



Renewal of level property tax would expand police services

In the City of Springfield, police and fire services are funded by multiple sources, but chiefly from sales tax collected for the City's General Fund. Sales tax is a volatile revenue source and one that is impacted by many unpredictable factors. Historically, very few capital improvement projects have been funded through the General Fund which is primarily used for ongoing, operational expenses. There is little, or no, money left to fund the police cars and fire trucks that must be replaced, or for upgrading the city's infrastructure to keep pace with rapidly changing technology.



In 1995, Springfield citizens voted to maintain and "keep level" the tax levy and use the revenue collected from the City's 27-cent property tax to fund major capital improvements. In the two decades since, projects such as the Regional Police and Fire Training Center, new fire stations, storm water management system, and amenities such as Jordan Valley Park and the Grandstand and E-Plex at the fairgrounds have been completed.

Voters renewed referendums to maintain what is now referred to as the Level Property Tax in 1999, 2001 and 2004 and the projects have been completed as promised with no increase in the tax rate. It remains at 27 cents for \$100 of assessed value (19 percent of appraised residential property value; 32 percent of appraised commercial property value). On Nov. 7, voters will be asked whether or not to maintain the current property tax rate, which generates about \$8.5 million annually.

If the Level Property Tax is renewed, some of the significant public safety projects set to be funded include lifecycle replacement of police vehicles, repairs and upgrades for existing police facilities, police equipment, an evidence storage facility and additional police investigators (19) and civilian support staff (3), to fully staff a Family Violence Unit, create a Vice Unit, and to provide additional Property Crimes investigators. A financial contribution to a City-County jail expansion would also be made (if a County sales tax passes).

Learn more about the level property tax and how it benefits multiple services to citizens at springfieldmo.gov/election. Please vote Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2017.

Community Engagement

Springfield Police Department offers a variety of programs and services that engage citizens in public safety initiatives.

- Police Area Representative (PAR) Officers
- Crime Prevention
 - Neighborhood Watch
 - Business Watch
 - Night Watch
 - CPTED
 - Apartment Watch
 - Citizens Alert Patrol
- Targeted awareness campaigns
- Crime Stoppers
- Citizens Police Academy
- Coffee with the Chief
- Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS)

Police Engagement

Springfield Police Department is organized to maximize effective deployment and utilization of resources.

- Highly trained and specialized teams
- Targeted enforcement efforts
 - people - places - crime
- Annual beat surveys
- Spirit of service
- Commitment to transparency
- Crime trend analysis
- Daily officer deployment based on crime data

See Something. Say Something.

There's no information that's insignificant. Don't hesitate. Call 911.

Report criminal activity anonymously to Crime Stoppers.

(417) 869-TIPS

Text a Tip: Text 417SPD plus your message or photo to CRIMES (274637)

Headquarters:

321 E. Chestnut Expressway
Springfield, MO 65802

South District Station:

2620 W. Battlefield Rd.
Springfield, MO 65807

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Springfield Crime Statistics

Third Quarter 2017 (July - September)

↑ 5%
Overall increase
in crime in 3rd Qtr.
(Compared to 3rd Qtr. 2016)

CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS

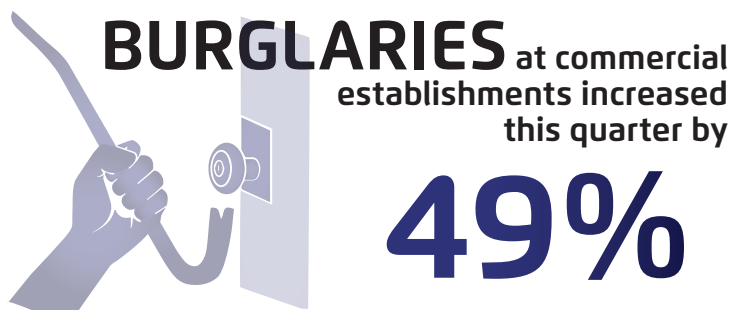
July - September	2016	2017
Homicide	1	4
Rape	85	97
Robbery	110	102
Aggravated Assault	395	401
Total Against Persons	591	604

THERE WAS A **2% TOTAL INCREASE** IN CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS FROM THIS PERIOD IN 2016.

CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY

July - September	2016	2017
Burglary	536	578
Larceny/theft	2,767	2,885
Stolen Vehicle	508	579
Total Against Property	3,811	4,012

THERE WAS A **5% TOTAL INCREASE** IN CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY FROM THIS PERIOD IN 2016.



BURGLARIES at commercial establishments increased this quarter by

49%

Make your business less susceptible to burglaries by using proper lighting, doors, locks, safes and alarm systems. Learn about Business Watch at our website.

1,563 VEHICLES

have been reported stolen in the first 3/4 of 2017.

So far this year, auto theft is
UP 43 PERCENT.



LOCK IT TO STOP IT!

Learn more about how you can be involved in crime prevention efforts:
(417) 874-2113 or springfieldmo.gov/spd