

March 25, 2021

National Medal of Honor Day

Community Update

By George Crum, Police Chief

2020 was a year like none of us in Public Safety have ever seen or experienced. Many cities across the nation faced a significant increase in violent crimes yet decreases in property crimes. On the other hand, many cities experienced significant reductions in both violent crimes and property crimes. It is important to consistently review crime statistics and examine the historical crime data regularly. This helps to measure our existing policing model and adapt to crime trends as they develop and/or transform.

The Cathedral City Police Department utilizes its current and historical crime data to deploy personnel more effectively and efficiently in order to reduce crime in our community. The graph below reveals a five-year comparison of Part 1 crimes covering calendar years 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020.

Five Year Crime History

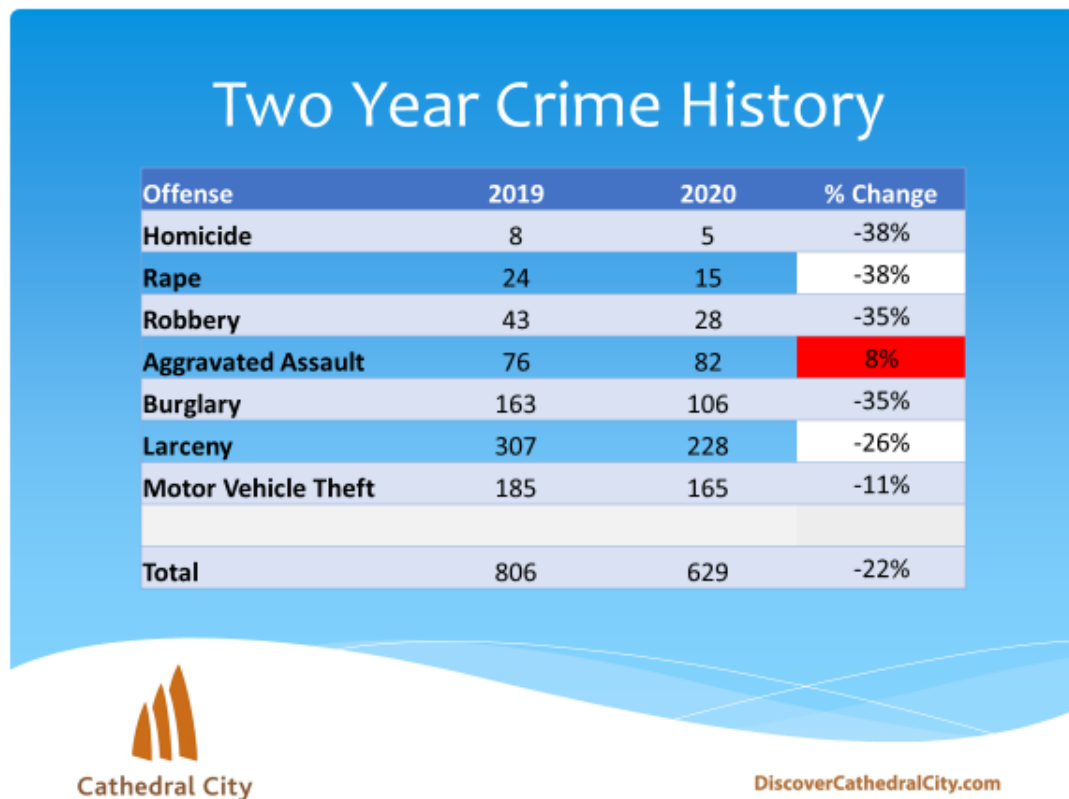
Offense	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	% Change
Homicide	6	3	2	8	5	-17%
Rape	20	17	22	24	15	-25%
Robbery	53	50	39	43	28	-47%
Aggravated Assault	78	72	119	76	82	5%
Burglary	274	180	188	163	106	-61%
Larceny	427	348	284	307	228	-47%
Motor Vehicle Theft	389	259	246	185	165	-58%
Total	1,247	929	901	806	629	-50%

In evaluating our Part 1 crimes from calendar year 2016 through calendar year 2020, I looked at the total number of Part 1 crimes committed each year and how they differ from previous years.

