

# INTEROFFICE MEMO



**DATE** August 1, 2022  
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 City of Needles

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**SUBJECT** 2021 City of Needles Annual Crime Statistics Report

Every year, the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department compiles year-end crime statistics for areas within its jurisdiction. Below are the 2021 year-end crimes statistics for the City of Needles.

Part 1 crimes increased 9% from the prior year as did Part II crimes, 32%. The City saw an overall crime increase of 24% from the prior year. Property crimes rose 7% and assaults continued to rise with violent crimes up 10%.

Calls for service are at an eleven-year high. This equates to more than 1.5 calls for service per hour with one deputy sheriff on duty during the week. Bookings were up; however, there continues to be restrictions on the booking of suspects into the county jail system. Reports rose 16% resulting in an increased deputy workload.

## City of Needles ~ Crimes Reported

	SB54 2017	AB953 2018	2019	COVID 2020	Post COVID 2021	Percent Change	
						17-21	20-21
<b>Part I Crimes</b>							
Murder	0	0	1	0	2	N/C	N/C
Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0%	0%
Rape	4	6	4	4	2	-50%	-50%
Robbery	4	2	6	8	7	75%	-13%
Aggravated Assault	29	51	60*	68	64	121%	-6%
Simple Assault	97	98	102	53	71	-27%	34%
<b>Violent Crime Total</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>10%</b>
Burglary	57	74	66	22	34	-40%	55%
Larceny	104	99	97	71	69	-34%	-3%
GTA	17	29	11	15	13	-24%	-13%
<b>Property Crime Total</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>-35%</b>	<b>7%</b>
Arson	10	12	10	6	6	-40%	0%
<b>Part I Total</b>	<b>322</b>	<b>371</b>	<b>357</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>268</b>	<b>-17%</b>	<b>9%</b>
<b>Part II Total</b>	<b>582</b>	<b>546</b>	<b>423</b>	<b>474</b>	<b>627</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>32%</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>904</b>	<b>917</b>	<b>780</b>	<b>721</b>	<b>895</b>	<b>-1%</b>	<b>24%</b>

Source: Tiburon RMS/INFORM RMS & reported to DOJ

Please Note: 0% = No Change, N/C = Not Calculable

\*Criminal Threat offenses previously reported to DOJ as Part II crimes were reported to DOJ as Aggravated Assaults in 2019

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CITY OF NEEDLES													
STATION ACTIVITY	AB109		Prop 47		Prop 57 & 64		SB54	AB953	COVID		Post COVID	Percent Change	
	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	'14-'21	'20-'21
Population	4,874	4,894	4,912	4,908	4,940	5,035	5,044	5,177	5,085	5,248	5,353	9%	2%
Total Call Volume	11,403	10,652	10,239	11,392	10,050	11,165	11,784	10,777	11,383	13,209	13,340	17%	1%
Proactive Calls	5,988	4,941	5,176	6,320	4,278	5,124	5,385	4,329	5,031	6,219	6,357	1%	2%
Dispatched Calls	5,415	5,711	5,063	5,072	5,772	6,041	6,399	6,448	6,352	6,990	6,983	38%	0%
Deputy Reports from RMS	1,028	1,154	1,101	1,026	985	1,296	1,311	1,272	1,070	1,093	1,268	24%	16%
Adult Bookings	306	447	503	490	458	785	796	606	407	388	408	-17%	5%
Patrol Deputies	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	0%	0%

**DEPARTMENT OVERALL**

- Violent crimes **increased** (13%) compared to 2020.
- Property crimes **increased** (1%) from 2020.
- Overall Part I crimes **increased** (6%) from 2020.
- Overall Part II crimes **increased** (11%) from 2020.
- Aggravated assaults **increased** (11%) from 2020. Five year high.

