

# Mid-Year Crime Report Summary

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## For 2013





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**Executive Summary:**

Gulfport Police Officers handled **69,671** calls for service during the first six months of 2013. This represents a **13%** decrease in calls for service when compared to 2012 in which the Officers handled **79,715** calls for service to the public. Officers documented **12,656** reports during this time period of 2013 compared to **13,204** for 2012.

Violent Crimes, *defined by the Federal Bureau of Investigation's as Murder, Forcible Rape, Robbery, and Aggravated Assault*, as a whole have increased **24%** for this period of 2013 when compared to 2012 but decreased **7%** compared to the previous five year average. More specifically, there have been no Homicides reported this period of 2013 where none was reported for 2012. Homicides are down **100%** when compared to the previous five year average. Aggravated assaults increased **100%** when compared to 2012 and increased **12%** compared to the previous five-year average. Robberies are up **8%** compared to 2012 but are showing a **7%** decrease when compared to the previous five-year average. Reported Forcible Rapes have decreased **33%** so far in 2013 compared to 2012 and have decreased **38%** compared to the previous five year average.

Property crimes decreased **14%** in the first half compared to 2012 and decreased **12%** when compared to the previous five-year average. Larcenies decreased **10%**, Burglaries decreased **23%**, and Auto Thefts decreased **31%** compared to the same period 2012. Also noted when comparing the five year average, Burglaries decreased **18%**, Larcenies decreased **9%**, and Auto Thefts decreased **27%** when compared to their respective previous five-year averages.

Crime	2013	2012		5-Yr Ave.	
	Total	Total	% of Δ	Total	% of Δ
<b>Violent Crimes</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>-7%</b>
<b>Homicide</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>-100%</b>
<b>Forcible Rape</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>-33%</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>-38%</b>
<b>Robbery</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>-7%</b>
<b>Aggravated Assault</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>12%</b>
<b>Property Crimes</b>	<b>1633</b>	<b>1909</b>	<b>-14%</b>	<b>1851</b>	<b>-12%</b>
<b>Burglary</b>	<b>372</b>	<b>482</b>	<b>-23%</b>	<b>455</b>	<b>-18%</b>
<b>Larceny</b>	<b>1202</b>	<b>1342</b>	<b>-10%</b>	<b>1315</b>	<b>-9%</b>
<b>Auto Theft</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>-31%</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>-27%</b>
<b>Total Group A Crimes</b>	<b>3680</b>	<b>3819</b>	<b>-4%</b>	<b>4162</b>	<b>-12%</b>

*(note: Group A crimes are listed on the bottom of page 4)*



## Introduction

### Data Source

On a national level, statistical information about crime is collected and reported in two ways. The first way is through the **Uniform Crime Reporting Program**. The UCR program is a nationwide, cooperative statistical effort of more than 17,000 city, university and college, county, state, tribal, and federal law enforcement agencies voluntarily reporting data on crimes brought to their attention. Since 1930, the FBI has administered the UCR program and continued to assess and monitor the nature and type of crime in the nation. The program's primary objective is to generate reliable information for use in law enforcement administration, operation, and management; however, its data has over the years become one of the country's leading social indicators. Criminologists, sociologists, legislators, municipal planners, the media, and other students of criminal justice use the data for varied research and planning purposes.

*In 2010 the Gulfport Police Department became the first law enforcement agency in the state of Mississippi certified by the FBI to report crime statistics using the **National Incident Based Reporting System or NIBRS**. This allows for a more timely reporting method that is software driven and reported directly to the FBI. Based on this the Gulfport Police Department will be using NIBRS for all future crime reporting. The crime numbers represented in this report were sent to the FBI on **07/08/2013**. These numbers represent the first six months of 2013 and, as investigations develop new information, are subject to change. *More information on NIBRS reporting can be found on the Gulfport Police Department website at [www.gulfportpolice.net](http://www.gulfportpolice.net)**

While we recognize that many crimes go unreported to law enforcement authorities, on a local level, we do not have the resources to collect that data. As a result, the information in this report is based solely on crimes that were reported to the NIBRS program.

Reports released by the Gulfport Police Department previously have been scored using the UCR program which is limited reporting information compared to NIBRS. For this report we will compare the two major crime categories of Violent Crimes and Property Crimes to previous periods. Murder, Forcible Rape, Robbery, and Aggravated assault will be considered as Violent crimes. The category of Property crimes will contain Burglary, Larceny, and Auto theft.

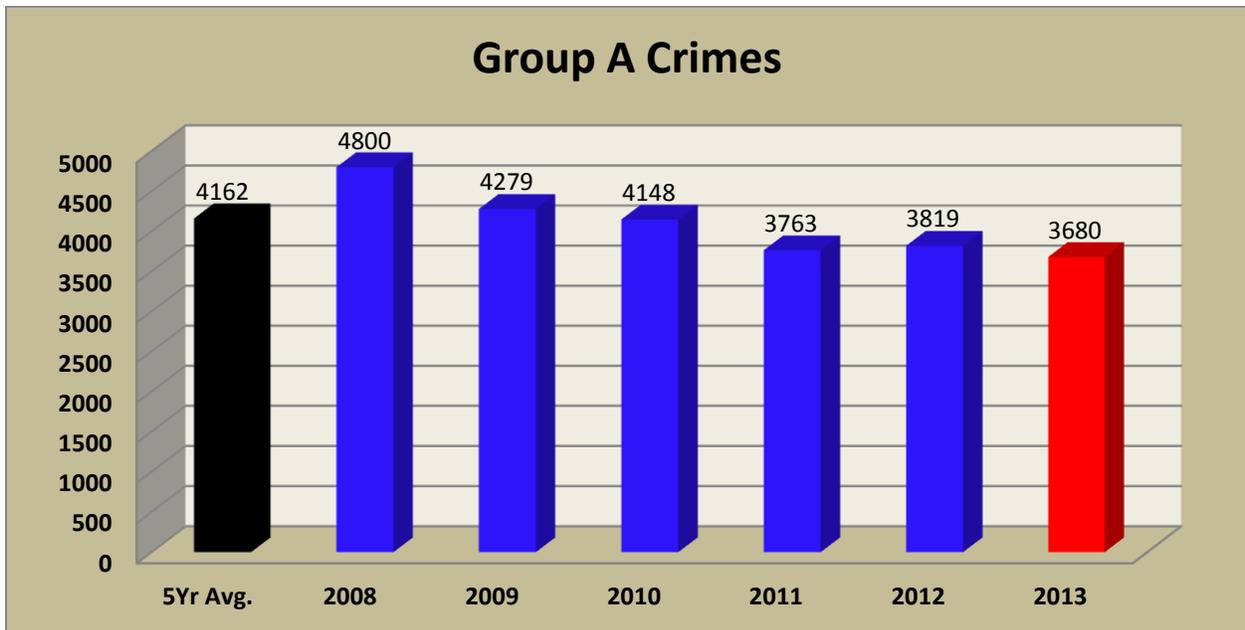
In this report the reader will find the use of Group A Crimes. These have been defined by the FBI as: *Arson, Assault offenses, Bribery, Burglary/breaking and entering, Counterfeiting/forgery, Destruction/damage/vandalism of property, Drug/narcotic offenses, Embezzlement, Extortion/blackmail, Fraud offenses, Gambling offenses, Homicide offenses, Kidnapping/abduction, Larceny/theft offenses, Motor vehicle theft, Pornography/obscene material, Prostitution offenses, Robbery, Sex offenses (forcible and non forcible), Stolen property offenses, and Weapon law violations.*



**Group A Crimes:**

Group A Crimes for this period decreased **4%** from 2013 when compared to 2012. A **12%** decrease was also noted when compared to the previous five-year average.

Group A Crimes							
	5Yr Avg.	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total	4162	4800	4279	4148	3763	3819	3680
% of Δ			-11%	-3%	-9%	1%	-4%





## **Factors Affecting Crime**

It is generally assumed the reader of this report understands that many factors affect crime in a community. Some factors which are known to affect the volume and type of crime are:

1. Population density
2. Variations in composition of the population
3. Stability of population with respect to resident's mobility, commuting patterns, and transient factors.
4. Economic conditions, including median income, poverty level, and job availability.
5. Cultural factors and educational, recreational, and religious characteristics.
6. Family conditions with respect to divorce and family cohesiveness.
7. Effective strength of law enforcement agencies.
8. Policies of other components of the criminal justice system.
9. Citizens' attitudes toward crime
10. Crime reporting practices of the citizenry.

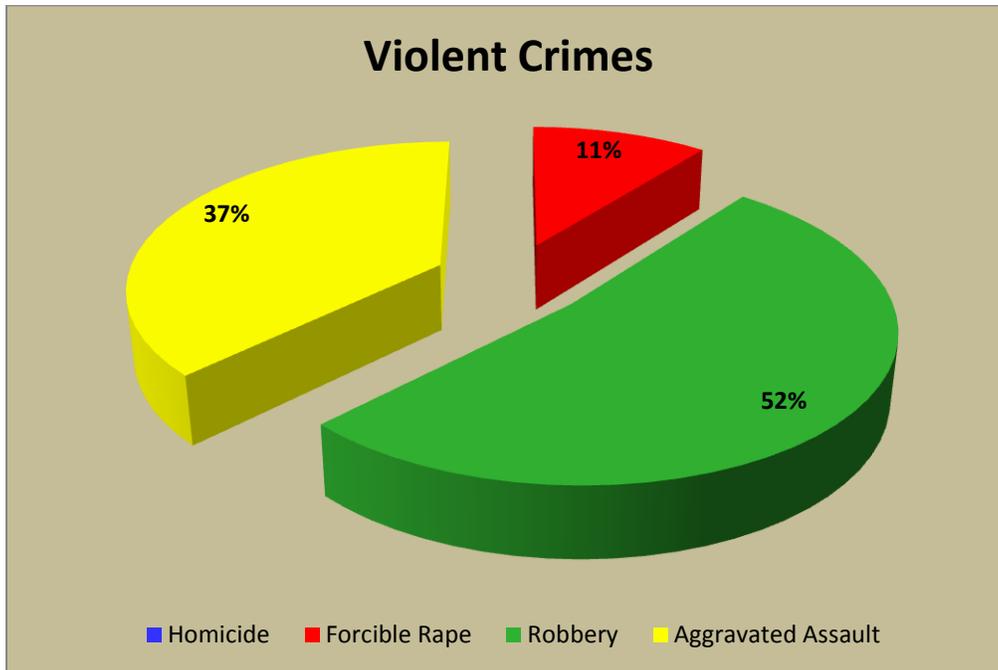
With regard to the effective strength of law enforcement, the reader should consider that an agency that significantly increases its enforcement efforts might see an increase in reported crime instead of a decrease.

