

Darien Police Department

Monthly Report

January 2020

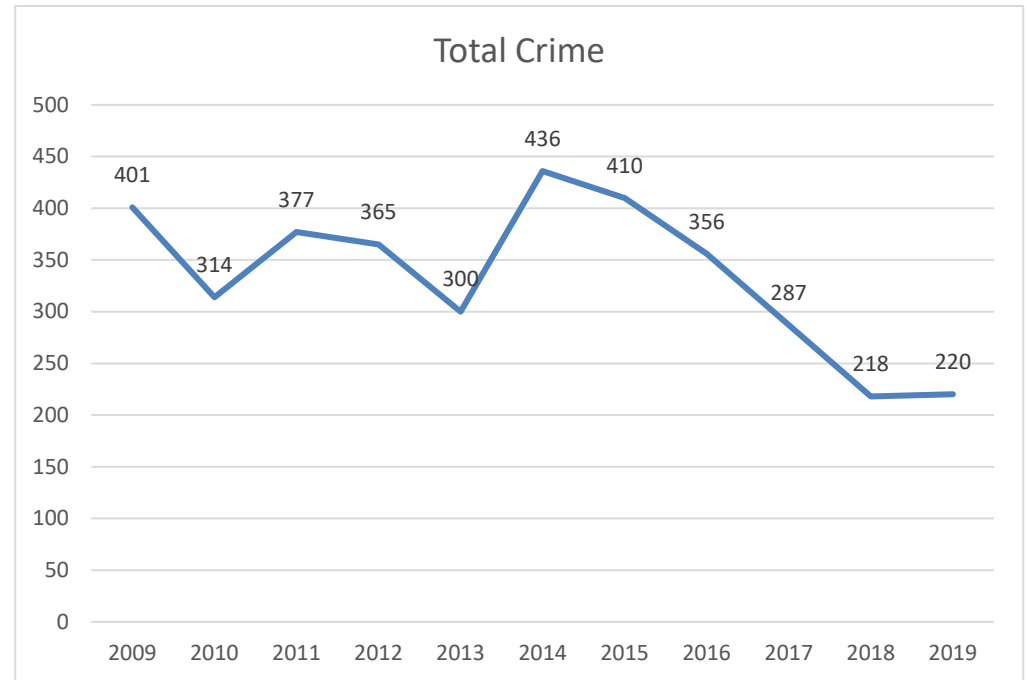


Crime Letter Follow Up

Information about crime, specifically Residential Burglary, Burglary to Motor Vehicle and Motor Vehicle Theft was tweeted, placed on Direct Connect and posted on Facebook. After discussion with elected officials at a City Council meeting their point about not everyone is signed up for some type of social media was well taken. Because of that acknowledgement, a decision was made to mail the letter to every household in Darien and that was done March 2nd.

I received a few responses to the letter. One reader talked about sugar coating the data. The data is what the data is. How to count crime is “regulated” by the FBI through their Uniform Crime Reports (UCR). Writing the letter I tried to accomplish two things. First to emphasize that we’re a safe community as one can tell by the graph (pulled from the annual report). Second just because we’re a safe community doesn’t mean we cannot be safer. Providing the additional information about Residential Burglary, Burglary to Motor Vehicle and Motor Vehicle Theft was to communicate to the public about an issue we are facing, how the police were responding to it and how the community can help themselves and their neighbors.

The difficult thing is to balance transparency without creating a fear of crime. A discussion on what is reality and our perception is necessary. Individuals sent messages to me about the increase in crime, especially Burglary to Motor Vehicle. In reality Burglary to Motor Vehicle went down (see graph on next page) and overall crime virtually stayed the same. So while we want to be transparent in doing so it has the tendency, if taken out of context, to appear that crime is going up and that drives up fear and non-based fear leads to bad decisions. We’re going to continue to communicate via Twitter, Facebook, Direct Connect and soon the new newsletter. Please take the time to review the monthly and annual report so there is analysis and more in-depth look at what is occurring in Darien.

