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Crime rate continues free fall for second straight year
Canton crime plummets 19.5% as result of law enforcement efforts

CANTON, Ohio – Mayor William Healy released statistics on Tuesday that show Canton saw a 19.5% decline in major crimes reported to police in 2009 as compared to the same period in 2008. This figure, which has been compiled and verified by the Canton Police Department, is the second straight year Canton's crime rate has experienced a double-digit decline.

"Today is a proud day for the men and women of the Canton Police Department," Healy said. "Through their hard work and dedication, our streets are safer than they were last year and a lot safer than they were only two years ago. Our law enforcement tactics are working, and criminals know it. Our officers deserve our highest praise for what they have been able to accomplish in such a short period of time."

Last year's crime statistics show 6,866 major crimes were reported to the Canton Police Department, a 19.5% drop in major crime from 2008. Of all categories measured, motor vehicle theft, assault, and larceny showed the biggest declines, while robbery and burglaries also dropped substantially. When comparing last year's statistics to the city's 2007 statistics, major crime has dropped an astounding 30.5% over the past two years.

Crime in Canton had been climbing steadily since 2000. In 2004, 9,129 major crimes were reported. In the following three years, that number steadily increased to 9,615 (2005), 9,820 (2006), and 9,889 (2007). In 2008, the city saw its first major decline in more than a decade, when crime statistics fall beneath 2004 figures to come in at 8,532.

Healy said the statistics are an indication that the city's "zero tolerance" police efforts are having their intended effect. Funded in large part by a \$299,000 federal grant from the Northeast Ohio Violent Crime Consortium (NOVCC), police conducted gang surveillance, drug enforcement raids, illegal gun busts, highway interdictions, arrest warrant sweeps, and patrols of vacant homes as part of the "zero tolerance" policy.

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 time period discussed in the Mayor's announcement.

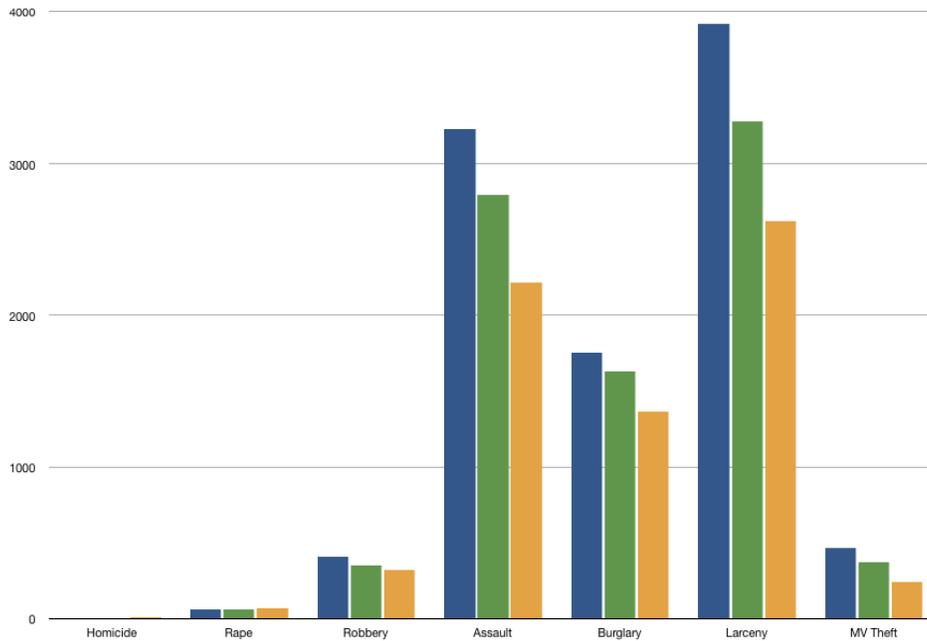
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ATTACHED: 2009 CRIME STATISTICS WITH ANALYTICAL CHARTS



