**City of Ridgecrest**
**March 2015**

**City Manager Memo** 3/15

⇒ **City Council Conducted an Unmet Transit Needs Public Hearing**

At the regular City Council meeting of March 4, 2015, the City Council conducted an Unmet Transit Needs Public Hearing. During the Public Hearing, the Council received public comments, considered the staff report, discussed the information presented, and determined that there were no unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet.

The purpose of the hearing is to provide an opportunity for the public to comment on perceived unmet transit needs.

The intent of the hearing is for the City Council to receive public comments, discuss the comments, and determine if there are any unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet.

The Transportation Development Act of 1971 (TDA), as amended provides for the disbursement of funds from the Local Transportation Fund for various eligible transportation uses. The funds are distributed by the Kern Council of Governments (KCOG), in its capacity as the Regional Transportation Planning Agency. An eligible claimant wishing to receive TDA funding through KCOG must conduct an annual review of the transit needs of the individuals and groups in the community. The hearing was duly noticed 30 days (January 28, 2015) prior to this evening. It would be appropriate to open the Public Hearing and receive written and oral comments regarding any “unmet transit needs” and determine whether these needs are “reasonable to meet”. The documentation of the Public Hearing will be forwarded to Kern COG.

**Unmet Needs and Reasonableness**
The Kern COG Council, by Resolution No. 90-04, has defined an "unmet need" and "reasonable to meet" as follows:

**Unmet Need**:
An unmet transit need exists if an individual of any age or physical condition is unable to transport himself/herself due to deficiencies in the existing transportation system. Excluded are: 1) those requests for minor operational improvements, and 2) those improvements funded and scheduled for implementation in the following fiscal year.

**Reasonable to Meet**:
A. Operational Feasibility: The requested improvement must be safe to operate and there must be adequate roadways for transit vehicles.
B. Duplication of Service. The proposed service shall not duplicate other transit services.
C. Timing. The proposed service shall be in response to an existing, rather than a future, need.
D. Service must meet the legally required farebox ratio (PUC Sections 99268.2, 99268.5 and CAC Sections 6633.2, 6633.5) with fares close to fare of similar service.

**City Manager Memo (continued)**

⇒ **City Council authorized the submittal of a Letter Of Opposition to the Department Of Finance Redevelopment Agency Dissolution Trailer Bill**

The League of California Cities requested member agencies to oppose the proposed Department Of Finance RDA dissolution trailer bill, citing there are several provisions in the bill which could have a detrimental effect on cities and Successor Agencies. It seeks to invalidate loans from cities to former RDAs before dissolution and could negatively impact current and future litigation, as well as, the administrative fees City of Ridgecrest receives to administer the dissolution of the former Redevelopment Agency.

Following discussion on the matter, the City Council, at the regular meeting of March 4, 2015, authorized the submittal of a letter of opposition to the Department of Finance RDA Dissolution Trailer Bill to the Assembly Budget Subcommittee.

**Public Works Department**

**Challenge For Motorists To Adopt Responsible Driving Habits**

A recent national survey by the **AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety** confirms that Americans desire a greater level of safety than they now experience on our roads and are open to more government action to make it happen.

Yet, according to **AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety**, many are unwilling to change potentially deadly driving behaviors and candidly admit they are part of the problem. That is why AAA and the Foundation are challenging motorists to examine their driving habits and make a resolution to drive safer in 2012 and beyond.

The Department of Transportation recently released updated fatality and injury data which indicate that 32,885 lives were lost in automobile crashes in 2010, fewer deaths on record than any time for the past 60 years.

“Even one death on our roads is unacceptable,” says **AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety President and CEO Peter Kissinger** in a press statement. “Something is terribly amiss in our traffic safety culture when, in the safest year since 1949, on average there is still one needless death every 16 minutes in motor vehicle crashes. To reach zero deaths each driver must take a moment to assess his driving habits and ask, when it comes to safe driving, am I part of the problem or part of the solution?”

For the fourth consecutive year, the **AAA Foundation’s Traffic Safety Culture Index** finds that most drivers (86 percent) view it as unacceptable to drive without wearing a seatbelt, yet nearly one in four admit that they have done so in the past 30 days.

