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**Part I Crime Rate Down 9.9 Percent in Palmdale in 2016**  
***2016 Crime Rate Finishes at 216***

PALMDALE – The City of Palmdale and Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD) Palmdale have announced a 9.9 percent decrease in the number of Part I crimes reported for all of 2016, resulting in a crime rate of ***216 crimes per 10,000 population.***

The significant drop continues a downward trend that began with a crime rate of 467.71 in 1996. The City of Palmdale charted a course and set a goal to push the crime rate below 300 by 2009, which proved to be successful. The rate continued to move down, falling below 300 and resulting in a rate of 246 for 2015.

When compared to the overall numbers of 2015, crime fell in most categories. Violent crimes (homicide, rape and assault) were down 18, burglary was down 19.5 percent (with residential burglaries down 30 percent), robbery down 11.5 percent,

larceny theft down 4 percent and grand theft auto down 7.3 percent. Arson showed an increase of 55 percent.

There were a total of 3,459 Part 1 crimes in 2016, down from 3,840 in 2015.

“We’re continuing to experience a reduction of crime within our community,” said Palmdale Sheriff’s Station Captain Dennis Kneer. “This is due to the teamwork efforts of the Palmdale Sheriff’s Station, City Staff, community members, and the support of our elected officials. These sustained efforts have resulted in a 9.9% reduction in Part 1 crimes this past year.”

“It’s no secret that in Palmdale, public safety is our number one focus,” said Mayor Jim Ledford. “It’s a foundation that helps us build the kind of community where people want to live and where businesses want to come and grow. Our tried and true method of working in partnership with law enforcement, City staff---under the leadership of City Manager Jim Purtee---and our residents continues to produce good results. We’ve got more work to do, but we are certainly heading in the right direction.”

““Our continued reduction in crime and our current crime numbers are a direct reflection of the hard work of our Palmdale Sheriff’s Station Deputies and our community’s willingness to partner with them and the City to make a difference,” said Palmdale’s Director of Neighborhood Services, Mike Miller.

For more information about the City of Palmdale’s neighborhood services department, call 661/267-5181.