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**Release of 2015 Annual Crime Statistics**

**BLOOMFIELD, NJ, January 6, 2016-** The Bloomfield Police Department released its 2015 Annual Crime Statistic Report. The information refers to the Uniform Crime Report, which is submitted to the Federal Bureau of Investigation each year by the Bloomfield Police Department for serious crimes that occurred in the Township of Bloomfield. It is considered a resource for determining a community’s crime rate.

The Township of Bloomfield experienced a **28%** decrease in overall Part 1 offenses in 2015. The Part 1 offenses measured are listed below:

<b>Crimes</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>%change</b>
Murder	0	0	0
Rape	2	2	0
Robbery	59	72	-18%
Aggravated Assault	33	23	43%
Burglary	106	219	-52%
Theft	602	726	-17%
Auto Theft	75	170	-56%
<b>Total</b>	<b>877</b>	<b>1,212</b>	<b>-28%</b>

**It should be noted, that this is the first year in the last 20 years that the UCR part 1 crime total is under 1000 crimes, with this year's total being 877.**

The Township of Bloomfield experienced a **57%** increase in **Arrests** for Part One Offenses and an **87%** increase in all arrests for the year. This increase in Police productivity is a clear indicator of our performance and part of the dramatic reduction.

The Township's drop in crime and increase in arrests for the year are attributed to the many new programs implemented in 2015 and new partnerships with federal, state and county agencies as listed below.

- Creation of the plain clothes Anti-Crime Unit to deal with open air narcotic activity, quality of life issues and emerging crime trends.
- The use of managing through technology with the installation of GPS in our patrol units.
- The creation of the Office of Crime Analysis, where every crime reported is reviewed daily, looked at for patterns and trends and used to create strategic directed patrols for our Officers to ensure that they are patrolling the right places at the right times.
- Creation of the Comstat process (Command Status) where Commanders are held accountable via staff meetings three times a week to review all issues under their commands and what they are doing to respond to those issues.
- Increase in community engagement via an increase in Community Policing personnel. This led to the first Citizen Police Academy, the first Youth Academy and a large increase in Block Watch groups which increase the Department's eyes and ears on the streets.
- Creation of the Auxiliary Police unit with volunteers from the community. This has proven to augment our patrols and increase police visibility throughout the Township.
- Implementation of walking patrols in commercial and residential areas of the Township as needed based on complaint data.
- Implementation of a new Records Management System enabling Officers to execute their reports in their cars on laptop computers. Total elimination of paper reports. A complete automated system to leave the Officers on the road on patrol.
- Partnerships with the federal Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), the Essex County Prosecutor's Office Narcotic and Major Crimes Task Forces and the Essex County Sheriff's Department Bureau of Narcotics. Members of the BPD are embedded in each of these agencies bringing the full resources of these agencies into our Township.

The Bloomfield Police’s proactive approach and willingness to improve also led to the increase of the below listed offenses:

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>%change</u>
Controlled Dangerous Substance Arrest-	387	154	<b>151% increase</b>
Warrant Arrest	820	269	<b>205% increase</b>
Gun Arrest	24	15	<b>60% increase</b>
Motor Vehicle stops w/summonses	17,763	3,150	<b>464% increase</b>

Mayor Michael Venezia stated “I am extremely proud of the new direction of the Bloomfield Police Department. I salute every member of the Department for their commitment and dedication to the Township. While many other places are seeing an increase in crime, our 28% reduction is something Bloomfield residents can be extremely proud of. The increase in productivity and performance of our Police personnel is a testament to their **Bravery Pride and Dedication**.

Police Director Samuel DeMaio credited the willingness to change and the acceptance of change by the hard working men and women of the Department to the dramatic decrease in crime and dramatic increase in police productivity and performance. We strive each and every day to ensure that we as a police department are operating as effectively and efficiently as we possibly can to provide the best Police services for our residents, partners and visitors. Our goal is to provide the best quality of life possible for all who reside and visit our Township.

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