



City of Harvey
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Re: Chicago Tribune Inquiry regarding City Finances and Police Issues

The City of Harvey's Total Violent Crime Index is the lowest it has been in at least 17 years. In 2013, Harvey's Violent Crime was 1837, which is an overall decrease of 57.6% from 1997. This reduction in crime goes hand-in-hand with a lower arrest rate, less crime means less individuals to arrest. This reduction is contributed to several factors, such as – Community policing, increased police presence in hot spots, Operation Safe Passage, the Harvey Police Cadet Program, increased road side safety checks, free Summer Youth Crime Prevention Program, neighborhood watches, block clubs, a comprehensive training program and a complete overhaul of the police testing process that has recruited the best and brightest officers who are committed to making a difference in the City of Harvey.

As it relates to the recommendations by the auditors, the Harvey Police Department made corrections in the Investigation Division that were aligned with the recommendations contained within the audit. The Department will continue to provide victims of crimes with thorough investigations and present the cases to the State's Attorney's Office in order to receive charges. There are times, when witnesses and evidence presented may be insufficient for the State to approve charges; however, the cases remain open and detectives continually strive to bring closure to each case.

Our officers are dedicated to making Harvey a safer place to live, and work every day with integrity and pride. However, in the event that an officer is ever accused of misconduct, as stipulated by the policies & procedures of the department, a thorough investigation is conducted and each officer is given their due process in accordance with their union contract and the Uniform Peace Officers Disciplinary Act.

~ Acting Chief Denard Eaves