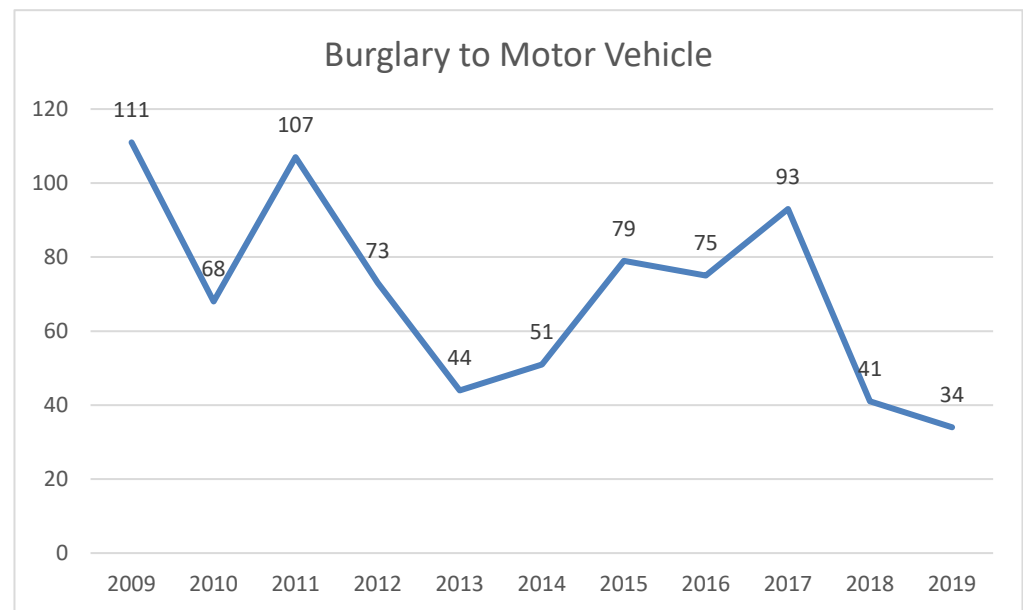


In the letter I discussed three specific crimes, Burglary to Motor Vehicle, Residential Burglary and Motor Vehicle Theft. The letter described a spike in the Residential Burglaries. Starting in October we started experiencing a marked increase in Residential Burglaries. The Residential Burglaries occurred mostly between 12:00pm and 7:00pm typically on Thursday through Saturday. On those days of the week we placed officers in unmarked cars to try to capture the burglar(s). We were not successful. On Sunday through Wednesday we placed additional patrols in marked cars to give the public a sense of security. With forced entry burglaries it is difficult to prevent. I’m not certain about the houses burglarized as to the quality of locks, lighting, etc. All good items to help insure safety. What can be done, in addition to good lighting and

proper locks, is to be observant to suspicious people, vehicles and circumstances in the neighborhood and call the police if something is suspicious.

From November 1st to January 9th we also had two Residential Burglaries where the method of entry was not by force, but by a ruse. The burglar got the home owner to believe the burglar had a legitimate reason to enter the house for maintenance / safety check. While one burglar kept the home owner busy another burglar took items. These types of burglaries are easier to prevent with a higher level of caution. Unless an emergency, real maintenance people are not coming to your house unannounced. They are going to have an official vehicle, usually uniformed and have official credentials. If you don't have a scheduled appointment, have the person wait – call the police – and we'll determine if the person has a legitimate reason to be at your home.

Burglary to Motor Vehicle (BMV) has been talked about a lot. Due to BMVs being talked about frequently through tweets Direct Connect, Facebook, etc. that additional communication made it appear that there was more BMVs than what really occurred. In reality the ten year trend can be seen in the graph. I would hope, no way of really knowing, that our additional communication has encouraged more people to lock their doors and take their items inside their home / business from their car or locked items in the truck.



Another topic mentioned in the letter was Motor Vehicle Theft. I have discussed this issue as well. Many times a group of individuals will come out from Chicago or other area with the purpose of stealing a car. They will drop off a group of thieves at one end of the block and drive the other and wait for the thieves. The thieves will try the doors to cars looking for an unlocked car. When they locate an unlocked car and the car is the type that has a fob, the thieves will attempt to start it in case the key fob is hidden in the car. If the car requires a key they will search the car for the key. If they find the key they will steal the car. If the thieves cannot find the key / fob they will take what they can. This is typically a small amount of change, sunglasses or other minor items.

Calls for Service

Due to an issue with the Computer Aided Dispatch we are unable to get certain pieces of information from the system in order to show calls for service.