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

TOTAL YTD DECLINE – 19.5%



OFFENSE	2007	2008	2009
HOMICIDE	9	9	13
RAPE	61	65	67
ROBBERY	417	361	324
ASSAULT	3234	2800	2222
BURGLARY	1768	1638	1369
LARCENY	3926	3280	2626
M.V. THEFT	474	379	245

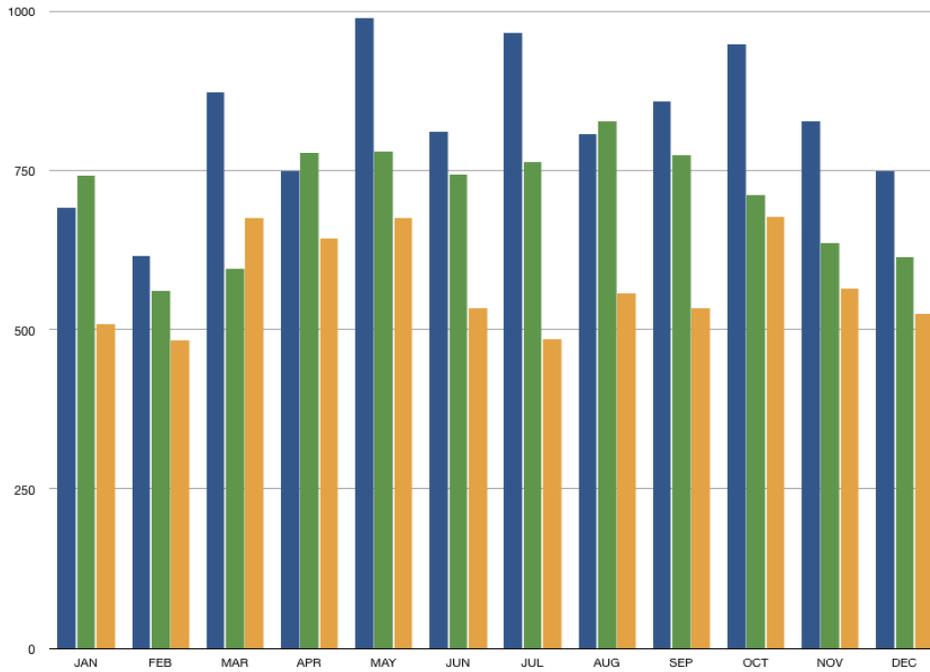
KEY: **BLUE** 2007 CRIME
GREEN 2008 CRIME
ORANGE 2009 CRIME

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



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

TOTAL YTD DECLINE – 19.5%



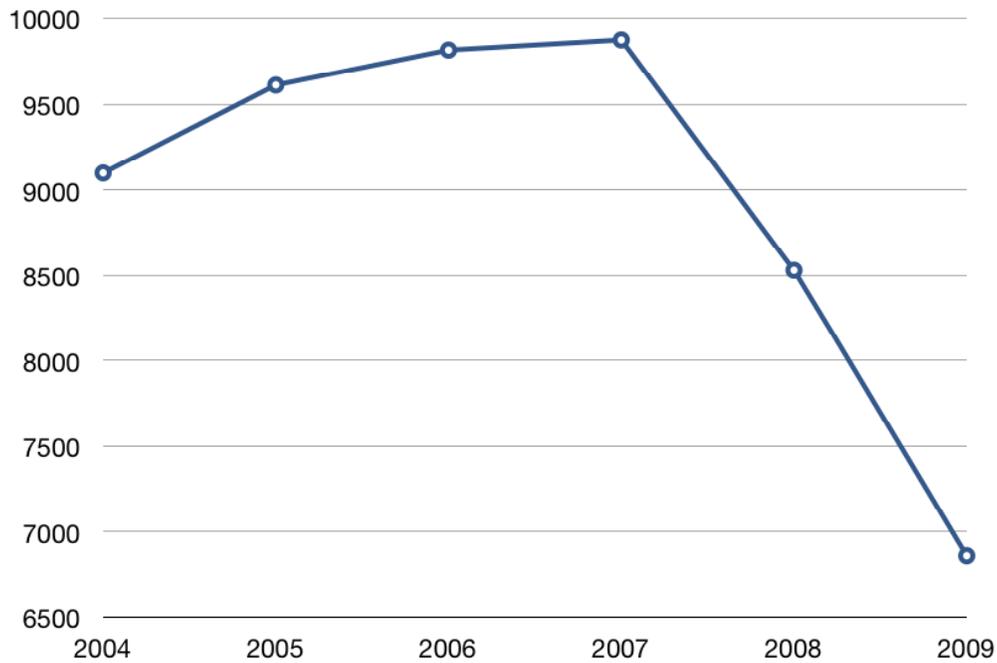
MONTH	2007 OFFENSES	2008 OFFENSES	2009 OFFENSES
JANUARY	691	742	509
FEBRUARY	616	563	483
MARCH	873	596	676
APRIL	750	778	643
MAY	989	781	675
JUNE	812	745	534
JULY	966	763	485
AUGUST	807	827	558
SEPTEMBER	859	774	535
OCTOBER	949	712	677
NOVEMBER	827	637	566
DECEMBER	750	614	525