**Social Media / Public Information**

Colorado River Station / Needles Police Social Media:

<https://www.instagram.com/sbcscoloradoriverstation>  
<https://www.facebook.com/SBCSDColoradoRiverStation>  
 Twitter: [@CORiverStation](https://twitter.com/CORiverStation)

All press releases and community events are post on social media platforms.  
 (All accounts are open and an account is not required)

Dispatch Call Log: <http://wp.sbcounty.gov/sheriff/media-center/dispatch-call-log-2/>  
 (On the Department public web site. Lists all calls for service, updated daily)

Crime Mapping application: <http://wp.sbcounty.gov/sheriff/programs/crime-mapping/>  
 (Shows all crime reports taken in the Sheriff's jurisdiction, updated daily)(App available)

Booking locator: <http://wp.sbcounty.gov/sheriff/corrections/inmate-locator/>  
 (Shows all booking and release information)

San Bernardino County Court Case Lookup: <https://www.sb-court.org/divisions/civil-general-information/court-case-information-and-document-sales>  
 (Shows all criminal and civil court cases in San Bernardino County)

FBI Violent and Property Crime Statistics: <https://ucr.fbi.gov/crime-in-the-u.s/2019/crime-in-the-u.s.-2019/tables/table-8/table-8-state-cuts/california.xls>

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#### Needles Community Events / Special Projects

The Colorado River Station / Needles Police participates in many community functions throughout the year. Below are community events the station routinely participates in:

- Annual Christmas Parade
- Run for the Wall Motorcycle Rally
- Security during the Needles Rodeo
- SARB hearings to ensure student attendance compliance
- Children's Lifejacket Giveaway
- Additional patrol staffing at Jack Smith Park during holiday weekends
- DUI patrols during holiday season
- Needles Hot Boat and Custom Car Show
- Annual Memorial Day ceremonies at Needles Cemetery
- Cemetery cleanup and flag installation
- Shop with a first responder event for Needles youth during Christmas season
- Backpack Buddies event providing school supplies and clothing for Needles students
- Additional deputies at High School sporting events
- USMC Devil Pup for Needles youth
- Traffic control for Needles High School rallies
- City park Easter activities
- Needles Downtown Business Alliance meetings
- City Council Meetings
- Assist Code Enforcement with abatement and enforcement issues
- Ft Mojave Tribe Christmas food giveaway
- Needles skate park safety event – Skateboard giveaway
- Coffee With A Cop events with local citizens
- Ft Mojave Indian Days parade
- Red Ribbon Week at local schools
- Donations to Needles High School sports teams
- Annual Chinese Flag Ceremony
- Needles Children's Health Fair
- Prescription Drug Takeback Program
- SBCo Behavioral Health in Point-In-Time homeless partnership in Needles
- Elementary School Christmas bicycle giveaway
- Animal shelter supply donation
- Trunk or Treat Event for local community
- Weekly arrest log posted on social media
- Needles school backpack drive
- Walk with a first responder at elementary school
- Every 15 minutes high school anti-drunk driving campaign
- Arrowhead Credit Union food drive
- Pizza with a first responder at needles recreation center

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#### **Sheriff's Department Resources**

The following divisions/details provided resources and personnel in support of criminal investigations and operations in the City of Needles:

Specialized Enforcement Division, Crimes Against Children Detail, Arson/Bomb Detail, Aviation Division, Narcotics Division, Civil Liabilities Division, Volunteer Forces Division, Public Affairs Division, Gang Enforcement Detail, Technical Services Division, High Tech Crimes Detail, Automotive Detail, Bureau of Administration, CAL-ID Division, Court Services Division, H.O.P.E. Team, Records Division, Scientific Investigation Division, Training Division, Marine Enforcement Unit

Local staff providing support of City law enforcement services:

Sheriff's Service Specialist (automotive), five Sheriff's Custody Specialists, Office Specialist, Station Secretary.

#### **Department Telephone Numbers**

The station business telephone number is: 760-326-9200. This number is used for routine station business or follow-up contact. Calling this number to report a crime or request a deputy will result in a delayed response.

**The non-emergency number to Sheriff's Dispatch is: 760-956-5001.** This number is used to request a deputy or report a non-emergency crime/incident. We encourage the public to call when observing any suspicious activity.

#### **Future Projects**

Ongoing Community Oriented Policing projects to prevent crime.  
Ongoing participation in community events.  
Additional school engagement programs to promote anti-drug awareness.