Crime

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Part One Offenses

	<u>Jan 2020</u>	<u>Jan 2019</u>	<u>Jan 2015</u>	<u>Jan 2010</u>	<u>1 Year Change</u>	<u>5 Year Change</u>	<u>10 Year Change</u>	<u>YTD 2020</u>	<u>YTD 2019</u>	<u>YTD 2015</u>	<u>YTD 2010</u>	<u>1 Year Change</u>	<u>5 Year Change</u>	<u>10 Year Change</u>
Murder	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Sexual Assault	0	0	1	0	0.0%	-100.0%	0.0%	0	0	1	0	0.0%	-100.0%	0.0%
Robbery	2	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Assault & Battery	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Violent Crime	2	0	1	0	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	2	0	1	0	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%
Burglary	7	2	1	3	250.0%	600.0%	133.3%	7	2	1	3	250.0%	600.0%	133.3%
Theft	25	11	26	9	127.3%	-3.8%	177.8%	25	11	26	9	127.3%	-3.8%	177.8%
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	1	0	1	-100.0%	0.0%	-100.0%	0	1	0	1	-100.0%	0.0%	-100.0%
Arson	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Property Crime	32	14	27	13	128.6%	18.5%	146.2%	32	14	27	13	128.6%	18.5%	146.2%
Part One Crime	34	14	28	13	142.9%	21.4%	161.5%	34	14	28	13	142.9%	21.4%	161.5%

Part Two Offenses

	<u>Jan 2020</u>	<u>Jan 2019</u>	<u>Jan 2015</u>	<u>Jan 2010</u>	<u>1 Year Change</u>	<u>5 Year Change</u>	<u>10 Year Change</u>	<u>YTD 2020</u>	<u>YTD 2019</u>	<u>YTD 2015</u>	<u>YTD 2010</u>	<u>1 Year Change</u>	<u>5 Year Change</u>	<u>10 Year Change</u>
Assault	1	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Battery	3	3	0	3	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	3	3	0	3	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Domestic Battery	3	3	0	5	0.0%	0.0%	-40.0%	3	3	0	5	0.0%	0.0%	-40.0%
Criminal Damage	3	3	0	4	0.0%	0.0%	-25.0%	3	3	0	4	0.0%	0.0%	-25.0%
Criminal Trespass	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Disorderly Conduct	1	1	0	5	0.0%	0.0%	-80.0%	1	1	0	5	0.0%	0.0%	-80.0%

Arrest

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Part One Offenses

	<u>Jan</u> <u>2020</u>	<u>Jan</u> <u>2019</u>	<u>Jan</u> <u>2015</u>	<u>Jan</u> <u>2010</u>	<u>1 Year</u> <u>Change</u>	<u>5 Year</u> <u>Change</u>	<u>10 Year</u> <u>Change</u>	<u>Jan</u> <u>2020</u>	<u>Jan</u> <u>2019</u>	<u>Jan</u> <u>2015</u>	<u>Jan</u> <u>2010</u>	<u>1 Year</u> <u>Change</u>	<u>5 Year</u> <u>Change</u>	<u>10 Year</u> <u>Change</u>
Murder	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Sexual Assault	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Assault & Battery	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Violent Crime	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Burglary	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Theft	0	9	11	4	-100.0%	-100.0%	-100.0%	0	9	11	4	-100.0%	-100.0%	-100.0%
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Arson	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Property Crime	0	9	11	4	-100.0%	-100.0%	-100.0%	0	9	11	4	-100.0%	-100.0%	-100.0%
Part One Crime	0	9	11	4	-100.0%	-100.0%	-100.0%	0	9	11	4	-100.0%	-100.0%	-100.0%

