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South Eastern Region reduces overall crime rate

South Eastern Region Assistant Commissioner Brian Codd today welcomed the release of the Queensland Police Service's (QPS) Statistical Review, which showed an overall crime rate reduction of 0.7 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 22.2 percent and property crime down by 8 percent which is good news for people in the South Eastern Region and reflects well on the efforts of police and the community," Assistant Commissioner Codd said.

"Sexual offences increased by 21.5 percent. Reported rapes or attempted rape offences increased by 123 on the previous year and a 9.9 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 Codd 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 19.9 percent while unlawful entry of shops has fallen by 31.7 percent," Assistant Commissioner Codd said.

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

Assistant Commissioner Codd said the overall rate of fraud offences had increased by 0.7 percent. Computer fraud, identity fraud and other fraud fell by 29.4 percent, 8.3 percent and 4.4 percent while cheque fraud and credit card fraud recorded increases of 12.2 percent and 8.4 percent.

Targeted police operations have seen the rate of good order offences decreased by 1.7 percent in the South Eastern Region.

“This decrease can be largely attributed to operations in public places focusing on anti-social behaviour and liquor offences,” Assistant Commissioner Codd said.

South Eastern Region encompasses the two policing districts of Gold Coast and Logan.

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 2014/15 Annual Statistical Review can locate details on the QPS website at www.police.qld.gov.au.