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Annual Statistical Review 2015/16 - Ipswich District

Ipswich District overall crime increases

Ipswich District Officer Superintendent Charysse Pond today welcomed the release of the Queensland Police Service's Statistical Review which demonstrated a reduction in break-ins and fraud offences across the district.

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

The overall crime rate across the Ipswich District from 2014/15 to 2015/16 increased by eight percent to 23,484 offences. A significant part of this increase included a rise in drug detection with drug offences increasing at a rate of almost 30 percent.

Over the 10 year period from 2006/07 to 2015/16, Ipswich District recorded a decrease in the rate of offences against the person and offences against property.

"When adjusted for population growth, the overall crime rate of offences against the person over the past 10 years decreased by 39 percent and offences against property decreased by 18.8 percent," Superintendent Pond said.

In 2015/16 unlawful use of motor vehicles increased by 6.7 percent while unlawful entry into houses decreased by 14.9 percent.

Superintendent Pond urges the community to be vigilant with the security to their houses, vehicles and other property items, with over 10,000 offences against property reported in the past year.

"Many of the break-ins and property thefts are opportunistic and are preventable," Superintendent Pond said.

"I urge the community to use all available security options on their property to prevent opportunistic thefts as a result of unlocked or unsecured property.

“In addition to proactive and intelligence-led patrols, police will continue with proactive policing and community programs, such as the Ipswich myPolice blog and Neighbourhood Watch groups, to remind the community to be actively participating in crime prevention methods.”

Fraud offences fell in the past year with a decreased rate of 9.8 percent.

“Whilst there has been a decline in overall fraud offences, this is still a timely reminder to the community of the importance of adopting preventative measures and behaviours, such as not providing personal information to unverified organisations or individuals, to ensure they are protected against fraud.” Superintendent Pond said.

In the Ipswich District, the number of Domestic and Family Violence Applications increased from 1,586 in 2014/15 to 1,712 in 2015/16, or six percent in the rate of applications per 100,000 person.

“In 2015/16, approximately 65 percent of applications were police initiated,” Superintendent Pond said.

“Domestic and Family Violence Orders are civil orders and not a criminal matter, however if the respondent breaks conditions in the order they are committing a criminal offences”.

The number of breaches to Domestic and Family Violence Protection Orders increased from 832 in 2014/15 to 1,306 in 2015/16.

“The increase of reports of domestic and family violence can be attributed to the proactive work being done by police in partnership with our community organisations, increasing the confidence of victims and families to report incidents to police,” Superintendent Pond said.

“The QPS is committed to working in partnership with the people of Queensland to provide professional policing services that will, over time, prevent and reduce the incidents of domestic violence in Queensland.”

The Annual Statistical Review 2015-16 is available on the QPS website.

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 2015/16 Annual Statistical Review can locate details on the QPS website at www.police.qld.gov.au.