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New York City Experiences Safest First Quarter in the Modern Compstat-Era

Seven Fewer Murders, Forty-two Fewer Shootings, and 1,219 Fewer Index Crimes Compared with 2016

New York, New York— New York City's sustained reduction in violence and overall crime continued through March 2017, making this the safest first quarter in the modern Comstat-era. Compared with the same time period as last year, the first quarter of 2017 had: 7 fewer murders, or -10.2%; 42 fewer shootings, or -22%; and 1,219 fewer index crimes, or -5.2%.

For the month of March 2017, there were 7,253 overall index crimes reported, compared with 7,948 in March 2016. This is a reduction of 695 crimes, or -8.7%. There were 18 murders reported in March 2017, compared with 28 in March 2016. This is a reduction of 10 crimes, or -35.7%. There were 104 rapes reported in March 2017, compared with 101 in March 2016. This is an increase of 3 crimes, or +3.0%. There were 949 robberies reported in March 2017, compared with 1,168 in March 2016. This is a reduction of 219 crimes, or -18.8%. There were 1,528 felonious assaults reported in March 2017, compared with 1,611 in March 2016. This is a reduction of 83 crimes, or -5.2%. There were 907 burglaries reported in March 2017, compared with 1,036 in March 2016. This is a reduction of 127 crimes, or -12.5%. There were 3,329 grand larcenies reported in March 2017, compared with 3,588 in March 2016. This is a reduction of 259 crimes, or -7.2%. There were 418 grand larceny autos reported in March 2017, compared with 416 in March 2016. This is an increase of 2 crimes, or +0.5%. There were 48 shooting incidents reported in March 2017, compared with 67 in March 2016. This is a reduction of 19 shooting incidents, or -28.3%.

"New York City continues to experience historic reductions in crime, as seen in the first quarter of 2017," said Police Commissioner James P. O'Neill. "I am proud of the men and women of this Department, who remain focused on further reducing violence while working to strengthen relationships through neighborhood policing by solving problems and fighting crime."

"The continued reduction of violent crime across the five boroughs is nothing short of remarkable, with this past quarter being the safest in the Comp-Stat era," said Mayor de Blasio. "The City is on pace for a record year in lows for shootings and homicides. These trends are due in large part to the NYPD's effective precision and neighborhood policing models that aim to root out violent crime in the small pockets where it still exists and work with the public stop crime before it starts and solve it when it occurs. A big congratulation is due to Police Commissioner O'Neill and the men and women who wear the uniform."

There were 225 crimes reported in the Transit Bureau in March 2017, compared with 178 in March 2016. This is an increase of 47 crimes, or +26.4%. There were 406 crimes reported in the Housing Bureau in March 2017, compared with 405 in March 2016. This is an increase of 1 crime, or +0.2%.

Note: All crime statistics are preliminary and subject to further analysis, revisions, or change.

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