

September 14, 2017

## Community Update by Police Chief George Crum

As your Police Chief, it is my pleasure to report that, once again, crime in Cathedral City continues to go down. When comparing the crime statistics from January to July of 2016 with January to July of 2017, our city has had a 21% reduction in crime during the first six months. Please refer to the chart below for the monthly comparisons.



You may have seen a few crimes in Cathedral City receive extra media attention, but what you do not see or hear from the media is the significant reduction of crime in Cathedral City. As your Police Chief, I understand that any crime is too much. However, it is important to look at crime data in a comprehensive manner to see how crime is trending within our community. Cathedral City is the second largest city in the Coachella Valley, and according to Citydata.com, we have the second lowest crime rate in the Coachella Valley. Those are figures to proudly state to your neighbors and friends. Cathedral City is a great place to live, work, stay and play. And the men and women of your police department work very hard to keep it that way.

### **Cathedral City Part 1 Crimes January to July 2016 / January to July 2017:**

<b>Uniform Crime Reporting Statics Comparison January to July 2016 / January to July 2017</b>			
	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	
<b>Homicide</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>-33%</b>
<b>Rape</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>-65%</b>
<b>Robbery</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>3%</b>
<b>Aggravated Assault</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>-5%</b>
<b>Burglary</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>-23%</b>
<b>Larceny</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>-20%</b>
<b>Motor Vehicle Theft</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>-24%</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>732</b>	<b>576</b>	<b>-21%</b>

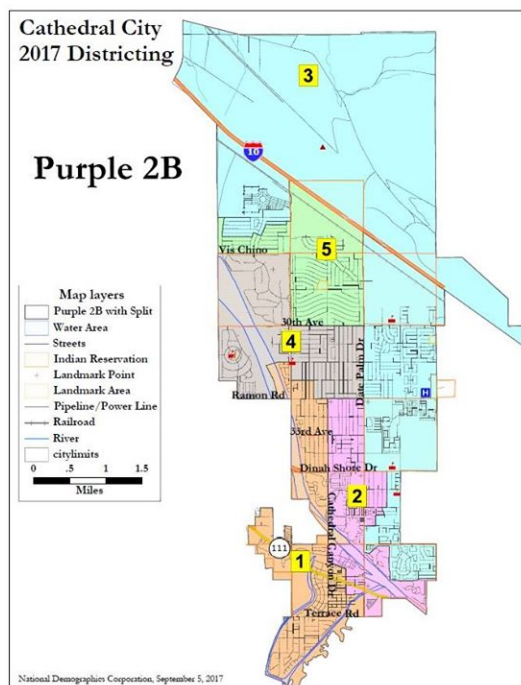
I credit the reduction in Part 1 crimes in our City to the community we serve and the hard work of the men and women of the Police Department. Your Police Department is fully staffed with 51 Police officers thanks to the community's support and the City Council allowing the department to

hire two additional police officers in November of 2016. I know when the Police Department and the Community partner together; we make a lasting impact on reducing crime in our City and send a strong message to the criminal element. While one of the roles of the police is to solve crimes; crime prevention and reduction of crime is a responsibility we must all embrace and accept within our community.

When it comes to crime prevention, taking simple precautions against becoming a victim of crime is both smart and effective. We all have a role to play in crime reduction, crime prevention and community safety. Although we continue to see reductions in crime rates in certain Part 1 crime in the City and across the county, we need to continue to work closely with our many community partners to prevent and reduce crime.

The Police Department invites all of the community to be active participants in increasing the safety of your neighborhoods and businesses. If you see something, say something. If your neighborhood has a Neighborhood Watch Program, the Police Department will attend a meeting and speak with attendees. If you are interested in starting a Neighborhood Watch Program, please let us know and we will assist you. The Neighborhood Watch Coordinator at the Police Department is Commander Paul Herrera and he can be reached via email at [pherrera@cathedralcity.gov](mailto:pherrera@cathedralcity.gov) and his office number is 760-770-0308.

## News



### City Council Picks the Final Electoral District Draft Map for Future Council Elections

At last night's city council meeting, the Council unanimously picked National Demographics Corporation's (NDC) Created Purple Map 2B as the final electoral district draft map. This map was created as a result of public input stressing the desire of keeping many neighborhoods together, as best as possible, ...

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### Deputy Police Chief Travis Walker Chosen as Cathedral City's Next Police Chief

**Current Police Chief George Crum to retire on November 2nd**

CATHEDRAL CITY, CA. – After proudly serving as Cathedral City's police chief for the

past three years and more than 30 years in law enforcement, George Crum has announced his retirement effective November 2, 2017. City Manager Charlie ...

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## Stone James to Lead Cathedral City's Economic Development

**Mr. James brings more than 20 years of experience in residential and commercial development**

CATHEDRAL CITY, CA. – With the planned retirement of the current Economic Development Director Curt Watts, the City of Cathedral City announced today that it has selected Mr. Stone James, a land acquisition executive officer, to lead the ... [Read more.](#)



**“Latino Cultural Arts” Exhibit Opens This**



## Thursday with a “Meet the Artists” Reception in Cathedral City

The Cathedral City Public Arts Commission (CCPAC) hosts its inaugural Latino Arts Exhibition and a “Meet the Artists” reception in the City’s Cultural Arts Museum on Thursday, September 14, 2017 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. The show features some 15 new and established ...

