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Brisbane Region reduces overall crime rate

Brisbane Region Assistant Commissioner Bob Gee today welcomed the release of the Queensland Police Service's (QPS) Statistical Review, which showed an overall crime rate reduction of 0.8 percent for the region.

The Statistical Review represents a comprehensive insight into the level and nature of crime reported for each police region and district throughout Queensland.

"Armed robbery is down by 29.1 percent and property crime down by 5.5 percent which is good news for people in the Brisbane Region and reflects well on the efforts of police and the community," Assistant Commissioner Gee said.

"Sexual offences increased by 21.5 percent. There was a 0.5 percent increase in rape and attempted rape offences and a 30.8 percent increase in other sexual offences. The increase can be attributed in part to more people reporting incidents of sexual offences to police, especially historical cases.

"I encourage all community members to continue to report such incidents to police with the confidence that their complaint will be fully investigated and we will continue to work closely with community groups to develop and implement strategies to combat sexual assault."

Assistant Commissioner Gee said a fall in property offences was testament to the sustained hard work and dedication of officers across the region and strong community partnerships.

"Break ins across the region have dropped by 18 percent while unlawful entry of shops has fallen by 13.8 percent," Assistant Commissioner Gee said.

"This is indicative of the importance of proactive policing and community programs, such as the myPolice blogs for the Brisbane Region, Crime Stoppers and Neighbourhood Watch, providing information on crime prevention strategies and crime reporting avenues."

Assistant Commissioner Gee said the overall rate of fraud offences had increased by 32.1 percent. Computer fraud, cheque fraud and identity fraud fell by 51.7 percent, 63.8 percent and 24.1 percent while credit card fraud and other fraud recorded increases of 29.8 percent and 54.3 percent.

"We ask that all individuals take every possible precaution to protect their identity and to never provide any personal information to an unconfirmed third party. Financial and personal documentation should always be destroyed instead of putting it in the bin."

Targeted police operations have seen the rate of good order offences increase by 3.7 percent in the Brisbane Region.

“This increase can be largely attributed to operations in public places focusing on anti-social behaviour and liquor offences,” Assistant Commissioner Gee said.
Brisbane Region encompasses the two policing districts of North Brisbane and South Brisbane.

Note: All percentages used in this release relate to the number of reported offences per 100,000 people. Media seeking regional and district crime statistics from the Queensland Police Service 2013/14 Annual Statistical Review can locate details on the QPS website at www.police.qld.gov.au.