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MEMORANDUM

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SUBJ: Neighborhood Crime Statistics

Attached are the 2007 summary neighborhood crime statistical reports. As many of you know, the Police Bureau is in the process of replacing its mainframe Records Management System (RMS). The current neighborhood mainframe reports will no longer be supported, and these 2007 statistical summaries are the final reports.

I am happy to announce a new web-based program called CrimeStats that has been developed to replace these reports. The Police Bureau has been working with the Office of Neighborhood Involvement, the Bureau of Technology Services, and others for more than a year to develop this new web-based program. It is now available on the Police Bureau's web site:

www.portlandpolicebureau.com. (Go to the "Maps & Statistics" tab and select CrimeStats.)

Here are some of the new features:

Expanded crime categories: the categories have been expanded from 13 crimes to 28 crime offenses. For example, drug activity, prostitution, the less serious simple assaults, and liquor law violations are all available.

Time period: Instead of looking at a single monthly report, or a 12 month summary, you can now review up to five years of previous reports. Time periods can be as short as one week. The paper reports were really "frozen in time", thus if a neighborhood changed its boundaries five years ago, the statistics then wouldn't be comparable to today. The new web-based program uses the current boundaries for all time comparisons.

Geographical areas: Statistics are available for each of the neighborhoods, but you can also select several neighborhoods as well. Statistics are also available for neighborhood district coalitions, the neighborhoods comprising the five police precincts, as well as regions of the city (i.e., Northwest, Inner Southeast, East Portland).

Available 24 hours a day: The statistics are always available on the web site. On the 15th of each month, they are updated to include the previous month. For example, on January 15 the month of December was added.

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Ways to get the information: The statistics can be viewed on the computer screen, printed, or exported to an Excel file.

Other features: Bar charts are used to graphically present the statistics. There are also links on the web site to U.S. census information if you need the population for a neighborhood. Crime definitions and neighborhood maps are also available.

Please take a few minutes to look at the new CrimeStats web site. The new site will evolve as new features are designed and added. Currently, the crime mapping site remains CrimeMapper.

Your feedback is important. Please feel free to direct your comments to me, or statistical questions to Steve Beedle in the Strategic Services Division, 503-823-0298, sbeedle@portlandpolice.org, or web site questions to Steve Minnick, Information Technology Division, 503-823-0288, sminnick@portlandpolice.org.

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