

From: ALESI, MARSHA On Behalf Of LANSDOWNE, WILLIAM
Sent: Tuesday, May 08, 2007 10:13 AM
To: Will Carless
Subject: Crime Stats reply

Will,

During our recent conversations, you pointed out some inconsistencies in some of my public comments with respect to crime statistics. As you well know, statistics can be analyzed in a variety of different ways. In particular, crime stats can be divided into many different categories such as overall crime, property crime and violent crime to name just a few. In my capacity as Chief of Police, I have the opportunity and obligation to address many different audiences on the subject of crime and public safety on a regular basis. When addressing these issues, I always try to be as accurate as possible. However, during my many public statements on crime, there will inevitably be times when mistakes are made with respect to a particular crime statistic or public safety issue. However, if and when this occurs, I am always happy to correct the record.

Bill Lansdowne

From: MAHEU, WILLIAM
Sent: Wednesday, May 09, 2007 6:40 AM
To: MAHEU, WILLIAM
Subject: Chief's Comments
Will,

Per our agreement yesterday I have reviewed the video and supporting documentation from the February PS&NS meeting re: the questions you had about the Chief's presentation. As you can tell from the video, the chief was speaking from a PowerPoint he unfortunately had not had a chance to review prior to the meeting. During the presentation the chief did in fact misstate the statistics pointed out in your e-mail. Fortunately the PowerPoint, Crime Index Report and Report No 07-025 which were presented to the members and made available to the public all contained the correct statistics. More importantly these reports point out some amazing trends in our community. In 1991 the total index crime rate (crime rate per 1000 population) was 85.65. In 2006 it was 39.35. Our Domestic Violence criminal cases decreased 9.8% between 2005 and 2006.

These among many other facts in these reports are a tribute to the men and women in our local law enforcement and the community we have the privilege to work with and serve.