**Public Works Department (continued)**

Additionally, a substantial number of drivers find it unacceptable to drive 10 mph over the speed limit on residential streets and admit to having done so in the past month. Such findings indicate that a false comfort exists among many drivers who believe 'it's the other guy behind the wheel' yet admit to regularly engaging in potentially deadly behaviors like texting, driving while drunk or drowsy, excessive speeding, and red light running. "This 'do as I say, not as I do' attitude that persists among drivers needs to change before we can experience a traffic safety culture where safe driving is the norm," explains Kissinger.

The following is a snapshot of the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety key findings from the 2011 Traffic Safety Culture Index:

**Drinking And Driving**

More than three in four drivers (76 percent) say that people driving after drinking alcohol are a very serious threat to their personal safety and nearly all (97 percent) consider it to be unacceptable. However, over 14 percent of drivers admit to driving when they thought their alcohol level was close to or possibly over the legal limit at least once in the past year, and of these, more than one in five (21 percent) have done so in the past month.

**Cell Phone Use And Texting**

**Distracted driving**, specifically cell phone use and texting while driving, is widespread. Ninety-four percent of drivers consider texting while driving a serious threat; however, more than one third of drivers (35 percent) admit to reading a text or email while driving in the past 30 days and more than a quarter of drivers (26 percent) admit to sending a message while driving in the past month.

Additionally, more than two thirds of drivers (68 percent) report talking on their cell phone while driving in the past month, and nearly one in three (31 percent) say they do so fairly often or regularly.

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**Speeding And Red Light Running**

Speeding is widespread on highways and residential roads. Seventy-four percent of drivers consider it unacceptable for a driver to drive more than 15 mph over the speed limit on a freeway, yet more than half of drivers (52 percent) admit to having done so in the past month. Virtually all drivers (94 percent) consider it to be unacceptable for a driver to drive 15 mph over the speed limit on a residential street, yet more than one in four drivers (26 percent) admit to having done so within the past 30 days.
Nearly all drivers (94 percent) view it as unacceptable to drive through a traffic light that has already turned red if they could have stopped safely; however, more than one in three drivers (37 percent) admit doing this in the past month.

**Drowsy Driving**
Most drivers view drowsy driving as a serious threat to their safety and a completely unacceptable behavior. Virtually all drivers (96 percent) consider it unacceptable for someone to drive when they are so sleepy they can hardly keep their eyes open; however, nearly one third of drivers (32 percent) admit to having done so during the past month.

**Seatbelts**
Nearly one in four drivers (23 percent) admit that they have driven without wearing their seatbelt in the past 30 days, and nearly one in five (19 percent) say they have done this more than once.

“We are moving in the right direction when it comes to safety on our roads but we need to do much more. Changing driver behaviors is not rocket science…it’s harder. Take the first step and make a personal goal to be a safe driver in 2012,” concluded Kissinger.

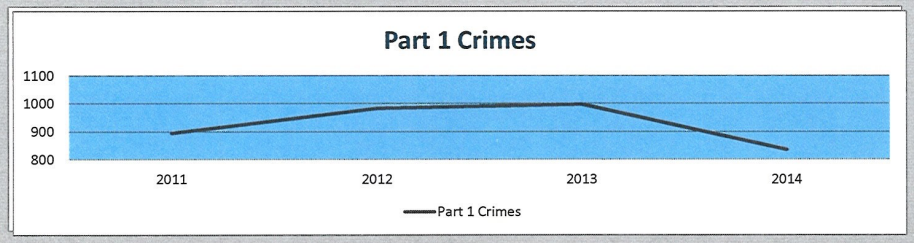
(Source: Roadpro Newsletter)

