



City of La Porte

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Police Department

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**La Porte Police Department Releases Mid-year Crime Report**

In a mid-year crime report comparison to 2017, the La Porte Police Department (LPPD) is excited to announce a 22 percent decrease in the total number of crimes committed for the first half of 2018. These numbers are exciting, in light of a few recent crimes covered by news media. In fact, the city is on track to continue the downward trend in crime rates reported over the past ten years. Compared to our neighbors, the City of La Porte continues to be among the safest in the region.

**City of La Porte UCR Crimes- Year to Date 2017 v. 2018**

	Total All Categories	Murder	Rape	Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Burglary	Theft	Auto Theft
<b>2017 YTD</b>	318	0	10	10	27	28	211	29
<b>2018 YTD</b>	248	0	6	7	19	33	158	25
<b>% Change</b>	-22%	----	-40%	-30%	-30%	18%	-25%	-14%

In addition to the lower crime rates, LPPD has a 78 percent clearance rate for crimes against persons, (75% for 2017) and a 71 percent clearance rate on property crimes (68% for 2017) for the first half of 2018. These statistics are much higher than the national average for crime clearance and show LPPD continues the relentless pursuit of persons who chose to commit crimes in our city.

In addition to the aforementioned crime statistics, the La Porte Police Department is making strides in keeping area roadways safe. Identifying traffic safety as a high priority, LPPD continues to target impaired drivers, making a total of 131 DWI arrests during the first six months of 2018, as compared to 93 arrests for the first half of 2017.

When compared to the roughly 700 other cities in the U.S. that are about the size of our (25,000 to 50,000 citizens), crime in the City of La Porte is 35% below the national average. The LPPD is proud to serve the citizens of La Porte and strives to be the safest city in the country.