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Annual Statistical Review 2015/16 - North Brisbane District

North Brisbane District crime statistics

North Brisbane District Officer Acting Chief Superintendent Mark Reid today welcomed the release of the Queensland Police Service's Statistical Review which demonstrated a reduction in break-ins, fraud and liquor offences across the district.

There were increases in reported offences against the person during the period with the rate of robberies across the district increasing by 1.5 percent in the past year and an 11.5 percent increase in the rate of assaults.

"A significant proportion of assaults occur within private residential dwellings and occur between acquaintances," Acting Chief Superintendent Reid said.

North Brisbane District achieved significant reductions in property crime with an overall decrease of 5.2 percent. In 2015/16, unlawful entry into houses reduced by 10 percent and unlawful entry into shops decreased by 19.9 percent. A 7.3 percent increase in the unlawful use of motor vehicles was recorded, reflecting an increase in rental vehicles failing to be returned on time.

With increases in the number of police detected offences in a variety of categories, the overall crime rate across the North Brisbane District from 2014/15 to 2015/16 increased by two percent to 61,729 offences.

Acting Chief Superintendent Reid urged the community to remain vigilant with the security to their houses, vehicles and other property items.

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

The rate of fraud offences for 2015/16 also fell with a decreased rate of 22.8 percent. Computer fraud decreased by 54.3 percent, while cheque fraud increased by 141.9 percent, credit card fraud increased by 14.3 percent and identity fraud increased by three percent.

“Notwithstanding the reduction in reported offences, fraudulent activity continues to be prevalent in our community with 3,898 offences reported in the North Brisbane District over the past 12 months,” Acting Chief Superintendent Reid said.

“I would like to remind all members of 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 North Brisbane District, the number of Domestic and Family Violence Applications increased from 2,040 in 2014/15 to 2,499 in 2015/16, or 20 percent in the rate of applications per 100,000 person.

“In 2015/16, approximately 71 percent of applications were police initiated,” Acting Chief Superintendent Reid 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 1,068 in 2014/15 to 1,587 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,” Acting Chief Superintendent Reid 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.