# Ridgecrest Police Department Statistics

Feb 2015

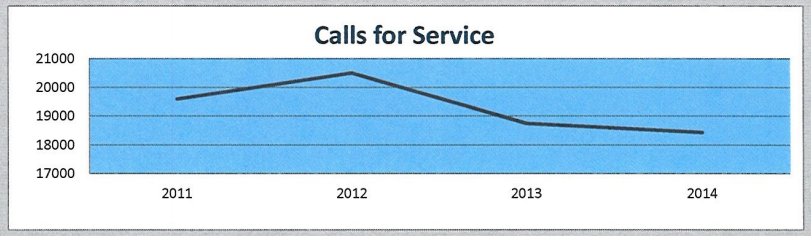
## Crime

| | Monthly Comparison | | | Year To Date | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Feb 14 | Feb 15 | % Change | 2014 | 2015 | % Change |
| **Violent Crime** | 27 | 30 | 11% | 61 | 57 | -7% |
| Murder | 0 | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0 | 0% |
| Rape | 0 | 0 | 0% | 1 | 1 | 0% |
| Robbery | 2 | 3 | 50% | 3 | 3 | 0% |
| Assault | 25 | 27 | 8% | 57 | 53 | -7% |
| **Property Crime** | 34 | 38 | 12% | 81 | 88 | 9% |
| Burglary | 12 | 11 | -8% | 27 | 28 | 4% |
| Larceny | 18 | 24 | 33% | 45 | 54 | 20% |
| Auto Theft | 4 | 2 | -50% | 9 | 4 | -56% |
| Arson | 0 | 1 | 100% | 0 | 2 | 200% |
| **Part 1 Crimes** | **62** | **67** | **8%** | **143** | **144** | **1%** |




## Performance Measures

| | Monthly Comparison | | | Year to Date | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Patrol Activity** | Feb 14 | Feb 15 | % Change | 2014 | 2015 | % Change |
| Total Incidents | 2327 | 2358 | 1% | 4712 | 4818 | 2% |
| Calls for Service | 1372 | 1324 | -3% | 2665 | 2722 | 2% |
| Officer Initiated Incidents | 955 | 1034 | 8% | 2047 | 2096 | 2% |
| Traffic Stops | 398 | 339 | -15% | 787 | 667 | -15% |
| Other OIA Incidents | 557 | 695 | 25% | 1260 | 1429 | 13% |
| Reports Taken | 297 | 385 | 30% | 655 | 778 | 19% |
| Total Arrests | 180 | 210 | 17% | 388 | 453 | 17% |
| Felony Arrests | 48 | 44 | -8% | 93 | 87 | -6% |
| Juvenile Arrests | 17 | 25 | 47% | 30 | 63 | 110% |
| Drug Related | 42 | 37 | -12% | 74 | 89 | 20% |




## Personnel

| | Allocated | Filled | Vacant |
|---|---|---|---|
| Total | 49 | 49 | 0 |
| Sworn | 32 | 32 | 0 |
| Professional Staff | 17 | 17 | 0 |

| Vacant Positions | Status |
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## Investigation

| | Monthly | | | Year to Date | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Feb 14 | Feb 15 | % Change | 2014 | 2015 | % Change |
| New Cases | 246 | 347 | 41% | 365 | 701 | 92% |
| Cleared DA or Other | 45 | 126 | 180% | 95 | 202 | 113% |
| Arrests | 13 | 58 | 346% | 45 | 102 | 127% |
| Inactivated | 22 | 30 | 36% | 94 | 67 | -29% |
| Active | 133 | 167 | 26% | 204 | 298 | 46% |

## K-9 Deploy

| | Monthly | | | Year to Date | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Feb 14 | Feb 15 | % Change | 2014 | 2015 | % Change |
| Deployments | 5 | 0 | -100% | 9 | 7 | -22% |
| Apprehensions | 0 | 0 | 0% | 2 | 1 | -50% |
| Building Searches | 1 | 0 | -100% | 2 | 1 | -50% |
| Vehicle Seaches | 3 | 0 | -100% | 4 | 1 | -75% |
| Drug Finds | 2 | 0 | -100% | 3 | 0 | -100% |

## Traffic

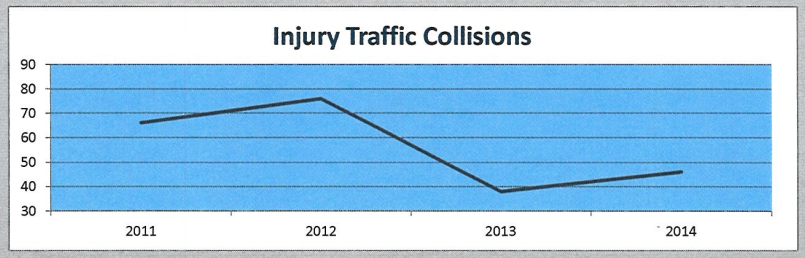
| | Monthly Comparison | | | Year To Date | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Feb 14 | Feb 15 | % Change | 2014 | 2015 | % Change |
| **Citations** | | | 0% | | | 0% |
| Moving | 42 | 49 | 17% | 108 | 100 | -7% |
| Non-Moving | 3 | 15 | 400% | 17 | 33 | 94% |
| RMC Violation | 15 | 16 | 7% | 23 | 27 | 17% |
| **Collisions** | 15 | 23 | 53% | 33 | 43 | 30% |
| Fatal | 0 | 1 | 100% | 0 | 1 | 100% |
| Injury | 3 | 5 | 67% | 3 | 10 | 233% |
| Non-Injury | 12 | 16 | 33% | 29 | 29 | 0% |
| DUI Related | 0 | 1 | 100% | 1 | 3 | 200% |