Part Two Offenses

	<u>Jan</u> <u>2020</u>	<u>Jan</u> <u>2019</u>	<u>Jan</u> <u>2015</u>	<u>Jan</u> <u>2010</u>	<u>1 Year</u> <u>Change</u>	<u>5 Year</u> <u>Change</u>	<u>10 Year</u> <u>Change</u>	<u>Jan</u> <u>2020</u>	<u>Jan</u> <u>2019</u>	<u>Jan</u> <u>2015</u>	<u>Jan</u> <u>2010</u>	<u>1 Year</u> <u>Change</u>	<u>5 Year</u> <u>Change</u>	<u>10 Year</u> <u>Change</u>
Assault	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Battery	0	2	4	1	-100.0%	-100.0%	-100.0%	0	2	4	1	-100.0%	-100.0%	-100.0%
Domestic Battery	1	0	0	5	0.0%	0.0%	-80.0%	1	0	0	5	0.0%	0.0%	-80.0%
Criminal Damage	2	0	4	1	0.0%	-50.0%	100.0%	2	0	4	1	0.0%	-50.0%	100.0%
Criminal Trespass	0	0	1	0	0.0%	-100.0%	0.0%	0	0	1	0	0.0%	-100.0%	0.0%
Disorderly Conduct	0	1	6	9	-100.0%	-100.0%	-100.0%	0	1	6	9	-100.0%	-100.0%	-100.0%
Alcohol Possession	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Alcohol Consumption	0	1	0	11	-100.0%	0.0%	-100.0%	0	1	0	11	-100.0%	0.0%	-100.0%

Arrest (Continued)

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Drug Related Offenses

	<u>Jan</u> <u>2020</u>	<u>Jan</u> <u>2019</u>	<u>Jan</u> <u>2015</u>	<u>Jan</u> <u>2010</u>	<u>1 Year</u> <u>Change</u>	<u>5 Year</u> <u>Change</u>	<u>10 Year</u> <u>Change</u>	<u>Jan</u> <u>2020</u>	<u>Jan</u> <u>2019</u>	<u>Jan</u> <u>2015</u>	<u>Jan</u> <u>2010</u>	<u>1 Year</u> <u>Change</u>	<u>5 Year</u> <u>Change</u>	<u>10 Year</u> <u>Change</u>
Cannabis	0	0	4	0	0.0%	-100.0%	0.0%	0	0	4	0	0.0%	-100.0%	0.0%
Controlled Substance	1	1	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1	1	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Hypodermic Syringes	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Drug Paraphernalia	0	0	2	2	0.0%	-100.0%	-100.0%	0	0	2	2	0.0%	-100.0%	-100.0%
Methamphetamine	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

Adult / Juvenile

	<u>Jan</u> <u>2020</u>	<u>Jan</u> <u>2019</u>	<u>Jan</u> <u>2015</u>	<u>Jan</u> <u>2010</u>	<u>1 Year</u> <u>Change</u>	<u>5 Year</u> <u>Change</u>	<u>10 Year</u> <u>Change</u>	<u>Jan</u> <u>2020</u>	<u>Jan</u> <u>2019</u>	<u>Jan</u> <u>2015</u>	<u>Jan</u> <u>2010</u>	<u>1 Year</u> <u>Change</u>	<u>5 Year</u> <u>Change</u>	<u>10 Year</u> <u>Change</u>
Adult	10	15	0	33	-33.3%	0.0%	-69.7%	10	15	0	33	-33.3%	0.0%	-69.7%
Juvenile	0	3	0	12	-100.0%	0.0%	-100.0%	0	3	0	12	-100.0%	0.0%	-100.0%

Warrants

	<u>Jan</u> <u>2020</u>	<u>Jan</u> <u>2019</u>	<u>Jan</u> <u>2015</u>	<u>Jan</u> <u>2010</u>	<u>1 Year</u> <u>Change</u>	<u>5 Year</u> <u>Change</u>	<u>10 Year</u> <u>Change</u>	<u>Jan</u> <u>2020</u>	<u>Jan</u> <u>2019</u>	<u>Jan</u> <u>2015</u>	<u>Jan</u> <u>2010</u>	<u>1 Year</u> <u>Change</u>	<u>5 Year</u> <u>Change</u>	<u>10 Year</u> <u>Change</u>
Served	6	2	5	11	200.0%	20.0%	-45.5%	6	2	5	11	200.0%	20.0%	-45.5%

