Caddo Parish crime continues to decline

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Crime in Caddo Parish dropped 14 percent in 2018 falling to its lowest level in at least 20 years, said Caddo Sheriff Steve Prator.

Overall, there were 1,174 crimes reported in 2018 compared to 2,519 in 1999, a drop of 54 percent over 20 years. There was a 14 percent decrease when comparing 2018 to 2017. Annual year-to-year comparisons have shown decreases every year under Prator's leadership with the exception of a less than one percent increase in 2007 and no percentage change in 2012 and 2015.

End-of-the-year statistics for 2018 compared to 2017 showed a nine percent drop in violent crime from 518 to 470 offenses and a 17 percent drop in property crime from 849 to 704 offenses. The total difference in crimes was 1,174 offenses compared to 1,367 the previous year.

Crime statistics for Caddo Parish do not include Shreveport or other incorporated areas of the parish, which have their own police departments. In the rural areas, there were fewer rapes, burglaries, simple assaults, shopliftings, and thefts. Auto theft increased by five offenses and robbery increased by three offenses. Homicides remained the same in 2018 as in 2017 with two reported.

Caddo Sheriff's deputies responded to 29,348 citizen-initiated calls for service and 10,169 deputy-initiated calls in 2018. They conducted 26,219 business checks, 20,099 residential checks, and 76,136 area checks. They also made 721 felony arrests, 1,291 misdemeanor arrests, and 154 DWI arrests.

"Crime has been on a steady decline in the rural parts of Caddo Parish since the year 2000," Prator said. "Overall, citizens are more aware and involved with what's going on in their community. Our deputies are responsive to their needs, whether that's through citizen surveys or staying ahead of problems with operations targeting burglaries, robberies, and traffic safety.

"Providing a safe place for citizens to live and raise their families is and will always be our number one priority," he said.

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