As a result of the numerous factors that affect reported crime, this report will be limited to presenting only the numbers of specific crimes reported. We will not try to draw a correlation between the volume of crimes reported and any other social factor. Furthermore, the reader should use great caution against comparing crime trends presented in this report and those of other jurisdictions. Finally, the differences in methodology for gathering data make it unwise to compare the Uniform Crime Report to the National Crime Victimization Survey.

## **Intended Use**

The purpose of this report is to present the reader with a larger picture of crime as it is reported within the city limits of Gulfport, MS. ***We will look specifically at public safety issues during the first six months of 2013 and compare them to past periods.***

**Violent Crimes:**



**Definitions**

Violent crime is comprised of four offenses:

- 1.) Murder and non-negligent homicide
- 2.) Forcible rape
- 3.) Robbery
- 4.) Aggravated assault

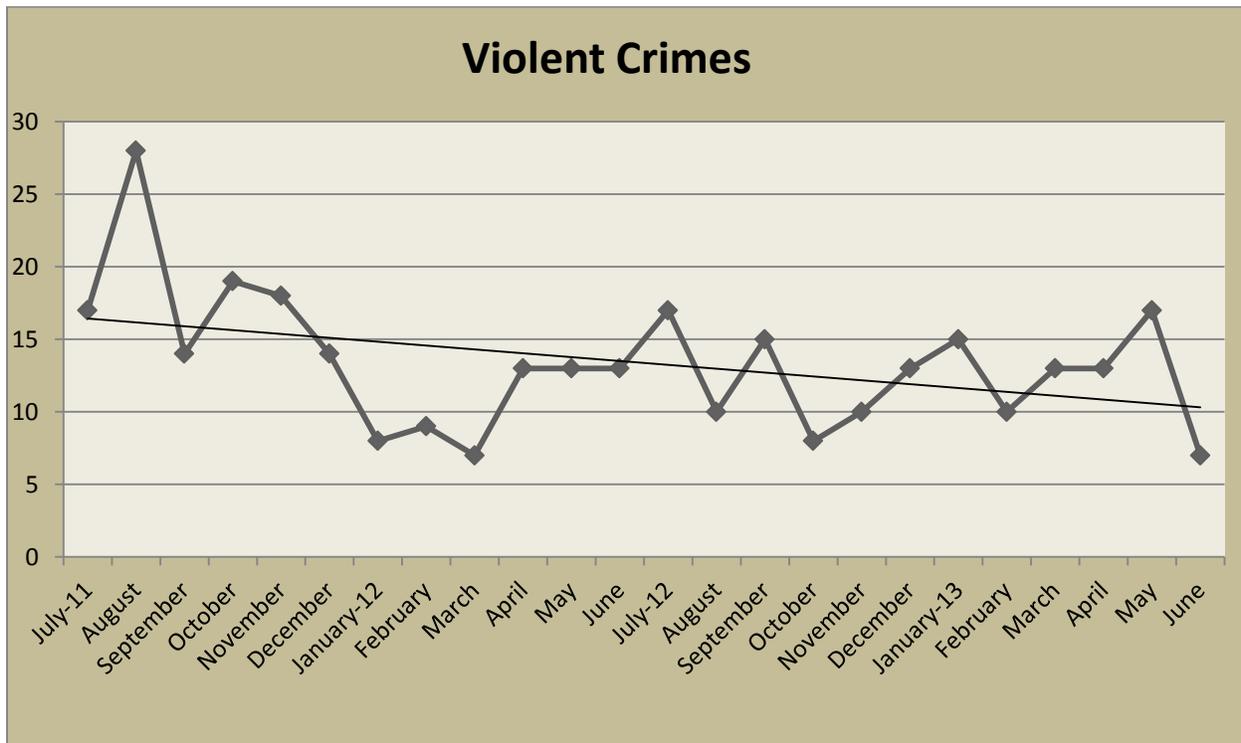


**Violent Crimes:** (Murder, Forcible Rape, Robbery, and Aggravated Assault)

During the first half of 2013 violent crimes, as defined in this report, comprised only **2%** of all reported Group A crimes. When viewed together, violent crimes were up **19%** compared to the 1<sup>st</sup> half of 2012 but were down **11%** compared to the previous five-year average.

Violent Crimes							
	5Yr Avg.	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
<b>Total</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>75</b>
<b>% of Δ</b>			<b>-43%</b>	<b>-1%</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>-26%</b>	<b>19%</b>

The 24 month chart below shows a downward trend during the past 24 months in Violent Crimes overall in the City of Gulfport.





**Homicide:**

Homicides decreased 100% compared to the same period in 2012. A **100%** decrease was noted when compared to the previous five-year average.

*(There was one Justifiable Homicide reported in the first quarter of 2013 but is not reported as a crime according to the FBI)*

Homicide							
	5Yr Avg.	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total	4	6	2	2	7	1	0
% of Δ			-67%	0%	-100%	-86%	-100%

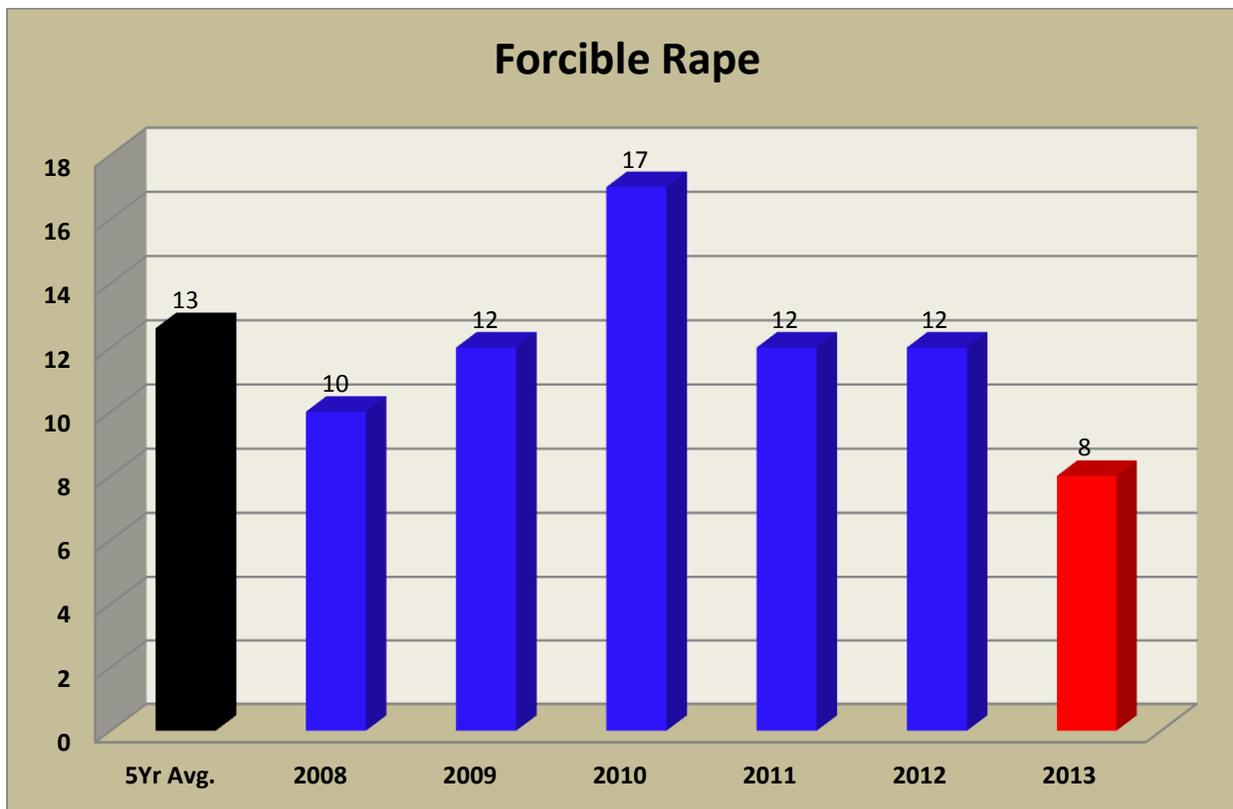




**Forcible Rape:**

Reported Forcible Rapes have decreased **33%** compared to the same period of 2012 and decreased **38%** compared to the five-year average.