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CHART 3 – TREND CRIME STATISTICS (BY YEAR)



YEAR	TOTAL
2004	9102
2005	9615
2006	9820
2007	9889
2008	8532
2009	6866

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



Crime Statistics – City of Canton
Figure 1 (Homicide), Figure 2 (Rape), Figure 3 (Robbery)
2000-2009 Reported Crime
Organized by category, month, and year

	Homicide									
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Jan	3	0	0	1	3	0	1	2	0	1
Feb	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0
Mar	2	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
Apr	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	1	0
May	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	5
Jun	3	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	4
Jul	1	2	0	0	1	1	2	0	1	1
Aug	2	0	0	1	2	0	2	0	2	0
Sep	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Oct	4	0	1	0	0	1	3	0	1	0
Nov	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0
Dec	2	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	2
Totals	20	7	5	6	9	4	9	9	9	13

	Rape									
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Jan	5	6	8	6	7	4	5	5	5	6
Feb	4	5	3	0	6	3	4	5	5	6
Mar	6	4	11	2	5	2	5	4	2	5
Apr	6	4	3	0	6	5	7	1	4	4
May	5	7	7	3	10	5	4	9	0	4
Jun	10	4	8	4	7	4	4	10	6	2
Jul	5	5	8	1	11	4	9	7	7	9
Aug	6	6	2	2	17	4	5	3	5	7
Sep	3	8	6	5	8	10	5	6	6	7
Oct	3	6	2	2	6	2	5	5	9	3
Nov	5	4	6	4	5	5	8	4	8	9
Dec	7	0	8	6	6	9	6	2	8	5
Totals	65	59	72	35	94	57	67	61	65	67

	Robbery									
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Jan	11	26	49	24	17	26	40	27	22	29
Feb	12	14	24	21	27	19	31	25	29	15
Mar	12	26	33	29	27	24	25	52	29	30
Apr	6	28	30	28	22	36	42	32	30	27
May	6	28	27	27	25	30	41	41	31	35
Jun	5	33	26	29	22	24	33	35	20	28
Jul	9	24	40	35	29	34	51	34	36	19
Aug	3	27	28	42	25	28	55	32	43	19
Sep	9	24	17	35	33	35	31	22	30	27
Oct	6	29	24	32	36	37	41	45	29	27
Nov	10	35	18	23	33	43	34	38	34	36
Dec	18	33	21	34	27	45	35	34	28	32
Totals	107	327	337	359	323	381	459	417	361	324



Crime Statistics – City of Canton
Figure 4 (Assault), Figure 5 (Burglary), Figure 6 (Larceny)
2000-2009 Reported Crime
Organized by category, month, and year

