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NCCPD Revises Calculations of Three-year Crime Statistics

The New Castle County Police Crime Analysis Unit constantly reviews the department's crime data as it is reported, because crime data can change as investigations are resolved. Over the last year, the New Castle County Police transitioned to a new records management system, continuing to enhance our analysis processes and refine crime data even further.

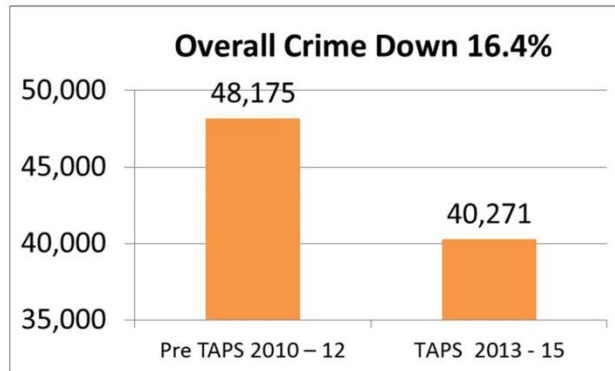
Data from the new and old records management systems were used recently in calculating the impact of the first three years of the Targeted Analytical Policing System. However, a citizen noticed a potential disparity in the calculations and brought the issue to the department's attention.

An intensive review using only data from the new data analysis system provided a more accurate accounting, which adjusted the overall decrease in crime throughout the county over the last three years from the 22.2 percent initially reported to 16.4 percent. No adjustment in any crime category reached even one third of a percent. (Other data below reflect updated calculations.)

The New Castle County Police Department appreciates the citizen raising the issue, apologizes for the calculation error and remains committed to the proactive TAPS approach that achieved double-digit reductions in every category of crime across the county.



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	Pre TAPS 2010 – 12	TAPS 2013 -15	% Change
Overall Crime in New Castle County	48,175	40,271	-16.4%
Homicide	38	33	-13.2%
Shootings (Person struck, but non-fatal injuries)	85	60	-29.4%
Shots Fired (Evidence of gun fire, but no victims)	210	151	-28.1%
Robberies	917	570	-37.8%
Assault (2011 & 2012 compared to 2014 & 2015*)	1023	739	-27.8%
Burglaries	6139	4127	-32.8%
Vehicle Theft	1525	1160	-23.9%
Thefts	11156	9941	-10.9%

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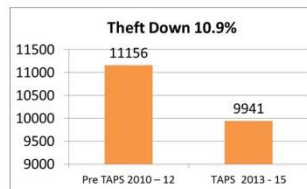
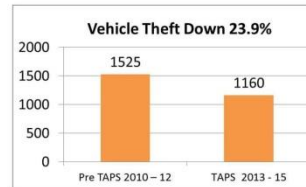
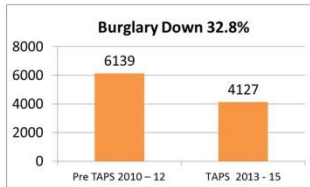
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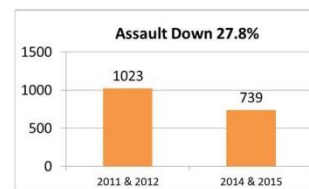
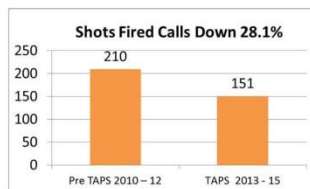
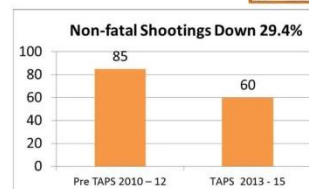
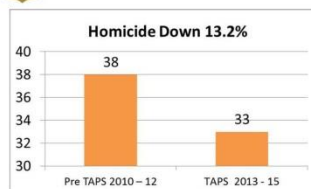
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