**Top 5 Collision Intersections YTD**

1. N. China Lake Blvd./S. China Lake Blvd.
2. W. Ridgecrest Blvd./N. Norma St.
3. S. China Lake Blvd./Upjohn Ave.
4. S. Lenore St./E. Upjohn Ave.
5. Bowman Rd./S. China Lake Blvd.

**Top 4 PCFs YTD**

1. Fail to stop for red light
2. CVC unsafe speed 22350
3. CVC unsafe speed 21650.1
4. CVC unsafe speed 22450



# RIDGECREST POLICE DEPARTMENT

The following tables reflect Part 1 Crime Data, of offenses reported to the Ridgecrest Police Department in January though December. The data listed below is collected from our Records Management System, and then sorted into Part 1 categories per Department of Justice reporting standards.

## 2015 Monthly Part 1 Crime Report

| 2015 | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | Total | year to date % chg 2015/2014 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Homicide | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0% |
| Rape | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0% |
| Robbery | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0% |
| Aggravated Assault | 11 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 22 | 10% |
| Simple Assault | 15 | 16 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 31 | -16% |
| Burglary | 17 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 28 | 4% |
| Larceny | 30 | 24 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 54 | 20% |
| Auto Theft | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | -56% |
| Arson | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0% |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total Part One | 77 | 68 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 145 | 2% |
| % Change Same Month Previous Year | -5% | 11% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | | |

# City Clerk & Risk Management

Although it is one of the oldest positions in local government, few people realize the vital services Municipal and Deputy Clerks perform for their community. Primarily, they act as the cornerstone of their council. Do you know what your Municipal Clerk does for your Community? Here's just a few of the many duties your Municipal Clerk may do:

- Maintain the official council minutes, ordinance books and all records and documents.
- Index all official actions of council.
- Issue licenses and permits.
- Process contracts and agreements.
- Keep community history and vital records.
- Receive, distribute and file correspondence from citizens and other governmental agencies.
- Administer election, registration and voting. It can take Municipal Clerks months to organize and prepare this key element in the democratic process which must be done correctly for the whole system to work!
- Act as a key liaison between local government and its citizens.
- Handle significant financial responsibilities including preparation of tax rolls, special assessments and budgets.
- Provide central services such as personnel, purchasing, etc.

One of local government's deep-rooted titles is the Municipal Clerk, and duties have expanded over the years. Today, modern technology assists with all of the increasing responsibilities. IIMC provides the tools to be sure all Municipal and Deputy Clerks can properly operate new computer applications, are current regarding the latest records management techniques and other relevant information, and can return to the classroom to increase their knowledge of these issues, to learn new material and sharpen old skills- all in order to give the best service possible!

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NATIONAL NOTARY ASSOCIATION

Ricca Charlon has completed her Notary testing and filed the necessary paperwork to the Secretary of State. On March 14, 2015 the Secretary of State appointed her commission of Notary Public in California.

City Hall now has 3 resources for Notary needs - Rachel Ford, Dorene Morgan & Ricca Charlon.

## *We have a winner!!*

*March's winner for the event committee drawing is*

# MICHAEL MYERS

He received a gift card to Pony Expresso!!

***Caffeine!***

*Don't miss out on your chance to win ... start your payroll deduction to donate for our Staff fund. Help make our employee gatherings more fun and maybe more often.*

*For more information on payroll deduction contact Trish in HR.*

*Not okay with payroll deduction but want to help?*
*Make a cash donation instead!*
*Just see Trish in HR and you can*
*Be include you in the drawing for the month*
*(or months) depending on the amount.*