CPSO: Crime continues 20-year decline

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Crimes reported to the Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office dropped three percent in 2021 continuing a steady decline that started over 20 years ago, said Caddo Sheriff Steve Prator.

Overall, there were 987 crimes in 2021 compared to 1,014 in 2020. 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.

Crime statistics for Caddo Parish do not include Shreveport or other incorporated areas of the parish, which have their own police departments.

End-of-the-year statistics for 2021 compared to 2020 showed a 14 percent drop in violent crime from 385 offenses to 333. In the rural areas of the parish, there were fewer rapes, robberies, aggravated burglaries, simple assaults, and domestic abuse batteries. Homicides increased from one to two in 2021.

Property crime increased seven percent – from 570 to 609 – largely due to an increase in simple burglaries. There were decreases in thefts overall. Prator said the Sheriff's Office regularly conducts operations targeting specific offenses like burglaries and thefts when they occur, often resulting in arrests. A special detail to prevent armed robberies was organized during the Christmas season.

Other crimes, which include intimidation/interference with school operations, decreased 24 percent over the past year.

Caddo Sheriff's deputies responded to 26,185 citizen-initiated calls for service and 7,102 deputy-initiated calls in 2021. They conducted 14,292 business checks, 7,136 residential checks, and 46,969 area checks. They also made 796 felony arrests, 1,182 misdemeanor arrests, and 114 DWI arrests.

About the decrease in crime, Prator said, "Citizens continue to be more aware and involved with what's going on in their community." An example, of citizen involvement is their use of social media, he said, which allows residents to share information about crimes in their neighborhoods.

The Sheriff added that Caddo deputies continue to be responsive to citizen needs, whether through citizen surveys or staying ahead of problems with special operations targeting burglaries, robberies, and traffic safety.

"We're doing everything we can to provide a safe place for citizens to live and raise their families," he said. "We are excited to see this kind of result, which only gives us incentive to keep working harder."

Attachments

1/11/2022 Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office
Crime Statistics

	Number of Offenses YTD (Jan- Dec.) 2020	2021	%Diff
Homicide (9A, 9B)	1	2	100%
Rape (11A, 11B, 11C, 11D)	26	14	-22%
Robbery (120)	6	4	-64%
Agg. Burglary (14:60)	11	1	-84%
Simple Assault (13B)	145	135	-7%
Intimidation (13C)	59	45	-24%
Agg. Assault (13A)	196	177	-10%
Burglary (220)	150	208	39%
Purse Snatching (23B)	0	0	0%
Shoplifting (23C)	0	0	0%
Theft General (23H)	337	310	-8%
Theft from Auto (23F)	0	0	0%
Auto Access Theft (23G)	0	0	0%
Theft from Building (23D)	7	6	-14%
Auto Theft (240)	76	85	12%
Grand Total Offenses	**1014**	**987**	**-3%**
Violent Crime Index (Homicide, Rape, Robbery, Agg Burglary, Simple Assault and Agg Assault)	**385**	**333**	**-14%**
Other Crime Index (Intimidation)	**59**	**45**	**-24%**
Property Crime Index (Burglary, Purse Snatching, Shoplifting, Theft General, Theft from Auto, Auto Access Theft and Auto Theft)	**570**	**609**	**7%**

Note: Vehicle Homicides are included in the "Homicide" figure
Note: Excludes area 4 (Inside City limits of Shreveport)
Note: N/C = not calculable (cannot calculate percentage with prior numbr as 0 (zero)
Note: Statistics compiled after August 1, 2001 reflect a change in crime reporting procedures.
Note: This information is based on Offenses NOT Cases