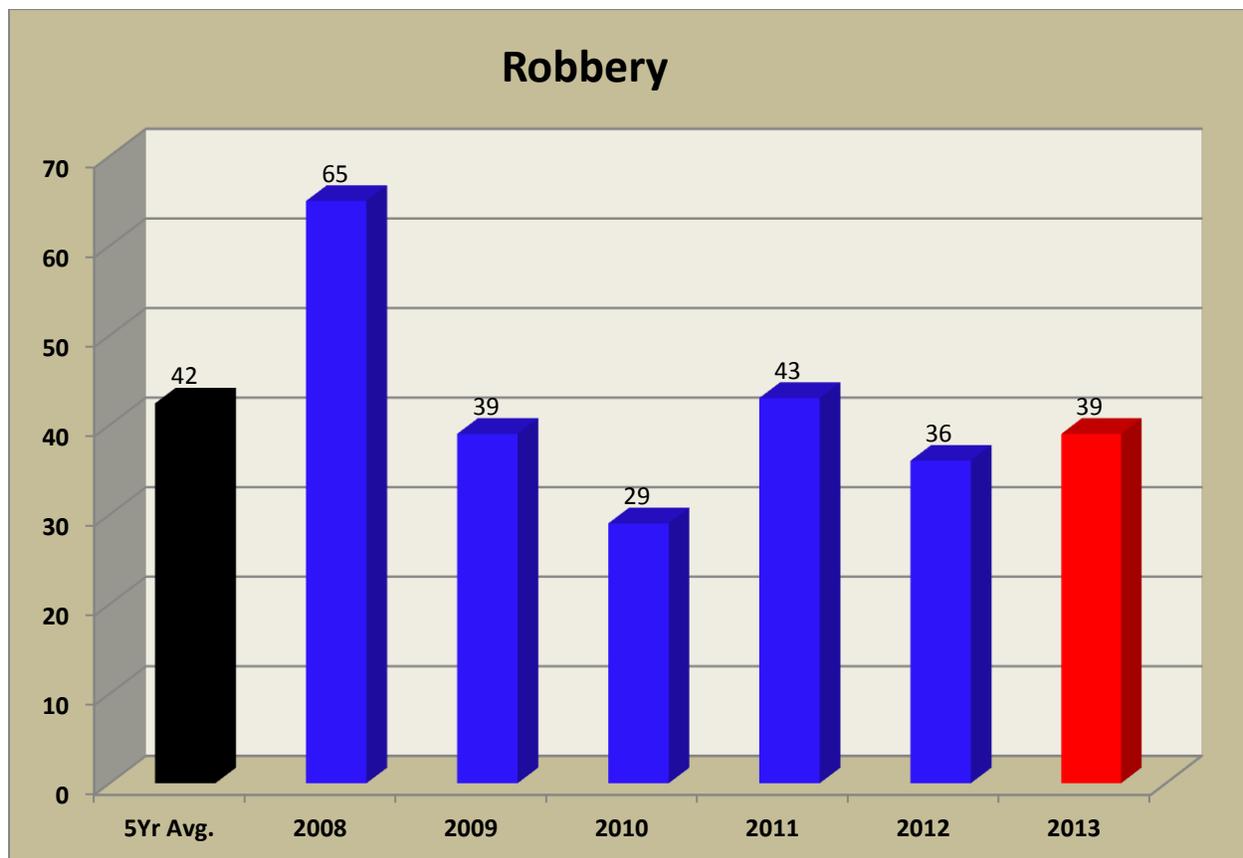
Forcible Rape							
	5Yr Avg.	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total	13	10	12	17	12	12	8
% of Δ			20%	42%	-29%	0%	-33%



**Robbery:**

Robberies are showing an increase of **8%** when compared to 2012 but decreased **7%** when compared to the five year average.

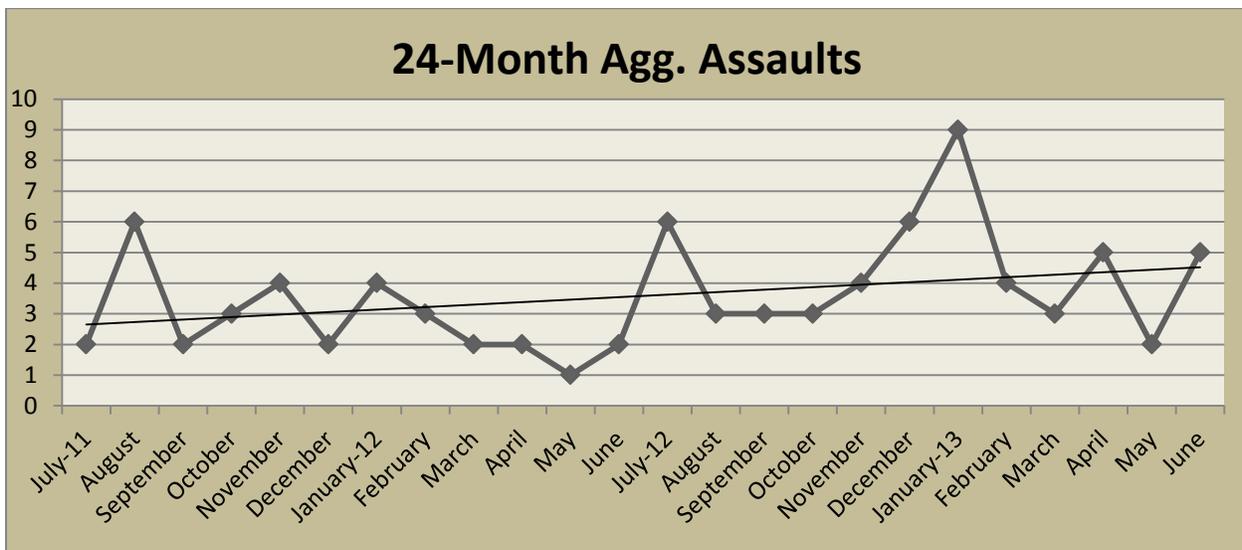
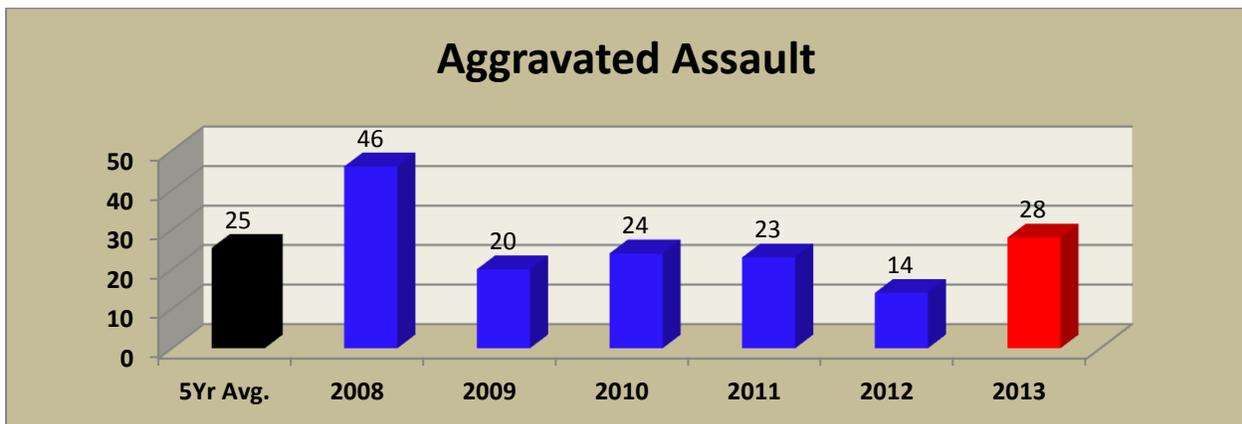
Robbery							
	5Yr Avg.	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
<b>Total</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>39</b>
<b>% of Δ</b>			<b>-40%</b>	<b>-26%</b>	<b>48%</b>	<b>-16%</b>	<b>8%</b>



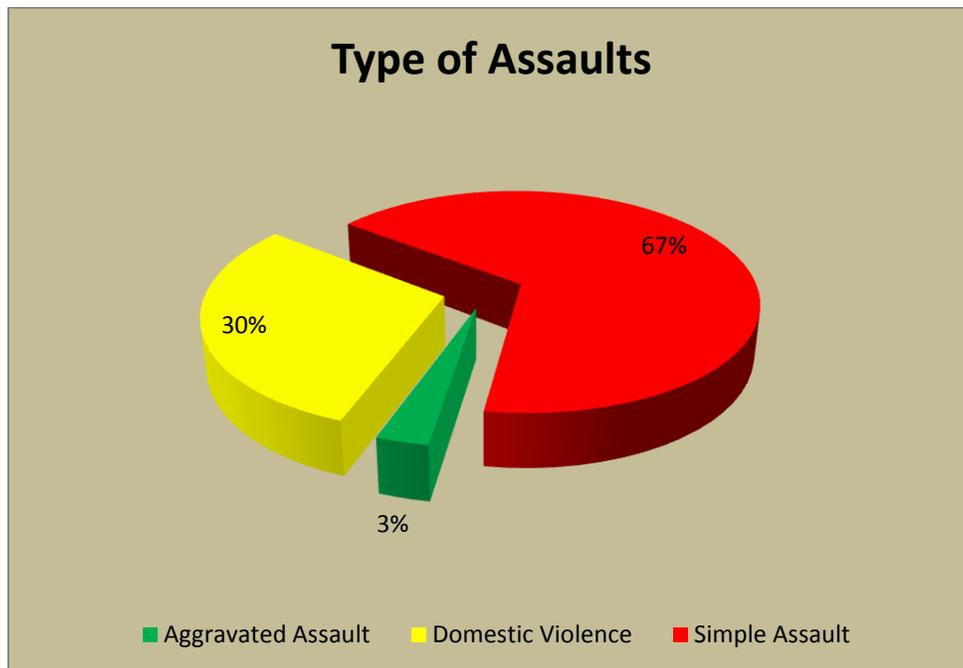
**Aggravated Assaults:**

At the end of the first half of 2013, Aggravated Assaults indicated a **100%** increase compared to 2012 and increased **12%** when compared to the previous five year average.

