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**Zero tolerance enforcement reduces Canton crime by 14%**  
*Double-digit decline brings crime rate below 2004 levels*

CANTON, Ohio – Mayor William Healy released statistics this week that indicate the city saw a 14% reduction in crime during his first year in office as a result of his administration’s “zero tolerance” crime policies. Healy said the statistics are an indication that the administration’s aggressive police efforts are having their intended effect.

“The men and women of the Canton Police Department should be proud of this accomplishment,” Healy said. “Canton is safer today than it was only a year ago. These statistics show that our efforts over the past year have been effective and that criminals are beginning to realize they are not welcome.”

Last year’s crime statistics show 8,578 major crimes were reported to the Canton Police Department, a 13.9% drop in major crime from 2007. Of all categories measured, assault, larceny, and burglary showed the biggest declines, while robbery and motor vehicle theft also dropped from the same time period last year.

Healy said that the sharp decline is even more significant when looking at data from the past several years showing crime trending upward. In 2004, 9,129 major crimes were reported in Canton. In the following three years, that number steadily increased to 9,674 (2005), 9,860 (2006), and 9,964 (2007). Last year’s crime statistics fall below 2004 figures.

“I am happy with the success of this program as well as the direction it is currently headed,” Healy said. “Our officers are always adjusting their tactics to respond to smarter criminals. I am confident that this decline will not be a one-time occurrence.”

The Mayor’s “zero-tolerance” policies were funded in large part by a federal grant from the Northeast Ohio Violent Crime Consortium (NOVCC), which targets the reduction of violent crime in major urban areas. The City received nearly \$400,000 in federal dollars for the program in April of last year.

Examples of zero-tolerance police activities include gang surveillance, drug enforcement raids, illegal gun busts, highway interdictions, arrest warrant sweeps, and patrols of vacant homes. Healy said that residents are beginning to see the effects of the City’s new crime policies, and hopes that further declines will follow in the months ahead.

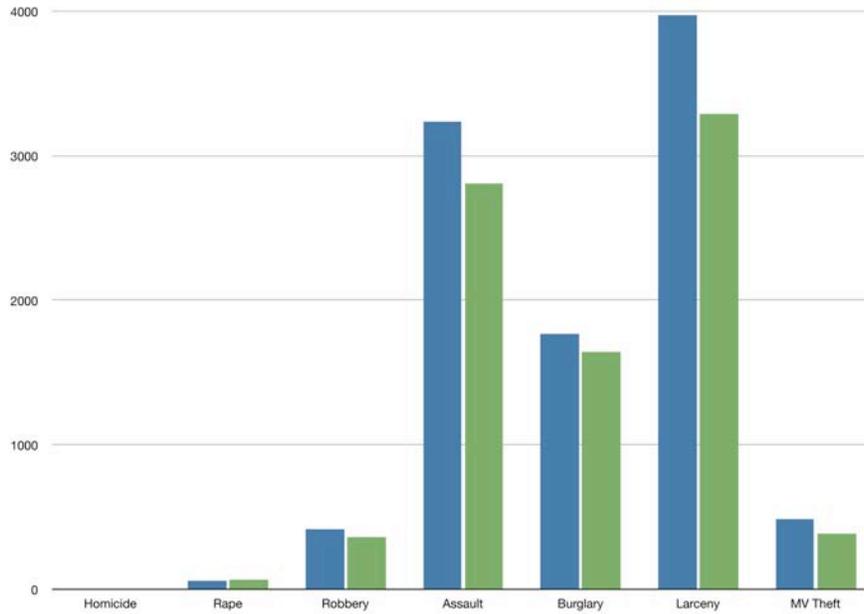
A full record of the crime statistics is attached to this release. The method used by police to record crime statistics is compliant with FBI Uniform Crime Reporting procedures and was consistently used throughout the five-year period highlighted in the Mayor’s announcement.

