

PRESS RELEASE

NORMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Norman once again reflects its high quality of life through its low crime rate. In 2010, Part I Crimes, which are the most serious, totaled 4,166, down slightly from the 4,275 reported in 2009.

The Part I Crimes include:

<u>Crime</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
Murder	2	0
Rape	61	54
Robbery	41	56
Aggravated Assault	72	79
Burglary	876	800
Larceny	2,934	3,072
Auto Theft	174	208
Arson	6	6
TOTAL	4166	4275

The two murders were even more tragic because both involved innocent children. Aja Johnson was the young girl kidnapped by a Lester Hobbs and found dead in Norman near Lake Thunderbird on March 29, 2010. The second homicide victim was Tripp Foster, age 3, who was shot to death on October 28, 2010 in his home on 180th Avenue. Investigators have cleared both cases.

While Part I Crime statistics are encouraging, total crime for all categories increased from 15,601 in 2009, to 16,490 in 2010, which is a 5.5% increase. Arrests for illegal drugs rose from 897 in 2009 to 1,065 in 2010, which is the second highest number of drug-related arrests in the past 20 years.

Alcohol-related arrests continue to present a problem for Norman. Driving under the influence arrests rose from 597 in 2009, to 665 in 2010, while arrests for public intoxication increased from 572 in 2009, to 768 in 2010.

Total traffic collisions increased from 2,741 in 2009, to 2,974 in 2010, which is an average of 8 collisions reported per day. Six of the collision involved fatalities in 2010, compared to eight in 2009.

Police officers responded to 59,084 calls in 2010, an increase from the 58,107 in 2009. The average response time to priority or emergency calls was 3.74 minutes, which is excellent when considering Norman's large land area.