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Annual Statistical Review 2015/16 - Logan District

Logan District overall crime increases

Logan District Officer Chief Superintendent Marty Mickelson today welcomed the release of the Queensland Police Service's Statistical Review which demonstrated a reduction in robberies, 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 Logan District from 2014/15 to 2015/16 increased by 2 percent to 37,605 offences.

Over the 10 year period from 2006/07 to 2015/16, Logan 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 has decreased by 12.7 percent and offences against property has decreased by 7.4 percent," Chief Superintendent Mickelson said.

The rate of robberies across the district decreased by 11.2 percent in the past year, with a decreased rate of 5.3 percent over the past 10 years when adjusted for population growth.

"There were 170 reported robberies in 2015/16, compared to 189 in 2014/15," Chief Superintendent Mickelson said.

The rate of unlawful use of motor vehicles increased by 3.9 percent and unlawful entry into houses increased by 0.9 percent, while unlawful entry into shops decreased by 33.9 percent.

Chief Superintendent Mickelson urged the community to remain vigilant with the security to their houses, vehicles and other property items, with 18,430 offences against property reported in the past year.

"A lot of break-ins and property thefts are opportunistic and are preventable," Chief Superintendent Mickelson 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 Logan myPolice blog and Neighbourhood Watch groups to remind the community to be actively participating in crime prevention methods.”

The rate of fraud offences for 2015/16 decreased by 2.7 percent. Computer fraud decreased by 77.2 percent and credit card fraud decreased by 4 percent, while cheque fraud increased by 9.1 percent and identity fraud increased by 4.2 percent.

“Over the past 10 years fraud offences have decreased by 27.6 percent however with ongoing advancements in technology, fraudulent activity continues to be prevalent in our community with 2,033 offences reported in the Logan District over the past 12 months,” Chief Superintendent Mickelson said.

“This is 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 Logan District, the number of Domestic and Family Violence Applications increased from 2,289 in 2014/15 to 2,669 in 2015/16, or 15 percent in the rate of applications per 100,000 person.

“In 2015/16, approximately 66 percent of applications were police initiated,” Chief Superintendent Mickelson 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 offence.”

The number of breaches to Domestic and Family Violence Protection Orders increased from 1,390 in 2014/15 to 1,971 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,” Chief Superintendent Mickelson 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.