

# BAL HARBOUR

- V I L L A G E -

OFFICE OF THE VILLAGE MANAGER

NO.

LETTER TO COUNCIL

No. 068-2016

TO: Mayor Martin Packer and Members of the Village Council

FROM: Jorge M. Gonzalez, Village Manager



DATE: April 1, 2016

SUBJECT: 2015 Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR)

The purpose of this LTC is to transmit to you the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) results of 2015. The Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program has been the starting place for law enforcement executives, students of criminal justice, researchers, members of the media, and the public at large seeking information on crime in the nation. The program was conceived in 1929 by the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) to meet the need for reliable uniform crime statistics for the nation. The UCR Program collects statistics on violent crime (murder and non-negligent manslaughter, forcible rape, robbery, and aggravated assault) and property crime (burglary, larceny-theft, and motor vehicle theft).

The Uniform Crime Reporting Program in Florida is under the oversight and authority of the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE). FDLE's Uniform Crime Report (UCR) system allows us to provide standardized reports on crime statistics based on data gathered from across the state. Reports that provide both summary and detail information are issued semi-annually and annually. The UCR Program's primary objective is to provide a reliable set of criminal justice statistics for law enforcement administration, operation, and management. The classification of crimes for the UCR are based on a strict criteria of elements that categorize how the crime is to be reported. In other words, to ensure this data is uniformly reported, the FBI provides contributing law enforcement agencies with a handbook that explains how to classify and score offenses and provides uniform crime offense definitions. Acknowledging that offense definitions may vary from state to state, the FBI cautions agencies to report offenses not according to local or state statutes but according to those guidelines provided in the handbook. The Bal Harbour Police Department (BHPD) has established procedures to improve the quality and accuracy of the reporting process and those improvements were implemented in time for the 2014 reporting season. Therefore, the department now has a full 12 month period in which to compare 2014 to 2015 Uniform Crime Statistics. I am happy to report that the Village's **total criminal offenses has been reduced by 12 percent in comparison to 2014's total criminal offenses.**

Furthermore, the Village's **violent crime rate has been reduced by 48 percent**, and the Village's **property crime rate has been reduced by 8.9 percent**. Moreover, Bal Harbour Village experienced decreased activity in all seven class one crime categories, and the Bal

Harbour Village Police Officers made **3.7 percent more arrests in 2015 as compared to 2014**. Chief Overton's philosophy is that the true value of tracking crime is to identify crime trends as quickly as possible, and use that data to identify strategies and solutions to eliminate either the opportunity or the desire for society's criminal origins to continue to commit crime within the jurisdictional boundaries of the Village.

In addition to UCR reporting, every incident that occurs within this community is carefully analyzed to determine the root cause of the problem and measures are taken to address the incident to either solve the crime or put resources in place to prevent re-occurrence. The police department as a whole has been making more arrests which is the result of a more consistent and proactive patrol philosophy and strategy. While the current statistics show that the current patrol strategies are having a positive effect, there are still challenges represented in the local societal problems that are the root cause of crime, increased population, and national trends that directly or indirectly impact this and neighboring communities within Miami-Dade County. Since crime is a sociological phenomenon influenced by a variety of factors, the FBI discourages ranking the agencies and using the UCR data as a measurement of law enforcement effectiveness. Nevertheless, it is important for those reviewing UCR data to remember that the FBI's primary objective is to generate a reliable set of crime statistics for use in law enforcement administration and management, and its value is that of an important tool for the Chief to develop strategies, implement those strategies, and monitor their effectiveness. This administration continues to emphasize a commitment to Community and Problem Solving Policing, a means of increasing the Police Department's effectiveness in providing public safety and the quality of life for all residents, businesses, and guests.

Attached for your review are the 2014 and 2015 annual UCR reports.

JMG/MNO

# UCR Comparison 2014/2015

OFFENSE	2014	2015	INDEX CHANGE
ROBBERY	1	1	0%
AGG. ASSAULT	1	0	-100%
BURGLARY	25	16	-36%
LARCENY	79	77	-2.5%
AUTO THEFT	2	1	-50%
VIOLENT CRIME RATE	70.1	36	-48.6%
PROPERTY CRIME RATE	3713	3384	-8.9%
TOTAL INDEX OFFENSES	108	95	-12%
ARRESTS			
ROBBERY	1	0	-100%
ASSAULT	1	0	-100%
BURGLARY	4	3	-25%
AUTO THEFT	1	0	-100%
LARCENY	20	27	35%
TOTAL	27	30	3.7%

Agency ORI:	<u>FL0130100</u>	Agency Name:	<u>Bal Harbour Village PD</u>
Reporting Period/Year:	<u>2015 A</u>	Population:	<u>2,778</u>
Clearance Rate:	<u>36.8%</u>	Crime Rate:	<u>3,419.7</u>
Date Generated:	<u>1/26/2016</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Arrest Data Provided	
	<input type="checkbox"/> LEOKA Data	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Comparative Prior Year Data	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clearance Rate Reflects a Change of 10% or Greater		

Violent Offenses	2015	2014	% Change
Murder	0	0	
Rape	0	0	
Fondling	0	0	
Robbery	1	1	0.0%
Aggravated Assault	0	1	-100.0%
Violent Offense Total	1	2	-50.0%
Violent Crime Rate	36.0	70.1	-48.6%
Property Offenses	2015	2014	% Change
Burglary	16	25	-36.0%
Larceny	77	79	-2.5%
Motor Vehicle Theft	1	2	-50.0%
Property Offense Total	94	106	-11.3%
Property Crime Rate	3,383.7	3,712.8	-8.9%
Total Index Offenses	95	108	-12.0%
Clearance Rate for Index Offenses	36.8%	25.9%	42.1%

Other Offenses	2015	2014	% Change
Arson	0	0	
Simple Assault	17	9	88.9%

Domestic Violence Offenses	2015	2014	% Change
Murder	0	0	
Manslaughter	0	0	
Rape	0	0	
Fondling	0	0	
Aggravated Assault	0	0	
Aggravated Stalking	0	0	
Simple Assault	4	5	-20.0%
Threat/Intimidation	0	0	
Simple Stalking	0	0	
Total Domestic Violence Offenses	4	5	-20.0%

Arrests	2015	2014	% Change
Murder	0	0	
Rape	0	0	
Fondling	0	0	
Robbery	0	1	-100.0%
Aggravated Assault	0	1	-100.0%
Burglary	3	4	-25.0%
Larceny	27	20	35.0%
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	1	-100.0%
Part II	55	55	0.0%
Total Arrests	85	82	3.7%

Breakdown of Total Arrests			
Male Arrests	56	Female Arrests	29
Adult Arrests	80	Juvenile Arrests	5

Vehicle Recoveries	2015	2014	% Change
Stolen Local/Recovered Local	0	0	
Stolen Local/Recovered Elsewhere	1	2	-50.0%
Stolen Elsewhere/Recovered Local	0	3	-100.0%

Stolen/Recovered Property	2015	2014	% Change
Total Stolen Property	\$848,459	\$1,846,296	-54.0%
Total Recovered Property	\$33,477	\$118,441	-71.7%

Law Enforcement Officers Killed or Assaulted (LEOKA)		Total	0
Officers Killed	0	Officers Assaulted	0

Justifiable Homicide		Total	0
By Police Officer	0	By Private Citizen	0

The information contained in the report is approved as correct.  
 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 01-26-16