(2016) 1247 crimes, (2017) 929 crimes, (2018) 901 crimes, (2019) 806 crimes, (2020) 629 crimes.

As you can see, the number of Part 1 crimes in Cathedral City has decreased each year. Over the past five years, Part 1 crimes were reduced by 50%. Homicide rates decreased by 17%, Rape decreased 25%, Robbery decreased 47%, Aggravated Assault increased 5%, Burglary decreased 61%, Larceny decreased 47% and Motor Vehicle Theft decreased 58%. It should be noted that felony domestic violence assaults are included in the overall number of Aggravated Assaults.

In comparing 2019 Part 1 crimes to 2020 Part 1 crimes, Cathedral City experienced an overall reduction of 22%.



On Tuesday, March 23, 2021, SafeWise, an organization that contextualizes national crime and safety trends, ranked Cathedral City amongst the top 50 safest cities in California. I have included the hyperlink for you to review the report.

Cathedral City ranked #39 this year among the Top 50 Safest Cities in California. Congrats!
You can find the full report here:

<https://www.safewise.com/blog/safest-cities-california/>

Over the past five years, Cathedral City has continued to experience a decrease in Part 1 crimes, which are reported to the Department of Justice monthly. Our city's decrease in crime is attributed to several factors that include a responsive and proactive police department, having a trusting relationship with the community we serve, and having a good working relationship with our allied agencies throughout the Coachella Valley.

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Business Support

Cathedral City Economic Development

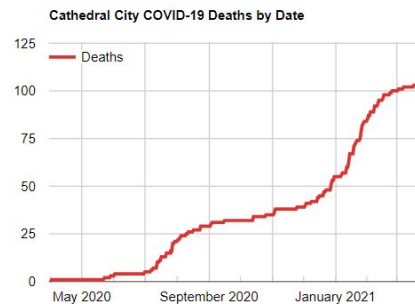


By the Numbers:

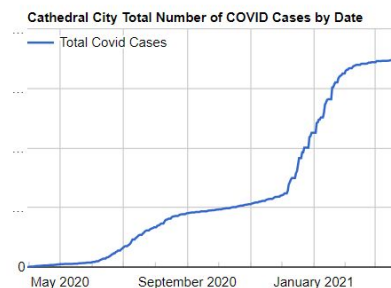
As of March 25, 2021, Cathedral City had a total of 6,974 confirmed COVID-19 cases (+20 since last week) and 103 reported deaths (+0 since last week). Other Coachella Valley cities are reporting the following:

Coachella 7,840 cases (+42), 86 deaths (+5)
Desert Hot Springs 4,139 cases (+13), 68 deaths (+3)
Indian Wells 188 cases (+0), 6 deaths (+0)
Indio 12,121 cases (+23), 207 deaths (+9)
La Quinta 3,348 cases (+10), 59 deaths (+3)
Palm Desert 3,879 cases (+14), 112 deaths (+0)
Palm Springs 3,663 cases (+17), 118 deaths (+2)
Rancho Mirage 1,080 cases (+0), 43 deaths (+1)

Riverside County has reported 293,707 COVID-19 cases (+890), 4,214 deaths (+117), and 293,707 recovered cases (+1,292).



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Cathedral City Extends Facial Coverings and Social Distancing Mandate through the End of June 2021

Although the number of COVID-19 cases are diminishing with the implementation of the vaccine and widespread public use of prevention methods, the City Council realizes the potential for a coronavirus outbreak is still relevant. Out of an abundance of caution and in the interest of public health, the council authorized the Director of Emergency Services to issue Emergency Order 3D ... [Read more.](#)



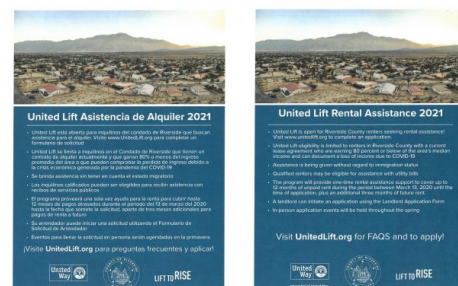
RivCo Registrar of Voters Certifies the Measure B Election

