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Glendale Police: Significant Decreases in both Violent and Property Crimes

Glendale, Ariz. – Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) statistics provided to the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) by the Glendale Police Department for 2013 reveal a decrease in both Part 1 Violent Crimes as well as Part 1 Property Crimes, demonstrating a continued trend in declining crime in Arizona's fifth largest city.

Part 1 Violent Crimes (which include homicide, rape, robbery and aggravated assault) for the period of January 1 to December 31, 2013 showed an overall 19% decline from the same time period in 2012, with dramatic decreases shown in robbery (down 19%) and aggravated assault (down 20%). Overall Part 1 violent crimes in Glendale are at the lowest level they've been in the past five years for the same time period.

In addition, Part 1 Property Crimes (which include burglary, theft, auto theft and arson) for the period of January 1 to December 31, 2013 showed an overall 9% decline from the same time period in 2012, with even larger increases shown in burglary (down 14%) and auto theft (down 15%).

“The significant decreases in crime in Glendale for 2013 are attributed to the efforts of the men and women of the department dedicated 24/7 to the safety of all members of our community. We cannot however rest on our laurels. We will continue to evaluate our methods and effectiveness in an effort to

continue this downward trend and reduction in crime, continuing to make Glendale a safe community”, said Glendale Police Chief Debora Black.

Glendale’s decrease in UCR statistics from the FBI are also recognized by Dr. Michael White, an Associate Professor of Criminology and Criminal Justice at Arizona State University. White attributes the crime declines in Glendale to the police department’s commitment to innovative policing strategies. “Since 2009, the Glendale Police Department has been actively involved in the US Department of Justice’s Smart Policing Initiative, a program that promotes efficient, effective policing coupled with active research partnerships,” said White. “Glendale is a founding member of this important initiative and has become a national leader in law enforcement as a result of their adoption of innovative strategies that effectively target crime-prone places and people.”

“While I have seen the trends in the reduction in crime presented in very clear data in monthly meetings for the Glendale Police Department’s Citizen Advisory Committee, more importantly I have seen it played out in our neighborhood where any given evening you will see families out in their front yards, people walking their dogs, and neighbors visiting” said Rikki Ray, Glendale resident and member of the Glendale Police Department Citizen’s Advisory Committee.

The FBI’s Uniform Crime Report is the most comprehensive analysis of violent crime and property crime in the nation. The annual publication compiles volume and rate of crime offenses for the nation, the states, and many cities and counties. It also includes arrest, clearance, and law enforcement employee data (<http://www.fbi.gov/stats-services/crimestats>) and the FBI provides guidelines for their proper use (<http://www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/ucr/ucr-statistics-their-proper-use>).

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is to protect the lives and property of the people we serve.”*

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