending



DISCUSSION:

The county wide work items involve a number of different agencies.

The build out of a Child Advocacy Center is still in progress and is expected to be fully functional by January 2021. The County’s Office of Gender Based Violence is leading the effort to develop a workgroup and to buildout additional ethnic based community organizations. The District Attorney’s Office is leading a pilot project exploring a process for conducting prompt forensic medical examinations of strangulation victims. A joint meeting between the County Children Seniors & Families Committee and the PSFSS Committee has not been scheduled and we are uncertain when one can be accommodated considering the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Recent Work Items of Note

- Sexual Assault Unit Was Bisected into the Sexual Assault Investigations Unit (SAIU) and the Special Victims Unit (SVU)
 - SAIU performs traditional sexual assault investigations and follow-up
 - SVU includes Human Trafficking, Megan's Law Compliance, Internet Crimes Against Children, and Child Exploitations
- Items That Were In Progress but Have Been Suspended Due to COVID-19:
 - Trauma Informed Approach Training for non-Detectives
 - School Intervention Training
 - County's expansion of Community Based Organizations
- Substandard Housing Study:
 - Funding has been allocated (\$150,000)
 - The Request For Proposal (RFP) is being authored



DISCUSSION:

Since we last presented to the Committee, the Department has divided the Sexual Assaults Unit in two. The Sexual Assaults Investigations Unit now focuses on traditional sexual assault investigations while the Special Victims Unit handles Human Trafficking, Megan's Law Compliance, Internet Crimes Against Children, and Child Exploits. Separating these units required the addition of a Lieutenant which has improved span of command.

The Trauma Informed training for all officers (i.e. those not assigned as a detective) has been temporarily suspended due to COVID-19 social distancing protocols. When it is again safe to host such training courses, the Department will move to complete this task. The school-age intervention training, which the Department contracts to the YWCA, has also been suspended due to COVID-19. We are unsure when schools will open and in exactly what manner. However, once they are open, we expect this work item to restart. The county Office of Gender Based Violence began on the Community and Ethnic Based Organization work items this spring but also suspended some efforts due to COVID-19.

Funding has been allocated for the substandard housing study work item. A Request For Proposal is being crafted for this work.

Unmanned Aircraft System

- The Police Department's UAS policy was approved by the City Council in March
- We have applied to the FAA for a Certificate of Authorization (COA)
- Pilot & Observer training is continuing



DISCUSSION:

With the finalization of the Department's Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) policy we have been able to apply to the Federal Aviation Administration for a Certificate of Authorization to operate the aircraft at night in certain controlled airspace. Training of pilots and observers is ongoing. The aircraft is operational and has been used on a number of public safety operations.

Unmanned Aircraft System

UAS usage continues to be posted publically on
SJPD.ORG

Deployments since the policy was finalized

- 4/14/20 – 30 min – Searching for an at-risk missing person on Sunnycrest Cir
- 5/4/20 – 60 min – Over watch for a burglary/assault investigation on S. 6th St
- 5/4/20 – 45 Min – Search for an at-risk missing person at Santa Teresa Co. Park



DISCUSSION:

Since the UAS policy was approved, the Department has conducted 180 minutes of flight training and participated in three public safety operations. Two involved searching for missing persons while the third was to provide over watch for a tactical operation stemming from a burglary & assault investigation.

END OF PRESENTATION