On Thursday, March 18, 2021, the Riverside County Registrar of Voters certified the results of Cathedral City's Special Election on Measure B that was held March 2, 2021. The final vote totals were 5,006

votes for "Yes" and 2,940 votes for "No". The certification of the election means that Ordinance 842, passed unanimously by the city council last fall ... [Read more.](#)

COVID-19 Rental Relief "Application Assistance Pop-Up" Event in Cathedral City

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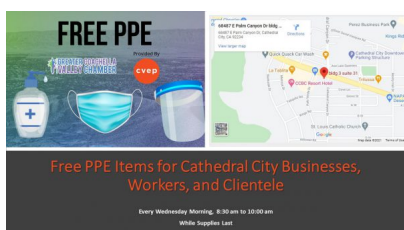
COVID-19 Vaccine Appointments
Readily Available Now



Riverside County is reporting that supplies of the COVID-19 vaccine have increased dramatically in recent days and they can now vaccinate more people at area clinics. It is estimated that half of Riverside County residents are now eligible for the

Those include the following: Phase 1A: Healthcare workers Long-term care residents
Phase 1B: Individuals 65 and older ... [Read more.](#)

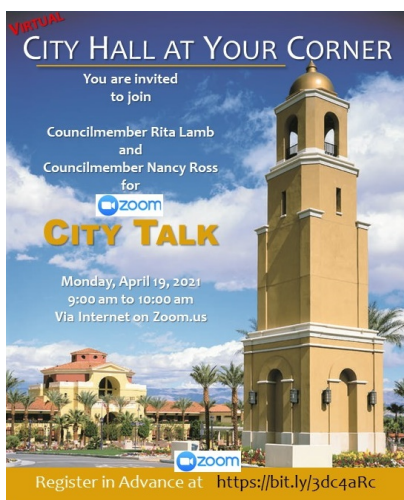
EVENTS



Free PPE Equipment for Cathedral City Businesses, Workers, and Clientele

Do you operate a business in Cathedral City and want FREE PPE items, such as face coverings and hand

sanitizer for your employees, workers, or clientele? Thanks to Coachella Valley Economic Partnership (CVEP), Greater Coachella Valley Chamber of Commerce and the City of Cathedral City, PPE items will be available for pick-up at the Chamber Office: Every ... [Read more.](#)



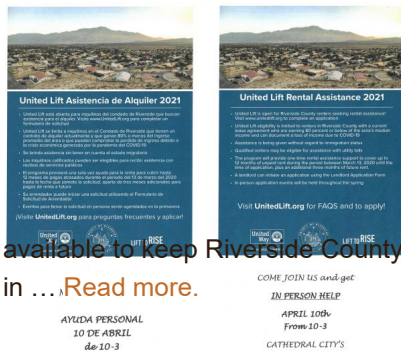
“City Hall at Your Corner” Happens April 19th – Register Now

Register now for March’s virtual “City Hall at Your Corner” as Councilmembers Rita Lamb and Nancy Ross host the event for an informal discussion of issues in Cathedral City.

This virtual event will take place on Monday, April 19, 2021 from 9:00 am to 10:00 am on Zoom.us. You must register for the event in advance at <https://bit.ly/3dc4aRc>. After ...

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“Coffee with the Chief” Scheduled for April 12 - Register Now

The City of Cathedral City is hosting a new monthly event called, “Coffee with the Chief” that will provide an opportunity for the community to discuss issues about

public safety in an informal manner with our two public safety leaders. The conversation will rotate monthly between Police Chief George Crum and Fire Chief John Muhr.... [Read more.](#)



First Fridays Art Walk on Perez Road

Looking for an opportunity to walk and view some amazing art at the same time? Then come wearing your face mask and social distance at the First Fridays Art Walk on Perez Road from 5 pm to 8 pm. The nine art galleries are located at 68845 & 68895 Perez Road in the “H” and “I” buildings. Due to COVID... [Read more.](#)



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