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VACAVILLE PD POSTS A 12.7 PERCENT DROP IN PART 1 CRIME IN 2011

For the second year in a row, the City of Vacaville posted a decrease in Part 1 Crime.

Overall, Part 1 Crime was down 12.7 percent in 2011, while Part 1 Crime was down 9.9 percent in 2010. Part I Crimes include homicide, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny, motor vehicle theft, and arson.

Crime was down in almost every major category in 2011, with arson showing the biggest percentage drop at 32.3 percent. However, a change in how arson was reported and updated department software accounted for some of that drop.

Violent crime was down almost 28.3 percent, while property crimes were down 10.5 percent. The only category that did not drop was homicide. Vacaville had three homicides in 2010, and matched that in 2011. All but one of the homicides over that two-year period have been resolved.

While all areas of the City operations have been hit with budget constraints, including police, the department continues to place an emphasis on patrol – officers on the street.

“Crime is down, and we still need to work on our clearance rate,” Vacaville Police Chief Richard Word said. “But our officers and staff are doing a great job in these tough economic times.”

Vacaville Mayor Steve Hardy agreed with the Chief.

“Our police department is a great team of people who work hard at ensuring Vacaville remains a safe place to be,” Hardy said.

Word added that one other factor remains as important as ever in helping deter crime in Vacaville.

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“We rely on our residents to let us know when something is happening in our City that raises their suspicions,” Word said, “as well as their cooperation. Those factors have been a tremendous help in keeping our crime rate low. Now more than ever we need to maintain that positive relationship with our citizens to keep our community safe.”

For more information on how to avoid being a victim of crime, visit the City’s website at www.cityofvacaville.com and click on the Police Department link at the top of the home page.

The attached chart shows the breakdown in Part 1 Crime in 2011 as well as a comparison to 2010.

Offenses	Actual 2011	Actual 2010	Percent of Change
1. Homicide	3	3	0.0
2. Rape	20	27	-25.9
Attempt	0	0	---
3. Robbery	51	71	-28.2
4. Aggravated Assault	121	171	-29.2
5. Burglary	261	322	-18.9
6. Larceny	1,265	1,370	-7.7
7. Motor Vehicle	151	174	-13.2
8. Arson	21	31	-32.3
Total	1,893	2,169	-12.7

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