Traffic Accident

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Accidents

Type of Accident	<u>Jan</u> <u>2020</u>	<u>Jan</u> <u>2019</u>	<u>Jan</u> <u>2015</u>	<u>1 Year</u> <u>Change</u>	<u>5 Year</u> <u>Change</u>	<u>YTD</u> <u>2020</u>	<u>YTD</u> <u>2019</u>	<u>YTD</u> <u>2015</u>	<u>1 Year</u> <u>Change</u>	<u>5 Year</u> <u>Change</u>
Property Damage	32	46	45	-30.4%	-28.9%	32	46	45	-30.4%	-28.9%
Personal Injury	6	5	6	20.0%	0.0%	6	5	6	20.0%	0.0%
Fatal	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
Total	38	51	51	-25.5%	-25.5%	38	51	51	-25.5%	-25.5%
Fatalities	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
Public Way	26	35	36	-25.7%	-27.8%	26	35	36	-25.7%	-27.8%
Private Property	12	16	15	-25.0%	-20.0%	12	16	15	-25.0%	-20.0%
Hit & Run	5	6	4	-16.7%	25.0%	5	6	4	-16.7%	25.0%
DUI	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%

Traffic Enforcement

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	<u>Jan 2020</u>	<u>Jan 2019</u>	<u>Jan 2015</u>	<u>1 Year Change</u>	<u>5 Year Change</u>	<u>YTD 2020</u>	<u>YTD 2019</u>	<u>Jan 2015</u>	<u>1 Year Change</u>	<u>5 Year Change</u>
Traffic Stops	334	390	277	-14.4%	20.6%	334	390	277	-14.4%	20.6%
Moving Citation	72	75	72	-4.0%	0.0%	72	75	72	-4.0%	0.0%
Moving Warning	147	123	116	19.5%	26.7%	147	123	116	19.5%	26.7%
Total Moving	219	198	188	10.6%	16.5%	219	198	188	10.6%	16.5%
Non-Moving Citation	39	75	75	-48.0%	-48.0%	39	75	75	-48.0%	-48.0%
Non-Moving Warning	101	133	91	-24.1%	11.0%	101	133	91	-24.1%	11.0%
Total Non-Moving	140	208	166	-32.7%	-15.7%	140	208	166	-32.7%	-15.7%
Total Warning	248	256	207	-3.1%	19.8%	248	256	207	-3.1%	19.8%
Total Citations	111	150	147	-26.0%	-24.5%	111	150	147	-26.0%	-24.5%
Total Enforcement Actions	359	406	354	-11.6%	1.4%	359	406	354	-11.6%	1.4%
DUI Arrests	1	3		-66.7%	0.0%	1	3		-66.7%	0.0%

Traffic Enforcement (continued)

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Violation Category	<u>Jan 2020</u>	<u>Jan 2019</u>	<u>Jan 2015</u>	<u>1 Year Change</u>	<u>5 Year Change</u>	<u>YTD 2020</u>	<u>YTD 2019</u>	<u>YTD 2015</u>	<u>1 Year Change</u>	<u>5 Year Change</u>
Speed	137	116	105	18.1%	30.5%	137	116	105	18.1%	30.5%
Equipment	46	63	30	-27.0%	53.3%	46	63	30	-27.0%	53.3%
Registration	39	73	73	-46.6%	-46.6%	39	73	73	-46.6%	-46.6%
Traffic Sign or Signal	32	35	62	-8.6%	-48.4%	32	35	62	-8.6%	-48.4%
Distracted Driving	22	27	19	-18.5%	15.8%	22	27	19	-18.5%	15.8%
Lane Violation	15	24	12	-37.5%	25.0%	15	24	12	-37.5%	25.0%
License	15	15	13	0.0%	15.4%	15	15	13	0.0%	15.4%
Signal	14	6	0	133.3%	0.0%	14	6	0	133.3%	0.0%
Other	13	6	1	116.7%	1200.0%	13	6	1	116.7%	1200.0%
Accident	11	9	0	22.2%	0.0%	11	9	0	22.2%	0.0%
Insurance	8	22	31	-63.6%	-74.2%	8	22	31	-63.6%	-74.2%
Yield	4	6	6	-33.3%	-33.3%	4	6	6	-33.3%	-33.3%
Alcohol/Cannabis	2	0	1	0.0%	100.0%	2	0	1	0.0%	100.0%
Parking	1	0	1	0.0%	0.0%	1	0	1	0.0%	0.0%
Seat Belt	0	4	0	-100.0%	0.0%	0	4	0	-100.0%	0.0%
Reckless	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%