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2010 CRIME RATE DECREASE

Crediting a citywide culture that prioritizes community relationship-building between residents, businesses and the police department, Plano's Chief of Police Gregory W. Rushin announced recently that crime statistics compiled by the Department's Crime Analysis Unit indicate a continuing decline in violent crime and property crime rates over the past several years.

The seven offenses that the FBI collectively terms "Part 1 Crime" (more commonly known outside of law enforcement as "Major Crime") are Homicide, Rape, Robbery, Aggravated Assault, Burglary, Larceny, and Motor Vehicle Theft. Major Crime is measured in a per 1,000 population ratio, and reported accordingly for comparison and crime ranking purposes. In 2010, major crime per 1,000 was down 15.9%.

Major Crime is further broken down into two categories. Violent Crime consists of Homicide, Rape, Robbery, and Aggravated Assault. Property Crime is Burglary, Larceny, and Motor Vehicle Theft.

Violent Crime per 1,000 increased in single digits in every category, except homicide, and overall it increased 6.9%. At first glance this is concerning; however, in 2010 the violent crimes per 1,000 ratio was the second lowest in the past 10 years, only



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higher than 2009. Also the violent crime subtotal of homicide, rape, robbery, and aggravated assault was the second lowest in 10 years, only higher than 2009.

Overall, in 2010 we continued to see a decline in reported crimes, crashes, and response times. Our Major Crime Rate per 1,000 was down 15.9%. This was the result of diligent work by police employees in combination with a strong community partnership. In June 2010 we received the National Award for Excellence in Neighborhood Watch from the National Sheriffs' Association and the U.S. Department of Justice. This award recognized Plano for having the best Crime Watch program for a municipal law enforcement agency in the United States. We recognize the integral part the community partnership plays in maintaining a safe community, and will continue to nurture it.

Crime statistics are available on the Department's web site at:

<http://www.plano.gov/Departments/Police/CrimeStatistics/Pages/default.aspx>.

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