Aggravated Assault							
	5Yr Avg.	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
<b>Total</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>% of Δ</b>			<b>-57%</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>-4%</b>	<b>-39%</b>	<b>100%</b>



**Division of Assaults:**



**Definitions**

Assaults in this section are comprised of three types:

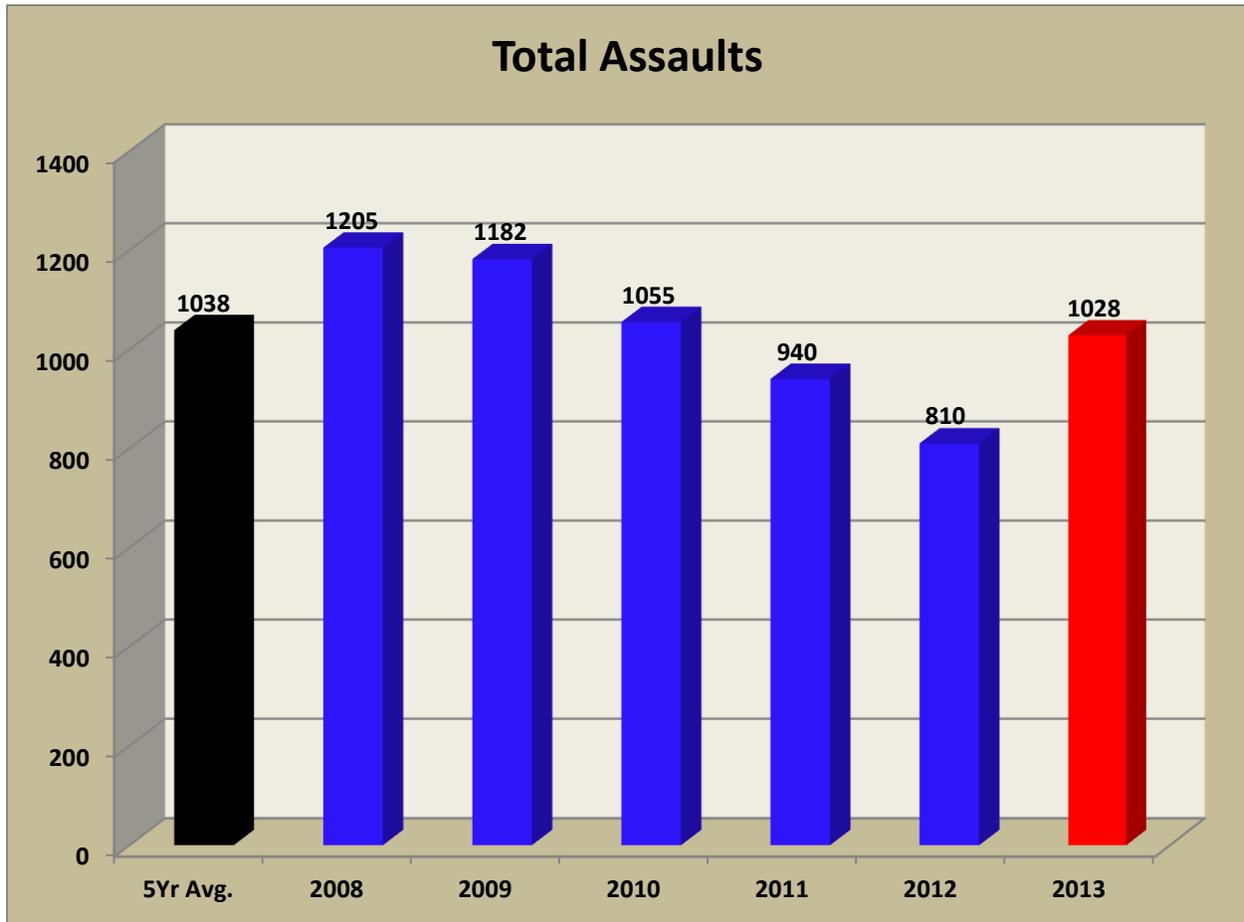
- 1.) Aggravated assault (*cumulative totals found in Violent Crimes*)
- 2.) Domestic Violence
- 3.) Simple Assault



**Total Assaults:**

Total assaults and all other subdivisions of assaults were up **27%** for this period of 2013 when compared to 2012 but were down **1%** when compared to the previous five-year average.

Total Assaults							
	5Yr Avg.	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
<b>Total</b>	<b>1038</b>	<b>1205</b>	<b>1182</b>	<b>1055</b>	<b>940</b>	<b>810</b>	<b>1028</b>
<b>% of Δ</b>			<b>-2%</b>	<b>-11%</b>	<b>-11%</b>	<b>-14%</b>	<b>27%</b>

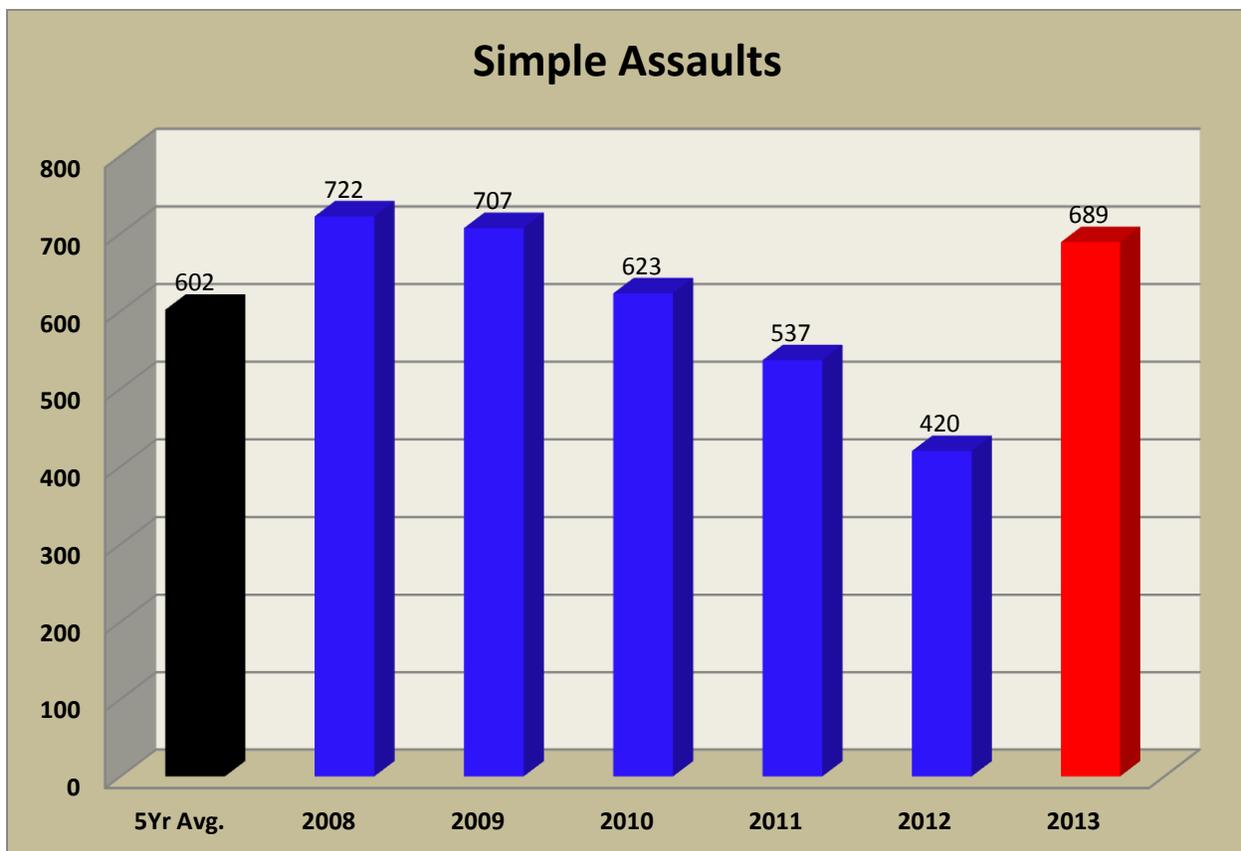




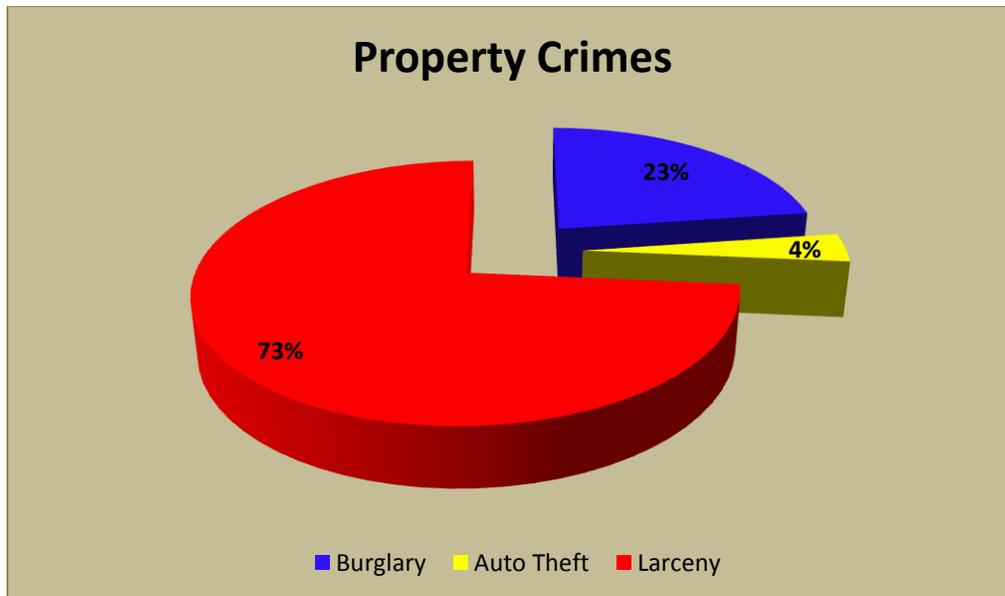
**Simple Assaults:**

Simple Assaults increased **64%** when compared to the first half of 2012 and also increased **14%** when compared to the previous five-year average.

Simple Assault							
	5Yr Avg.	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total	602	722	707	623	537	420	689
% of Δ			-2%	-12%	-14%	-22%	64%



Property Crimes:



**Definition**

Property crime includes the offenses of:

1. Burglary
2. Larceny-theft
3. Motor vehicle theft

The object of the theft-type offenses is the taking of money or property, but there is no force or threat of force against the victims. Although arson is a crime that involves the destruction of property, we will not include it in this section.