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**CHART 1 – YEAR-TO-DATE STATISTICS (BY OFFENSE)**

TOTAL YTD DECLINE – 13.9%



OFFENSE	2007	2008
HOMICIDE	9	9
RAPE	63	68
ROBBERY	423	367
ASSAULT	3239	2810
BURGLARY	1771	1643
LARCENY	3973	3295
M.V. THEFT	486	386

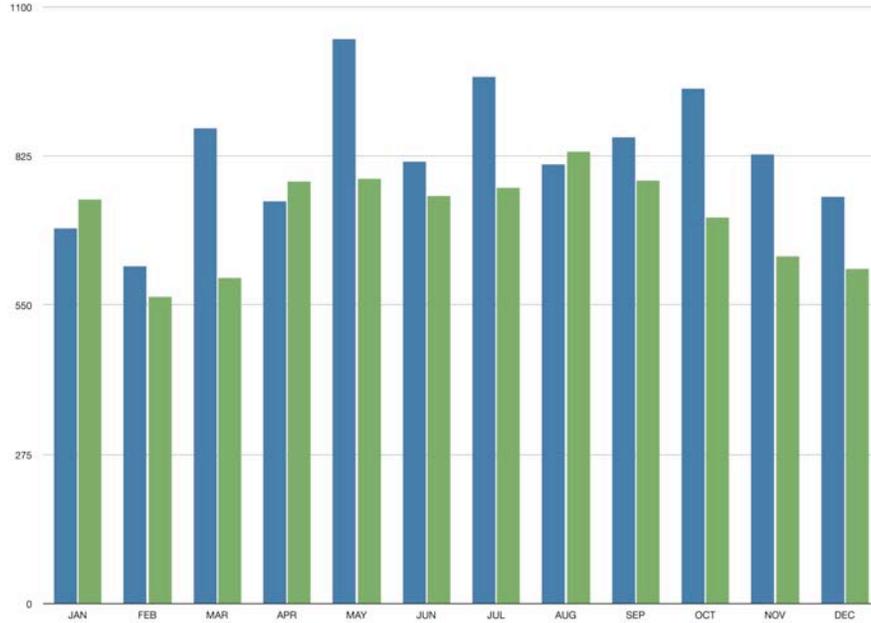
**KEY:** **BLUE** 2007 CRIME  
**GREEN** 2008 CRIME

**Statistics Measured:** Homicide, rape, robbery, assault, burglary, larceny, & motor vehicle theft.



**CHART 2 – YEAR-TO-DATE STATISTICS (BY MONTH)**

TOTAL YTD DECLINE – 13.9%



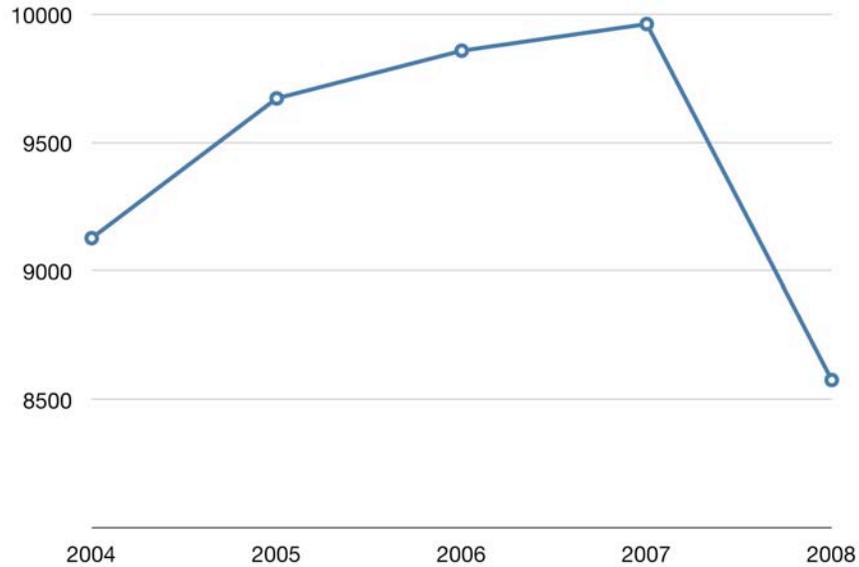
MONTH	2007 OFFENSES	2008 OFFENSES
JANUARY	692	745
FEBRUARY	622	566
MARCH	877	601
APRIL	743	778
MAY	1041	784
JUNE	816	752
JULY	972	768
AUGUST	810	833
SEPTEMBER	860	780
OCTOBER	951	713
NOVEMBER	829	640
DECEMBER	751	618

