

MEMORANDUM

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RE: Crime Analysis 1995-2011

I am providing an analysis of crime in Englewood since 1995. I used the FBI Uniform Crime Reports (UCR) to cover the years of 1995 to 2004 for total crime reported and the National Incident Based Reports System (NIBRS) for the years 2006-2011. In 2005 we switched from UCR to NIBRS in order to get a more comprehensive report on crimes. The crimes reported by the FBI online are limited to murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, theft, auto theft and arson so I used the annual reports we sent to the FBI for total crime 1995-2004. I will do an analysis of FBI crimes for 1995 to 2010 (last year reported online) as part of this analysis.

I grouped the years together in five year blocks of time, averaged them, to show the sequence of crime and then compared to 2011 (Chart A). Of significance in this analysis is that we changed our police tactics in the year 2000 to be proactive rather than reactive. We dramatically increased our visibility in the community by stepping up our traffic enforcement, we rapidly responded to incidents, we limited time in the building with technology improvements and we implemented surveillance cameras to improve on the apprehension of bad guys. The effects of a proactive policing policy were noticed immediately. Comparing the five years before being proactive to the first five years of proactively policing we see a 21% drop in total crime. But it didn't stop there; the next five years (2006-2010) showed an additional 12% drop. Overall, comparing the last five years of reactive policing (1995-1999) to last year, we have experienced a 46% drop in total crime reported.

Using just the FBI/UCR crime reported online and following the criteria above, crime has dropped 38% comparing the five years of 1995-1999 to estimated FBI crimes for 2011 (Chart B). FBI reported crime represents about 40%, on average, of total reported crime. Chart C shows the breakdown of crimes by percentage for 2011.

During this period of time, the City of Englewood has grown in population and has increased commercial development. The FBI converts its crime stats to take into consideration population changes. Chart D shows the adjusted crime rate per capita (1000) and a decrease of 55%. Chart E shows the adjusted FBI crime rate per capita (1000) and a decrease of 48%. I believe the crime rate is even lower based on the increase in transient population with the development west of town.

The Englewood Police Department has made an incredible difference in the quality of life for people living, working and visiting Englewood.

Chief Brownfield