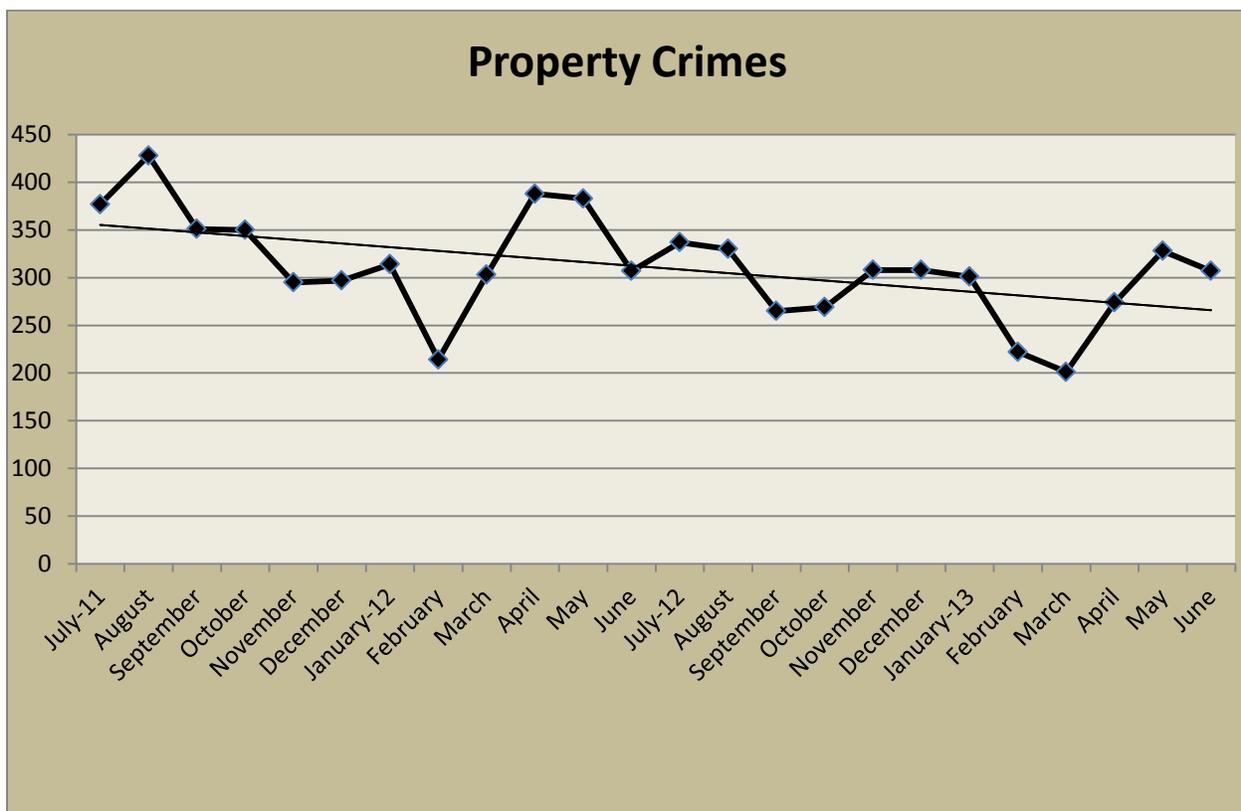


**Total Property Crimes:** (Burglary, Larceny-theft, and Auto theft)

Property crimes, as defined in this report, decreased **14%** during this quarter of 2013 when compared to 2012 and accounted for **44%** of all Group A crimes. A decrease of **12%** was also noted when compared to the previous five year average.

Property Crimes							
	5Yr Avg.	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
<b>Total</b>	<b>1851</b>	<b>2106</b>	<b>1751</b>	<b>1894</b>	<b>1594</b>	<b>1909</b>	<b>1633</b>
<b>% of Δ</b>			<b>-17%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>-16%</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>-14%</b>

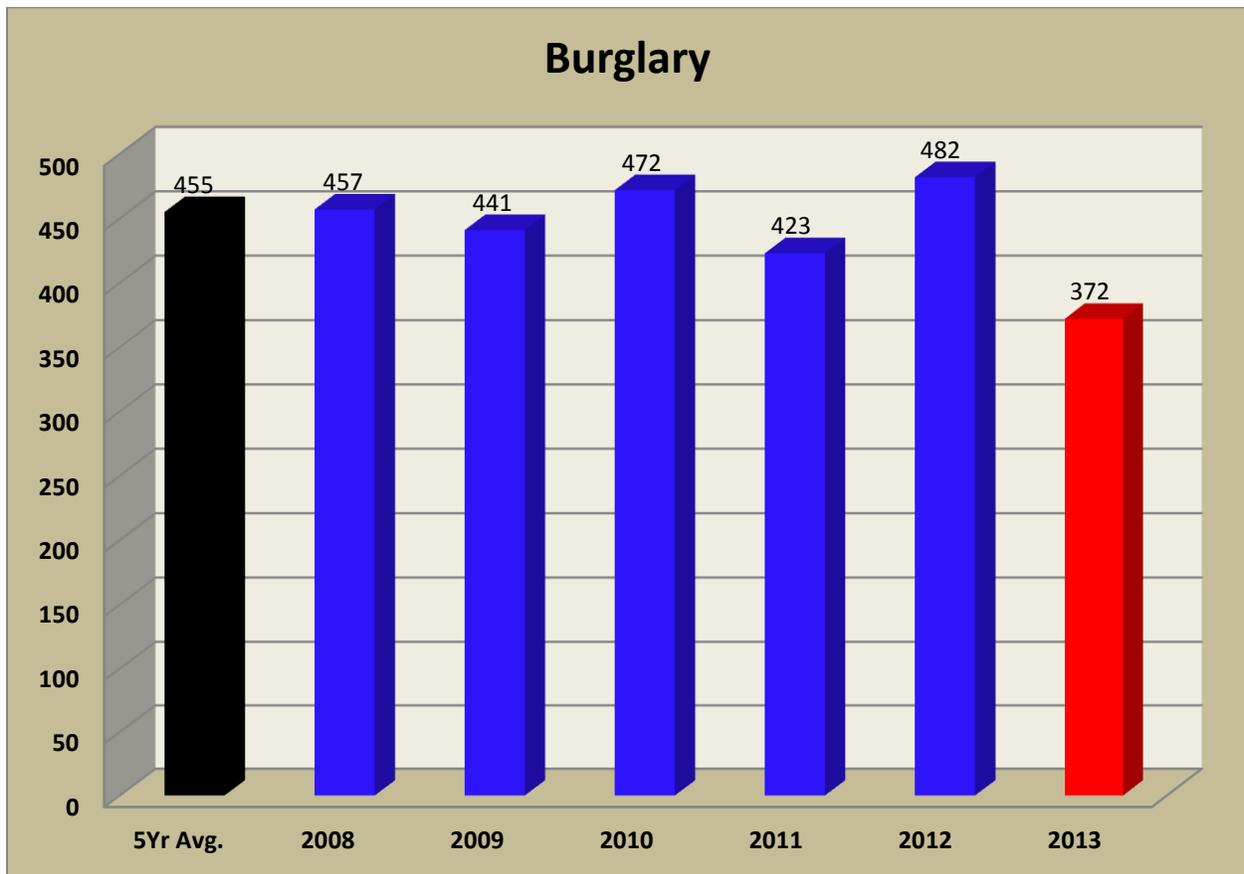
The trend line shows a decrease of property crimes on the 24 month comparison.



**Burglary:**

Burglaries decreased **23%** in the first six months of 2013 compared to 2012 and decreased **18%** when compared to the previous five year average.

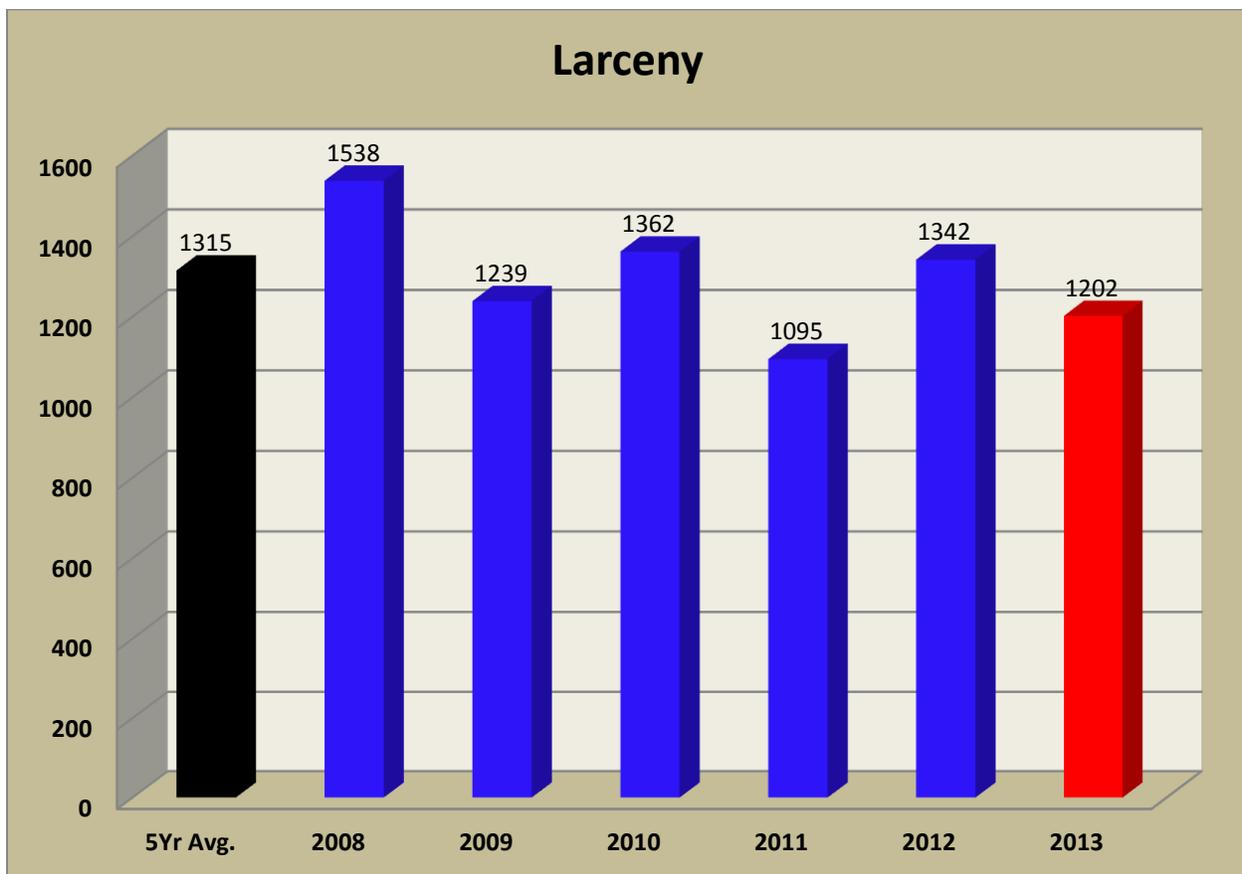
Burglary							
	5Yr Avg.	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
<b>Total</b>	455	457	441	472	423	482	372
<b>% of Δ</b>			-4%	7%	-10%	14%	-23%



**Larceny:**

Larcenies decreased **10%** compared to 2012 and decreased **9%** compared to the previous five year average.

