



GENERAL INFORMATION

General Information: Audit

Kidnappings and home invasions have been, and continue to be, a threat to the safety of the residents of Phoenix and the surrounding communities. The Phoenix Police Department has a special focus on these types of crimes.

As a result of the audit, the department has determined that there are reports that do not belong in these statistics. The Phoenix Police Department has determined that there are also numerous other existing reports that were not included within the kidnapping statistics, but should have been. Therefore, the audit has identified challenges with how cases are classified within case management.

To explain the process, when a patrol officer responds to a call the officer authors and classifies the incident based upon available information. The officer writes a report based upon information from a victim even if there is no immediate proof to substantiate the crime. This report is then entered into the department's records management system and forwarded to an investigative unit for review and follow-up. As additional information is received, the case is subject to change and may be updated and reclassified if necessary. Equally important is that incidents are classified by the severity of each crime. It should be pointed out that even though the report is titled based upon the more serious crime, numerous other crimes can be contained in the same departmental report. Statistical data is then extracted based upon the statute code assigned to the case and this data will not reflect the associated crimes.

The department is confident that the information provided in the grant application accurately depicted the magnitude of the kidnapping and home invasion problems. It must be stressed that the review is still ongoing. The department will provide the media with every kidnapping incident report upon completion of our internal audit and address data quality issues that are identified.

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