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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE 04/17/2015 UNIFORMED CRIME STATISTICS

The Frederick County Sheriff's Office and Maryland State Police are releasing its 2013-2014 Uniform Crime Report Comparison. The Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program was conceived in 1929 by the International Association of Chiefs of Police to meet a need for reliable, uniform crime statistics for the nation. In 1930, the FBI was tasked with collecting, publishing, and archiving those statistics, which are provided by nearly 17,000 law enforcement agencies across the United States. The Frederick County Sheriff's Office and Maryland State Police collect data on a monthly basis for statistical purposes and the Uniform Crime Reporting Program.

The combined 2014 figures for the Frederick County Sheriff's Office and Maryland State Police indicate 14.3 of Part-One Offenses were committed for every 1,000 persons living in Frederick County, a number that is well below the national average. The national average for 2013 was 30.99 per 1,000 (2014 data not yet available). The combined 2014 figures for the Frederick County Sheriff's Office and Maryland State Police indicate an overall 6% decrease in Frederick County crime as compared to the previous year. The data indicates a decrease in Part-One crimes of 36% handled by the Maryland State Police and an increase of 1% in Part-One crimes handled by the Frederick County Sheriff's Office.

Frederick County Sheriff Chuck Jenkins commented, "It's very encouraging to see the 6% decrease in Part 1 (serious) crimes county-wide in 2014 compared to the previous year. In the primary areas of responsibility for the Sheriff's Office, we experienced a large decrease in the numbers of reported robberies, burglaries, and motor vehicle thefts. There was also a marked decrease in the number of reported aggravated assault cases. The only dramatic increase was in the number of reported rapes at 80%, which is alarming on the surface, but the public should be aware that there were no cases of true 'stranger rapes.' In all of the rape cases the offender was known to the victim."

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He added, "Some of the reductions in burglaries and motor vehicle thefts can be attributed to our proactive enforcement strategies, quickly identifying both crime trends in order to direct our efforts, and repeat offenders to get them off of our streets. The office remains committed to fighting the heroin problem in Frederick County. In 2014, in response to the number of heroin overdoses increasing significantly for three consecutive years, 130 deputies were trained in the use of Narcan, an opiate antidote, to reverse the effects of a Heroin or opiate overdose. The abuse of Heroin and other illegal drugs drives up the number of related crimes such as theft and burglary. The most significant statistic is that Frederick County experienced a crime rate of 14.3 Part 1 Crimes per 1000 in population, which is less than one-half of the most recent national average of 30.99 per 1000 people. This reinforces that Frederick County remains a very good and safe place to live, work, and raise a family. We will continue to provide a very visible and effective presence, and maintain our strong working relationships with citizens, communities, and businesses."

Maryland State Police Frederick Barrick Commander Lt. Wayne Wachsmuth stated, "In a statistical comparison of 2013-2014, troopers with the Maryland State Police experienced a reduction in Uniform Crime Statistics for Frederick County. A breakdown by category disclosed a reduction in most every Part I crime, except for assaults and homicides, which revealed respective increases of 70% and 200%. Assaults have increased in areas of MSP's responsibilities due largely to two juvenile schools and facilities, the Jefferson School and the Victor Cullen Academy. Homicides increased from 0 to 2; collectively, these investigations yielded three total arrests and two investigation closures. All other reductions in Part I crimes is mostly due to a revised Memorandum of Understanding with the Frederick County Sheriff's Office, wherein the FCSO now has responsibility for routes 355 and 85, two highways with the most commercial businesses in Frederick County.

In 2014, the Maryland State Police Frederick Barrack investigated 625 crimes, yielding 128 adult arrest, 59 juvenile arrests and 181 total arrests for controlled dangerous substances. Moreover, troopers affected the arrests of 312 suspects for open warrants and seized 16 guns. The Frederick Barrack has made illegal drugs and gun seizures a major priority. Lastly, the Frederick Barrack's drug take back program received 531 pounds of prescription narcotics and medications, eliminating accessibility to persons not prescribed to be in possession of such narcotics and reducing accessibility to various opiates."

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FCSO & MSP	2013	2014	Change	% Change
Criminal Homicides	4	3	-1	-25%
Rapes	11	19	8	73%
Robberies	40	27	-13	-33%
Assaults – Aggravated	211	233	22	10%
Burglaries / B&E's	472	393	-79	-17%
Thefts	1,626	1,600	-26	-2%
Motor Vehicle Thefts	91	40	-51	-56%
Total Part I Offenses	2,455	2,315	-140	-6%

FCSO	2013	2014	Change	% Change
Criminal Homicides	4	1	-3	-75%
Rapes	10	18	8	80%
Robberies	30	21	-9	-30%
Assaults – Aggravated	171	165	-6	-4%
Burglaries / B&E's	375	331	-44	-12%
Thefts	1,343	1,462	119	9%
Motor Vehicle Thefts	79	33	-46	-58%
Total Part I Offenses	2,012	2,031	19	1%

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MSP	2013	2014	Change	% Change
Criminal Homicides	0	2	2	*NC
Rapes	1	1	0	0%
Robberies	10	6	-4	-40%
Assaults – Aggravated	40	68	28	70%
Burglaries / B&E's	97	62	-35	-36%
Thefts	283	138	-145	-51%
Motor Vehicle Thefts	12	7	-5	-42%
Total Part I Offenses	443	284	-159	-36%

*NC = Not calculable

Rate Difference (2014 FCSO & MSP vs. 2013 National)	F.C.	U.S.	Difference	% Difference
Criminal Homicides	0.02	0.05	-0.03	-58.81%
Rapes	0.12	0.25	-0.13	-53.41%
Robberies	0.17	1.09	-0.92	-84.71%
Assaults – Aggravated	1.44	2.29	-0.85	-37.16%
Burglaries / B&E's	2.43	6.10	-3.67	-60.19%
Thefts	9.89	18.99	-9.11	-47.95%
Motor Vehicle Thefts	0.25	2.21	-1.97	-88.83%
Total Part I Offenses	14.30	30.99	-16.68	-53.84%

Note: Rate per 1,000; National UCR figures are not yet available for 2014; therefore, local figures for 2014 are compared with national figures for 2013.

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