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Annual Statistical Review 2015/16 - Moreton District

Moreton District overall crime increases

Moreton District Officer Superintendent Mick Brady today welcomed the release of the Queensland Police Service's Statistical Review which demonstrated a reduction in break-ins, stolen vehicles 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 Moreton District from 2014/15 to 2015/16 increased by five percent to 28,832 offences.

Over the 10 year period from 2006/07 to 2015/16, Moreton 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 9.3 percent and offences against property decreased by 9.5 percent," Superintendent Brady said.

In 2015/16 unlawful use of motor vehicles decreased by 5.5 percent, unlawful entry into houses decreased by 6.1 percent and unlawful entry into shops decreased by 45.1 percent.

Superintendent Brady urges the community to remain vigilant with the security to their houses, vehicles and other property items, with 11,711 offences against property reported in the past year.

"A lot of break-ins and property thefts are opportunistic and are preventable," Superintendent Brady said.

"We 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 Moreton 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 37.6 percent. Computer fraud decreased by 96.2 percent, while cheque fraud increased by 48.2 percent, credit card fraud increased by 52.8 percent and identity fraud increased by 208.2 percent.

“The decline in overall fraud offences can be attributed to the proactive initiatives implemented in the Moreton District over 2015/16 which educated the community and raised awareness on these offences,” Superintendent Brady said.

“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.”

In the Moreton District, the number of Domestic and Family Violence Applications increased from 1,477 in 2014/15 to 1,761 in 2015/16, or 18 percent in the rate of applications per 100,000 person.

“In 2015/16, approximately 67 percent of applications were police initiated,” Superintendent Brady 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 1,073 in 2014/15 to 1,463 in 2015/16.

“The increase of reports of domestic and family violence can be attributed to the proactive work being done by police in the district and from the community gaining more confidence in reporting incidents to police,” Superintendent Brady 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.