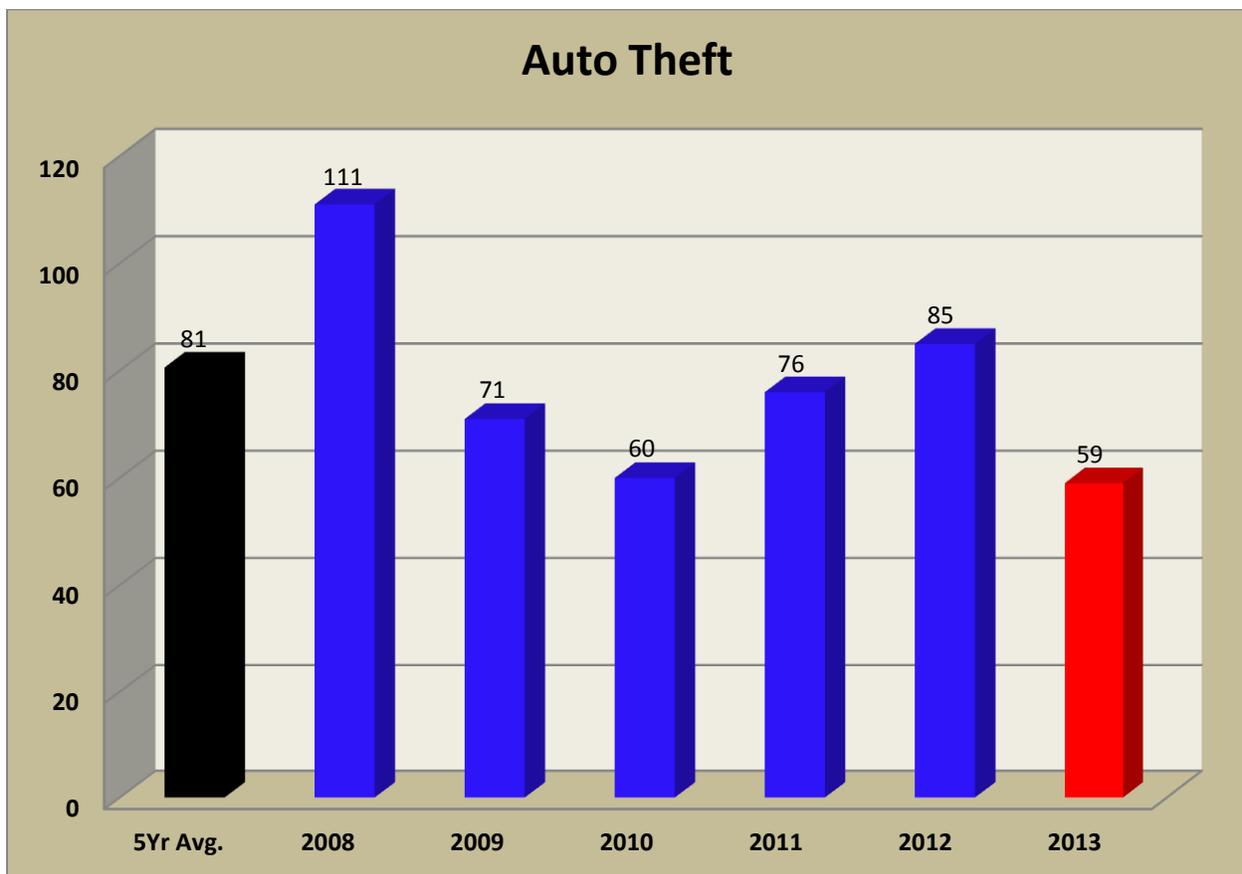
Larceny							
	5Yr Avg.	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
<b>Total</b>	<b>1315</b>	<b>1538</b>	<b>1239</b>	<b>1362</b>	<b>1095</b>	<b>1342</b>	<b>1202</b>
<b>% of Δ</b>			<b>-19%</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>-20%</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>-10%</b>



**Auto Theft:**

Auto thefts showed a **31%** decrease during the first six months of 2013 compared to the first six months in 2012 and decreased **27%** when compared to the previous five year average.

Auto Theft							
	5Yr Avg.	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
<b>Total</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>59</b>
<b>% of Δ</b>			<b>-36%</b>	<b>-15%</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>-31%</b>

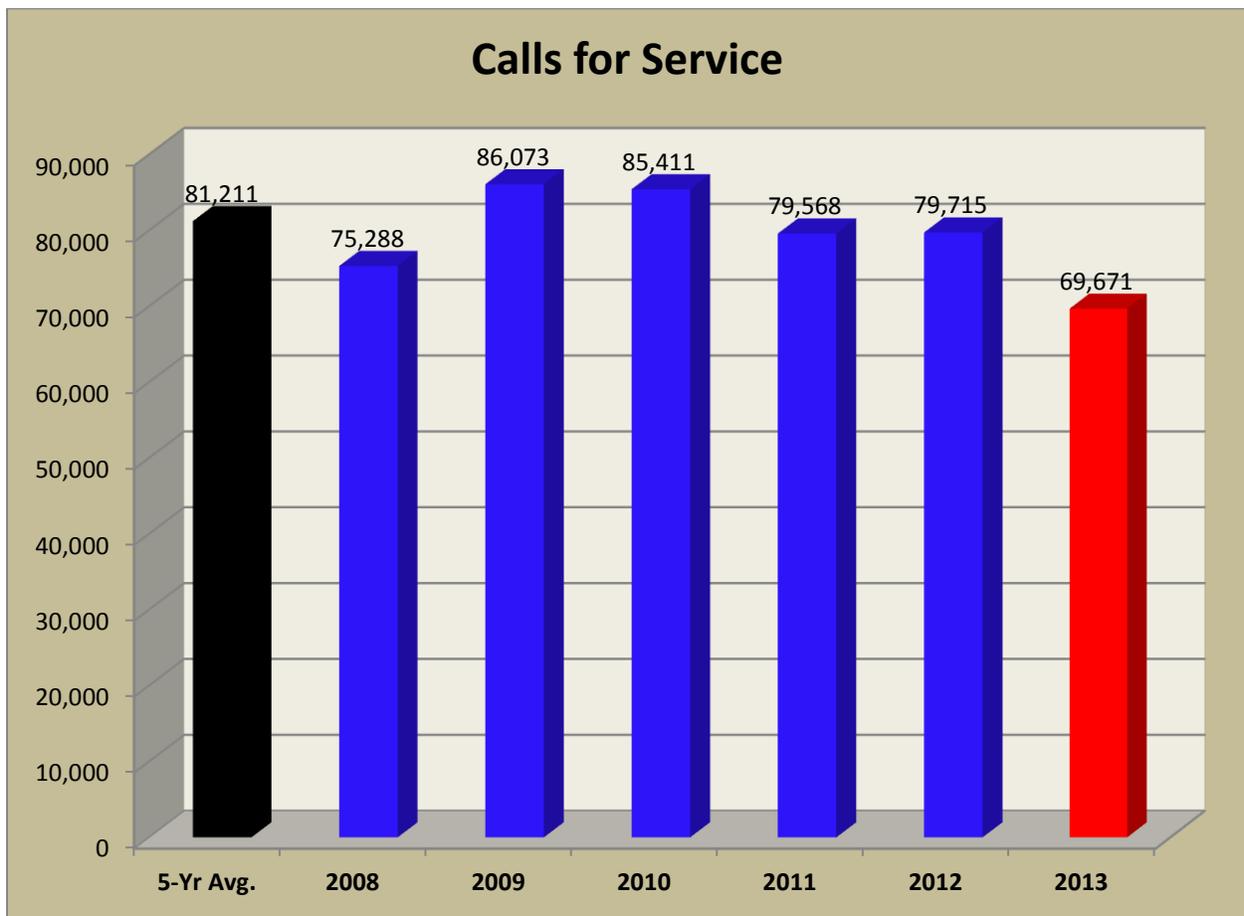




**Calls for Service**

During the first half of 2013 the Gulfport Police Department handled **69,671** calls for service. That represents a **13%** decrease when compared to 2012. The calls for service decreased **14%** when compared to the previous five year average.

