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## 2017 crime story, statistics and a look ahead to 2018

The Bloomington Police Department has prepared a short synopsis of serious criminal incidents reported in our city from January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017. The total Uniform Crime Report (UCR) statistics for calendar year 2017 was **1% lower** than 2016, with **10 fewer reported incidents**.

The UCR statistics include Homicide, Criminal Sexual Assault, Robbery, Aggravated Assault/Battery, Burglary, Theft, Motor Vehicle Theft, and Arson. This report will examine each UCR Part I category for 2017.

Overall crime in Bloomington remains low. The most notable increase in UCR crimes were Criminal Sexual Assaults. We recorded a 70% increase over our 2016 totals.

<b>Part I UCR Crimes - Bloomington</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>Change</b>
Homicide	0	3	NA
Criminal Sexual Assault	43	73	+70 %
Robbery	60	45	-25 %
Aggravated Battery	208	222	+7 %
Burglary	200	220	+10 %
Theft	1,115	1,037	-7 %
Motor Vehicle Theft	57	77	+35 %
Arson	11	7	-36 %
Human Trafficking	0	0	N/C
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,694</b>	<b>1,684</b>	<b>-1%</b>



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In 2018, the Bloomington Police Department plans on building on our past successes. We will continue to engage in Problem Oriented Policing, maintain a pro-active approach to street level crime and increase our citizen engagement efforts in neighborhoods across the city. Our 2018 goals include:

- Fully deploy officer-worn body cameras to all uniformed officers across the department.
- Continue community outreach efforts through pro-social contacts in patrol areas as well as at the West Jefferson Community House.
- Work with the PSCRB on police-community issues as they arise.
- Maintain an open dialogue with the community regarding police-citizen relations.
- Continue working towards obtaining professional accreditation.
- Continue our focus on reducing violent street level gun and gang crimes.
- Continue department-wide training focusing on cultural diversity.

Thank you for the ongoing support of your police department, its officers and employees. I lead a group of dedicated men and women working day in and day out to ensure public safety in the City of Bloomington.

Respectfully,

Brendan O. Heffner, Chief of Police