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## Tejano Music Fest Happens This Saturday - Cathedral City

Join us for the 1st Annual Tejano Music Fest in Cathedral City on Saturday, September 16, 2017 from 5 pm to 11 pm, in front of City Hall, 68-700 Avenida Lalo Guerrero. The festival, presented by Volkswagen of Palm Springs, includes musical headliners include “Mike G y Los Realez” band from ...

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## Cathedral City - Hitting Its Stride Video - NEW

Councilmember Shelley Kaplan presented a new video about all the great progress being made in Cathedral City while speaking at the Council of Women Realtors today. The meeting allowed each Coachella Valley mayor or councilmember from the nine cities an opportunity to showcase new developments and future plans.

The new video highlights the planned downtown improvements, the City's ... [Read more.](#)



## Get to Know All the Capital Improvement Projects Happening in Cathedral City

Resident Host Conrad Angel Corral interviews City Engineer John Corella about new road projects that Cathedral City is investing in to make driving better. Projects include East Palm Canyon Drive, Vista Chino, McCallum Way, and 30th Avenue just to name a few. Later, Conrad interviews Community Development Director ... [Read more.](#)

## Road & Bridge Improvements



Cathedral City

name a few. Later, Conrad interviews Community

## Upcoming Events




## Tejano Music Fest

Come enjoy the Tejano Music Fest on Saturday, September 16th from 3 pm to 11 pm in Downtown Cathedral City. The event includes musical acts, Tejano food, beverages for all, and Tejano art. [Read more.](#)


## Cinema Diverse – The Palm Springs LGBTQ Film Festival "Best of the Fest"

Cinema Diverse – The Palm Springs LGBTQ Film Festival runs from September 21-24 at the Camelot Theatres in Palm Springs. Each film will be shown to local residents and attendees for determining the best films of the festival. Then on September 29-30, Cinema Diverse's "Best of the Fest" comes to Cathedral City's Mary Pickford Theatre for two nights of viewing the best films of the festival... [Read more.](#)




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at  
**DESERT ICE CASTLE**  
1st Tuesday of Every Month

Cathedral City residents can ice skate for half-price on the first Tuesday of every month (excluding holidays) at Desert Ice Castle. Just bring proof of being a Cathedral City resident, such as an Driver's license, copy of a utility bill, or any other form of residential proof. Ages 3 years and up.



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## Desert Glow Fest

Desert Glow Fest is the newly revamped event formerly known as **Health Glo**, at Health Glo 2015 & 2016 runners/walkers danced, jumped and sang along at our DJ spun Pre-Party while the paint flew. After enjoying the non-stop party our participants ran or walked through our 5k black light lit glow course where they were doused with even more paint and glowed the night away.....[Read more.](#)



## 2nd Saturdays Art Walk on Perez Road

Every 2nd Saturday, come to Cathedral City's Art & Design District for "2nd Saturdays Art Walk on Perez Road" where you will discover special art exhibits, museum quality art as well as cultural art to brighten your soul, meet other like-minded people, and maybe get a little exercise going from art gallery to design gallery to art gallery. It will be ARTtastic!

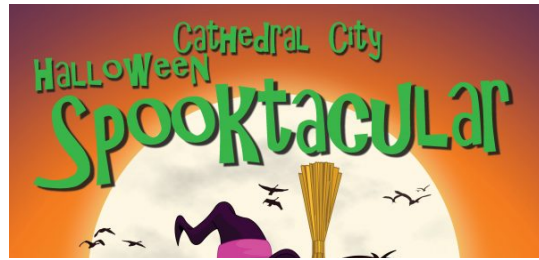
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## Halloween Spooktacular

The Cathedral City Police Department, Cathedral City Fire Department, City of Cathedral City's Special Events and many non-profit organizations bring to you the Halloween Spooktacular, Sunday, October 29, 2017 from 1-3 pm. The event will occur in downtown in front of City Hall, 68-700 Avenida Lalo Guerrero. Halloween Spooktacular will include free admission as well as exhibits sponsored by non-profit organizations, the Cathedral City Police Department and Cathedral City Fire Department.

Families are encouraged... [Read more.](#)



## Healing Field

"Healing Field" is a tribute to the men and women of uniform who gave the ultimate sacrifice to our country since September 2001. The event is organized by the Cathedral City Rotary and sponsored by the City of Cathedral City. Located in Patriot Park next to Big League Dreams Sports Park at the corner of Date Palm Drive and Dinah ...

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## Cathedral City Hot Air Balloon Festival

Cathedral City Hot Air Balloon Festival 2017

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## Snow Fest

Bring the entire family for this brand new event that shall become a tradition for Cathedral City! Snow Fest captures all the holiday spirit and places it at one event. You will enjoy an outdoor market featuring holiday arts & crafts, food, treats, and beverages including hot chocolate. At 5:30 pm, the night-time holiday lights parade begins at the corner of Date Palm Drive and Perez Road and winds its way back to City Hall where the festival portion is held... [Read more.](#)