CALLS FOR SERVICE							
MONTH	5-Yr Avg.	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Totals:	81,211	75,288	86,073	85,411	79,568	79,715	69,671
% of Δ			14%	-1%	-7%	0%	-13%

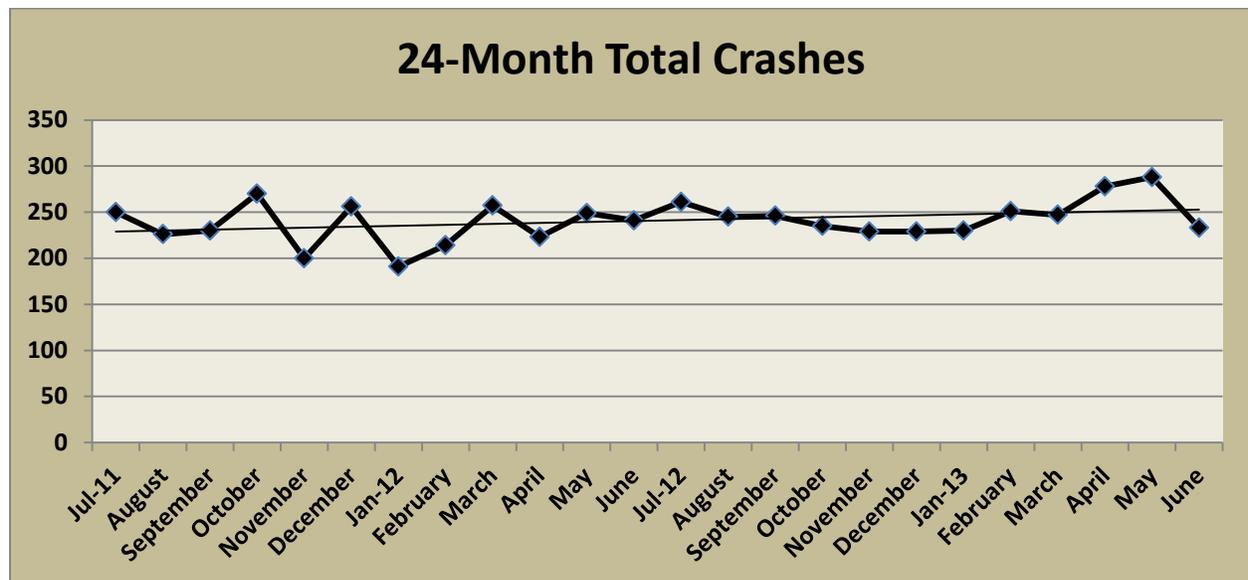
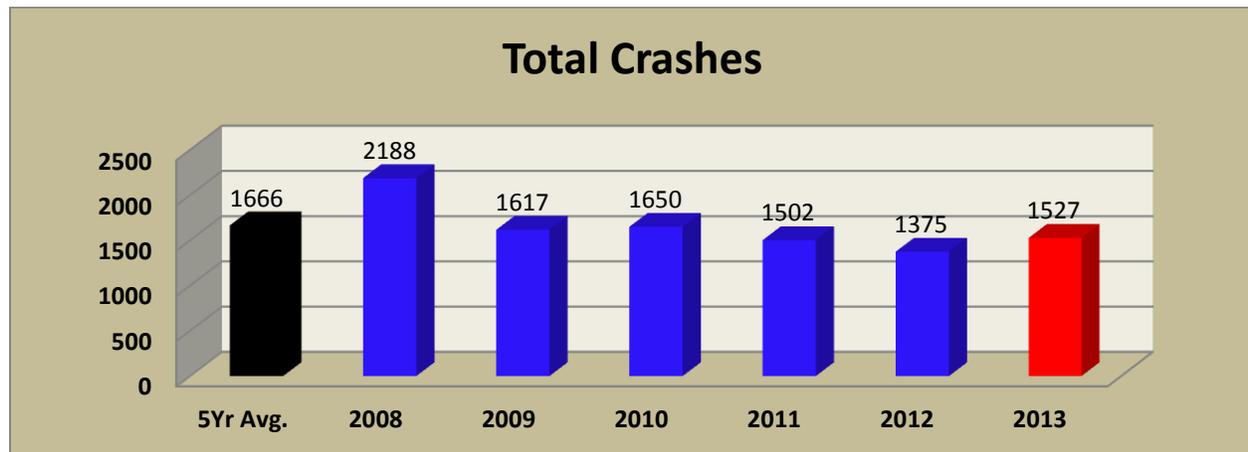




**Traffic Data:**

Total crashes for this half of 2013 increased **11%** when compared to 2012 but decreased **8%** compared to the previous five-year average.

Total Crashes							
MONTH	5Yr Avg.	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Totals	1666	2188	1617	1650	1502	1375	1527
% of Δ			-26%	2%	-9%	-8%	11%

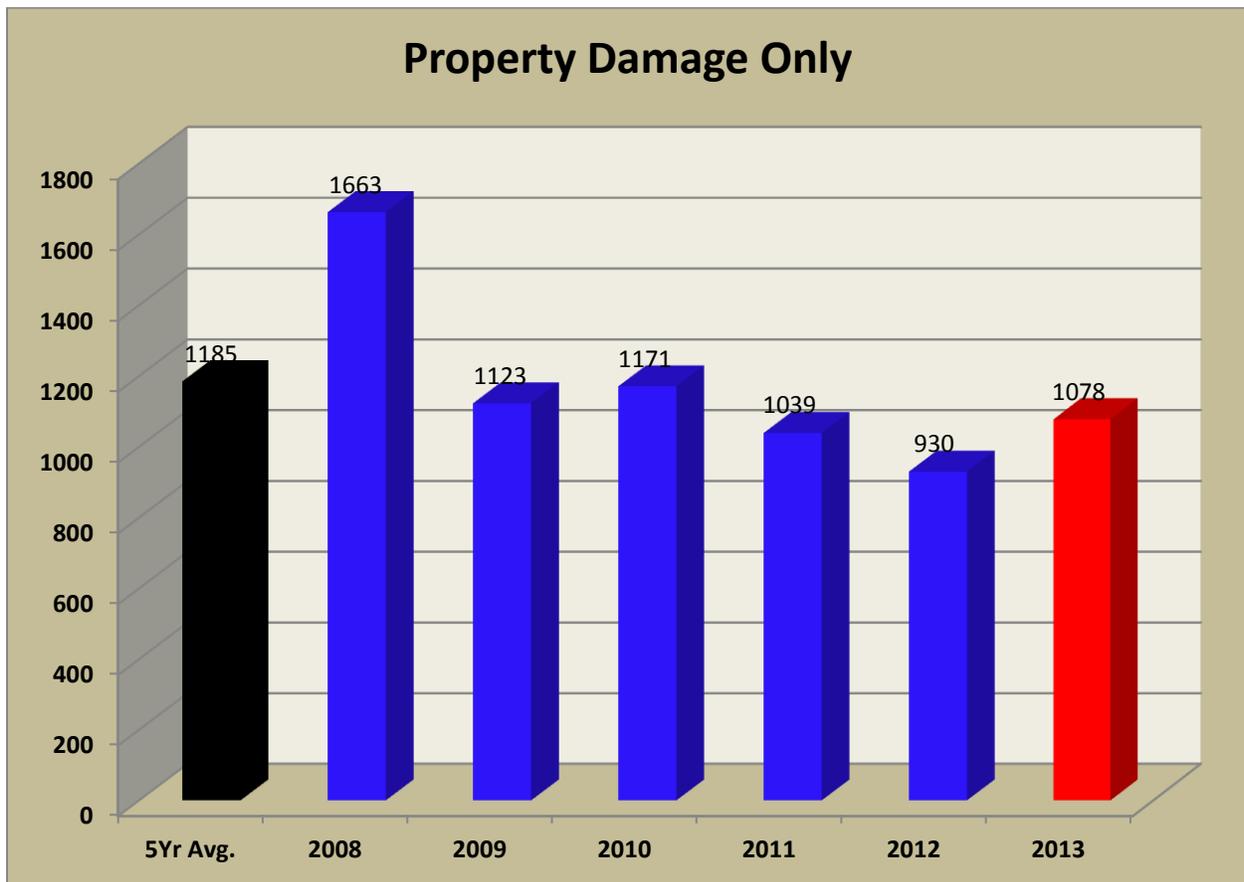




**Property Damage Only Crashes:**

Crashes involving property damage increased **16%** compared to the same period of 2012 but decreased **9%** compared to the previous five-year average.

Property Damage Only Crashes							
MONTH	5Yr Avg.	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Totals	1185	1663	1123	1171	1039	930	1078
% of Δ			-32%	4%	-11%	-10%	16%

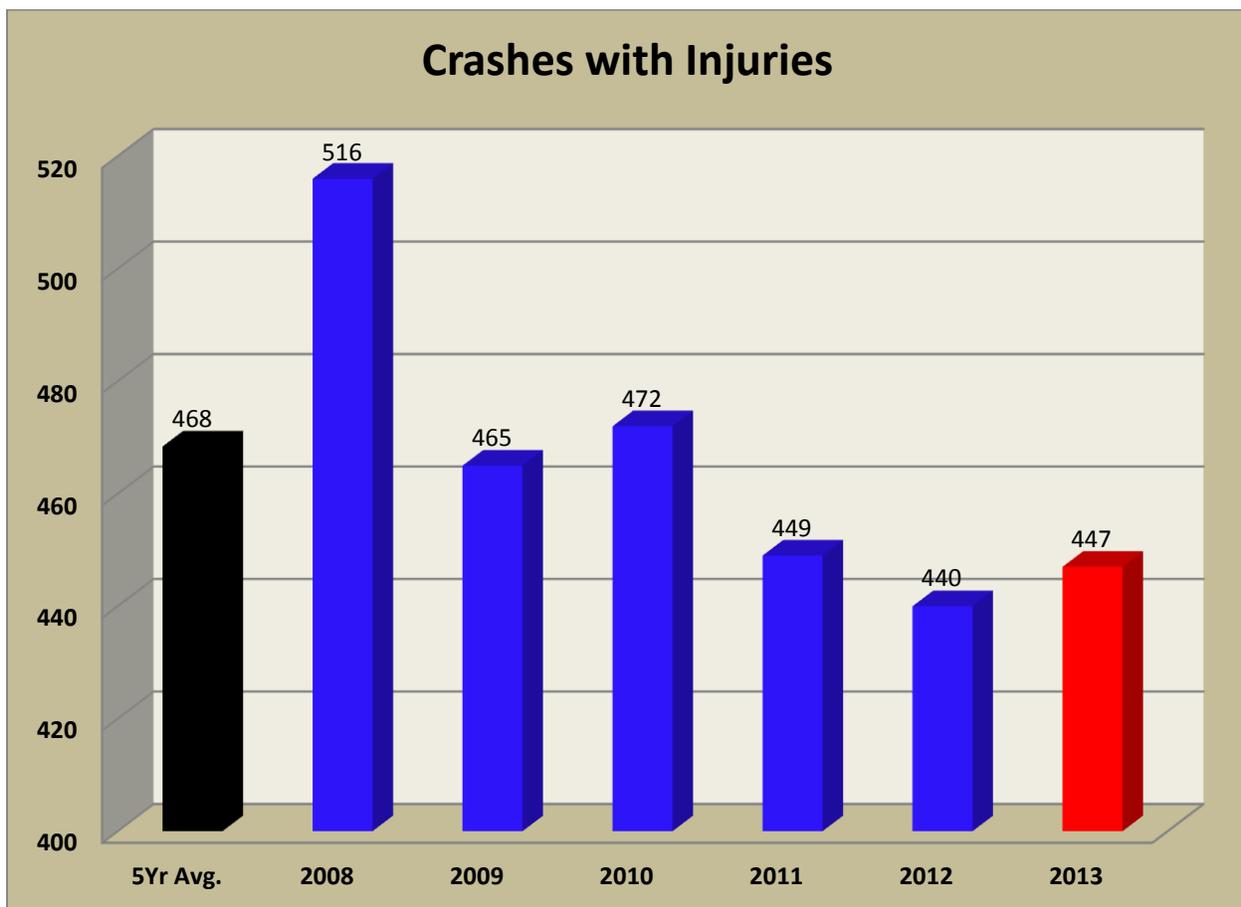




**Crashes with Injuries:**

Crashes involving injuries increased **2%** in the first six months of 2013 compared to 2012 but decreased **4%** compared to the previous five-year average.