	Assault									
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Jan	163	194	295	243	167	211	242	179	186	171
Feb	182	107	217	204	178	182	208	204	198	177
Mar	145	241	269	299	205	241	246	269	218	283
Apr	189	190	300	300	213	266	270	253	269	235
May	188	221	301	292	242	310	290	355	246	232
Jun	245	320	304	269	210	279	298	280	258	174
Jul	320	471	328	301	266	301	329	353	247	151
Aug	224	334	328	285	179	286	294	282	287	181
Sep	252	298	367	278	237	312	237	299	281	177
Oct	211	342	345	283	248	245	219	298	249	179
Nov	186	276	264	229	212	258	224	236	184	142
Dec	189	260	237	190	197	231	205	226	177	120
Totals	2494	3254	3555	3173	2554	3122	3062	3234	2800	2222

	Burglary									
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Jan	69	58	95	80	109	104	140	146	153	70
Feb	59	59	88	71	91	58	102	92	131	60
Mar	70	75	111	128	101	68	113	133	101	71
Apr	56	78	90	117	130	117	114	133	143	105
May	88	106	125	128	129	105	164	194	159	118
Jun	86	124	138	110	146	155	150	141	134	117
Jul	102	125	136	142	138	159	201	194	128	92
Aug	99	145	142	149	136	201	190	140	167	114
Sep	87	120	158	170	172	181	161	129	175	133
Oct	89	100	127	142	218	148	145	173	118	197
Nov	63	109	104	150	130	141	163	157	104	158
Dec	65	117	103	111	147	129	169	136	125	134
Totals	933	1216	1417	1498	1647	1566	1812	1768	1638	1369

	Larceny									
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Jan	195	314	257	263	188	282	302	291	328	204
Feb	235	236	216	208	231	214	252	244	170	207
Mar	267	295	345	301	301	259	297	363	216	255
Apr	236	337	310	317	342	295	282	293	292	251
May	273	358	345	332	340	365	348	337	311	265
Jun	350	360	357	393	325	316	338	313	288	195
Jul	311	329	371	335	322	373	368	346	305	197
Aug	293	355	334	340	288	435	357	321	293	214
Sep	324	324	295	323	363	374	334	363	264	173
Oct	349	372	331	345	393	376	322	398	281	244
Nov	264	308	310	304	356	356	315	350	280	210
Dec	289	328	286	322	371	294	356	307	252	211
Totals	3386	3916	3757	3783	3820	3939	3871	3926	3280	2626



Crime Statistics – City of Canton
 Figure 7 (Motor Vehicle Theft), Figure 8 (Total Offenses)
 2000-2009 Reported Crime
Organized by category, month, and year

	MV Theft									
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Jan	26	74	24	47	33	61	44	41	48	28
Feb	30	37	25	29	59	28	43	45	30	18
Mar	38	40	33	43	40	49	44	52	29	31
Apr	18	27	31	33	46	46	37	36	39	21
May	17	33	44	47	42	46	39	53	32	17
Jun	37	37	59	47	41	42	58	31	39	14
Jul	25	25	51	44	39	44	67	32	39	16
Aug	34	36	30	52	52	56	51	29	30	23
Sep	37	44	34	31	56	47	37	40	18	18
Oct	42	43	31	52	48	41	39	30	25	27
Nov	30	36	26	34	95	41	40	41	26	11
Dec	43	39	7	57	76	45	40	44	24	21
Totals	377	471	395	516	627	546	539	474	379	245

	Total Offenses									
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Jan	472	674	728	664	524	688	775	691	742	508
Feb	522	459	573	534	596	504	640	616	563	483
Mar	540	682	804	802	680	643	730	873	597	675
Apr	512	665	764	796	759	765	752	740	778	643
May	579	753	849	830	788	861	887	989	781	676
Jun	736	878	893	853	751	820	881	812	745	534
Jul	773	981	934	858	806	916	1027	966	763	485
Aug	661	903	864	871	699	1010	954	807	827	558
Sep	712	818	877	842	870	959	805	859	774	535
Oct	704	892	861	856	941	850	774	949	712	677
Nov	558	770	728	744	864	845	784	827	637	566
Dec	613	777	663	720	824	754	811	750	614	525
Totals	7382	9252	9538	9370	9102	9615	9820	9889	8532	6866