**KEY:** **BLUE** 2007 CRIME  
**GREEN** 2008 CRIME

**Statistics Measured:** Homicide, rape, robbery, assault, burglary, larceny, & motor vehicle theft.



### CHART 3 – TREND CRIME STATISTICS (BY YEAR)



YEAR	TOTAL
2004	9129
2005	9674
2006	9860
2007	9964
2008	8578

**Statistics Measured:** Homicide, rape, robbery, assault, burglary, larceny, & motor vehicle theft.

**FOR COMPLETE STATISTICAL BREAKDOWN, PLEASE SEE PAGES 5-9 (ATTACHED)**









	Homicide					Rape					Robbery				
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Jan	3	0	2	2	0	7	5	5	5	5	17	26	42	27	23
Feb	1	0	0	1	0	6	3	5	5	6	28	19	31	26	29
Mar	1	0	0	0	1	5	4	5	5	2	27	24	25	54	30
Apr	0	0	0	2	1	6	5	7	1	4	23	36	42	32	30
May	0	0	1	0	2	13	5	4	9	0	26	30	41	41	32
Jun	0	0	0	2	0	8	5	5	11	6	23	24	34	36	20
Jul	1	1	2	0	1	12	4	9	7	8	29	34	51	35	37
Aug	2	0	2	0	2	17	5	6	3	5	25	28	55	33	44
Sep	1	0	0	0	0	10	10	5	6	6	33	35	31	22	30
Oct	0	1	3	0	1	6	3	6	5	9	37	37	41	45	29
Nov	0	1	0	1	1	5	6	8	4	8	33	43	34	38	34
Dec	0	1	0	1	0	6	10	6	2	9	27	45	35	34	29
Totals	9	4	10	9	9	101	65	71	63	68	328	381	462	423	367

	Assault					Burglary					Larceny				
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Jan	169	212	244	179	186	110	108	141	146	154	189	283	302	292	329
Feb	180	183	208	204	198	92	59	102	92	131	234	215	253	246	172
Mar	205	241	247	269	219	102	72	115	133	102	303	260	298	363	217
Apr	213	266	270	253	269	131	118	115	133	143	343	299	282	284	292
May	244	312	291	355	247	129	106	164	195	159	340	365	349	388	311
Jun	210	279	298	281	259	147	158	150	141	135	326	316	338	313	291
Jul	267	302	329	356	247	139	162	202	195	128	322	374	369	346	306
Aug	179	287	296	283	289	137	202	191	140	168	290	436	358	321	295
Sep	238	313	237	299	285	173	182	161	130	176	364	374	334	363	265
Oct	249	245	219	298	249	212	148	145	173	118	393	376	322	399	282
Nov	213	260	225	236	184	132	141	163	157	104	357	356	315	350	283
Dec	199	232	206	226	178	151	130	169	136	125	371	295	358	308	252
Totals	2566	3132	3070	3239	2810	1655	1586	1818	1771	1643	3832	3949	3878	3973	3295

	MV Theft					Total Offenses				
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Jan	34	61	47	41	48	529	695	783	692	745
Feb	59	29	43	48	30	600	508	642	622	566
Mar	41	51	45	53	30	684	652	735	877	601
Apr	46	48	39	38	39	762	772	755	743	778
May	42	47	40	53	33	794	865	890	1041	784
Jun	41	42	59	32	41	755	824	884	816	752
Jul	39	45	68	33	41	809	922	1030	972	768
Aug	52	58	52	30	30	702	1016	960	810	833
Sep	57	47	37	40	18	876	961	805	860	780
Oct	48	41	40	31	25	945	851	776	951	713
Nov	97	41	40	43	26	837	848	785	829	640
Dec	82	47	41	44	25	836	760	815	751	618
Totals	638	557	551	486	386	9129	9674	9860	9964	8578