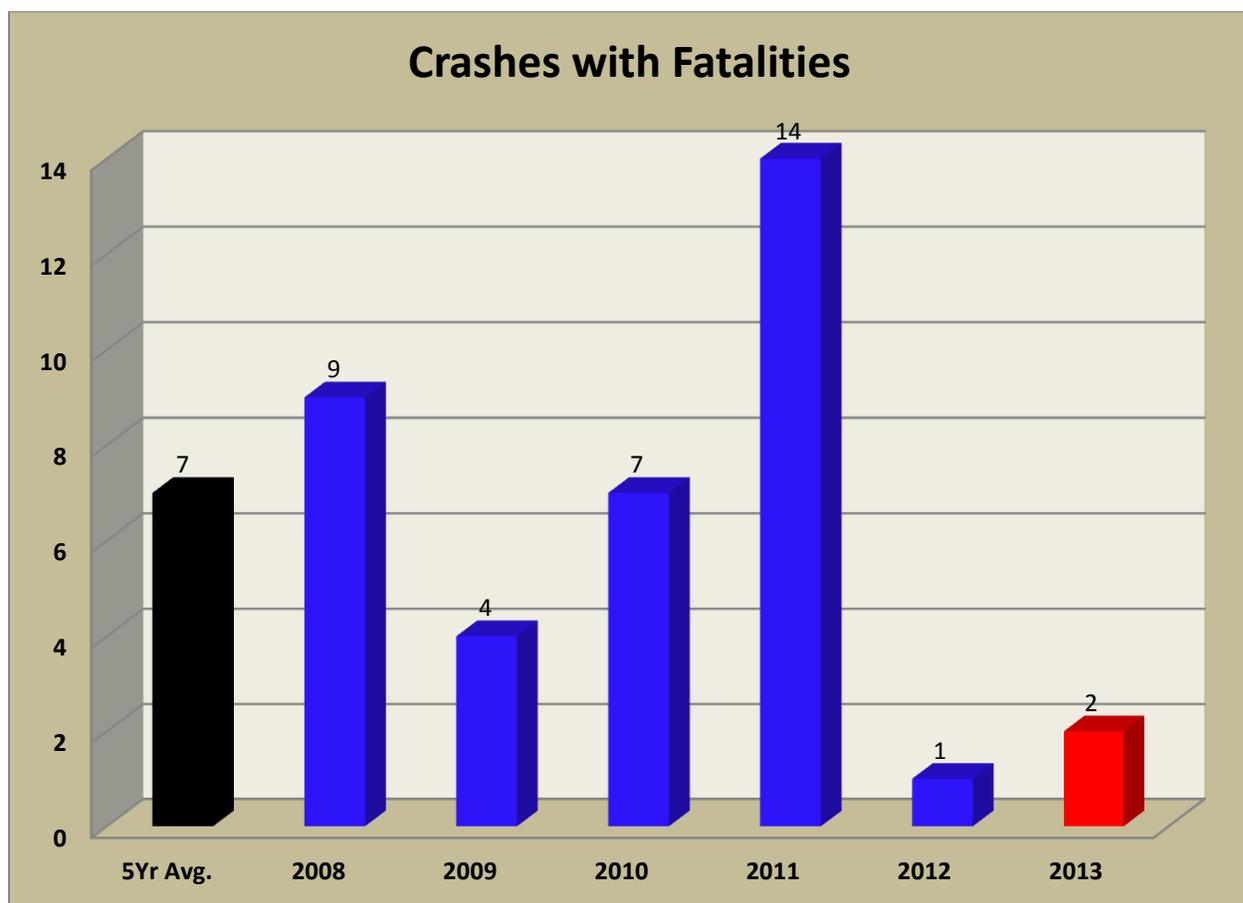
<b>Crashes with Injuries</b>							
<b>MONTH</b>	<b>5Yr Avg.</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>468</b>	<b>516</b>	<b>465</b>	<b>472</b>	<b>449</b>	<b>440</b>	<b>447</b>
<b>% of Δ</b>			<b>-10%</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>-5%</b>	<b>-2%</b>	<b>2%</b>



**Fatality Crashes:**

Crashes resulting in death increased **100%** with two (02) being reported in the first half of 2013 but decreased **71%** when compared to the previous five-year average.

Crashes with Fatalities							
MONTH	5Yr Avg.	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Totals	7	9	4	7	14	1	2
% of Δ			-56%	75%	100%	-93%	100%



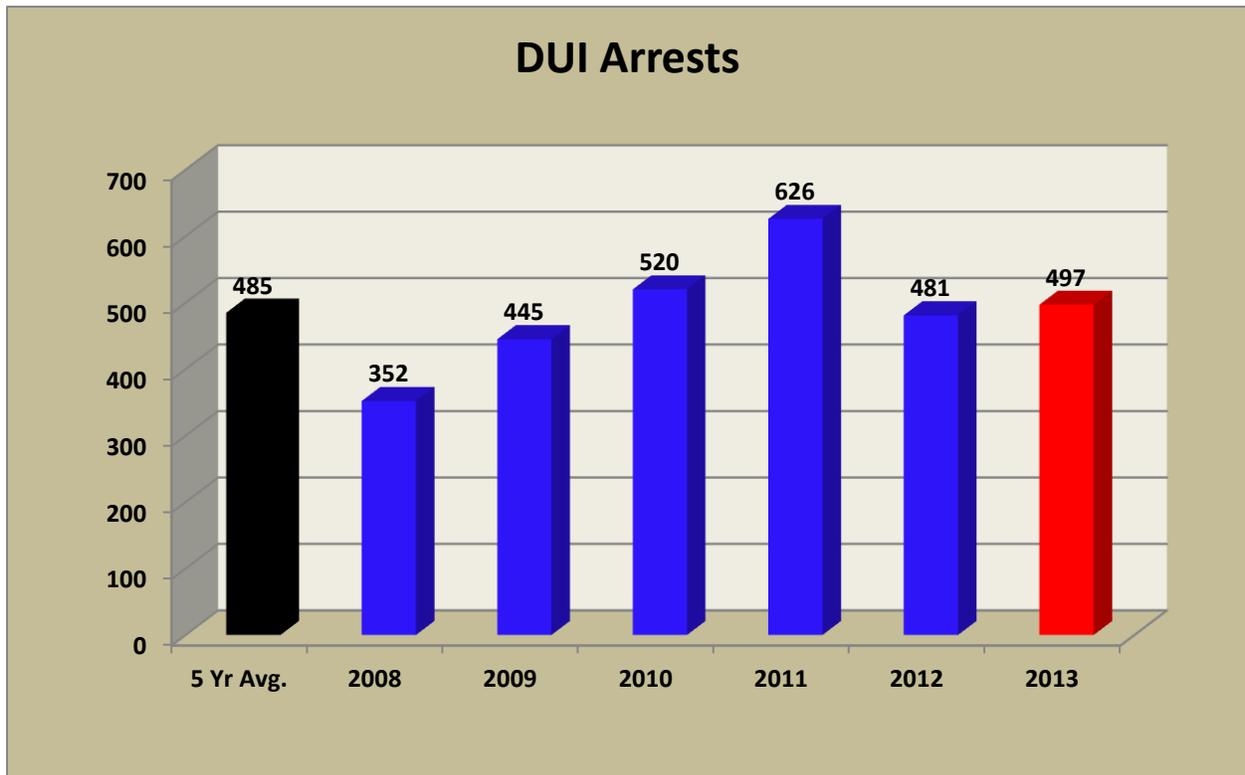


**DUI Arrests:**

Arrests for Driving Under the Influence increased **3%** when compared to the first half of 2012 and were up **2%** compared to the previous five-year average.

<b>DUI Arrests</b>							
<b>MONTH</b>	<b>5 Yr Avg.</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>485</b>	<b>352</b>	<b>445</b>	<b>520</b>	<b>626</b>	<b>481</b>	<b>497</b>
<b>% of Δ</b>			<b>26%</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>-23%</b>	<b>3%</b>

DUI data was used from the court system in the past. This has transitioned to data being used from RMS. This data contains DUI arrests for 2009 and retroactive to 2007 which was the first full year data was available from GPD RMS. This data is obtained from the GPD Traffic Unit.





Alcohol related crashes:

Alcohol related crashes decreased **10%** when comparing the 1<sup>st</sup> half of 2013 with that of 2012. A **3%** decrease was also noted when compared to the previous five year average. Alcohol related crashes made up **4%** of all crashes for this reporting period in the City of Gulfport for 2013.

Alcohol related crashes							
MONTH	5Yr Avg.	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Totals	64	69	58	60	65	69	62
% of Δ			-16%	3%	8%	6%	-10%

