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Annual Statistical Review 2015/16 - South Brisbane District

South Brisbane District crime statistics

South Brisbane District Officer Acting Chief Superintendent Paul Ziebarth today welcomed the release of the Queensland Police Service's Statistical Review which demonstrated a reduction in offences against the person by 1.7 percent with the rate of robberies across the district decreasing by 17.9 percent in the past year.

While the total rate of property offences increased by 1.2% in 2015/16, unlawful use of motor vehicles decreased by 8.7 percent, unlawful entry into houses decreased by 5.9 percent and unlawful entry into shops decreased by 31 percent.

With increases in the number of police detected offences in a variety of categories, the overall crime rate across the South Brisbane District from 2014/15 to 2015/16 increased by four percent with a total of 56,323 offences.

Acting Chief Superintendent Ziebarth 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," Chief Acting Superintendent Ziebarth 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."

In the South Brisbane District, the number of Domestic and Family Violence Applications increased from 2,347 in 2014/15 to 2,829 in 2015/16, or 19 percent in the rate of applications per 100,000 person.

"In 2015/16, approximately 71 percent of applications were police initiated," Acting Chief Superintendent Ziebarth 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 1,374 in 2014/15 to 1,811 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 Ziebarth 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.