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**Stamford Crime Rate Drops 3.5% in First Half of 2013,  
Continues as Safest City in New England**

STAMFORD, CT – The City of Stamford today released FBI crime data showing a 3.5% decline in crime during the first half of 2013 over the same period a year earlier. The data is collected by the Stamford Police Department and verified and published by the FBI.

“I am pleased to see that crime is down in Stamford and that we continue to be the safest city in New England. It is a testament to the tremendous work of our public safety officials and the work they do each and every day to protect our residents,” said Mayor Martin.

National data was published by the FBI for January – June of 2013 and can be accessed [here](#). Data from the full calendar year 2013 is expected to be released by the FBI in December 2014. The FBI’s move to National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) Crime Coding System has added additional validation, resulting in an expanded time frame for the publication of data.

Stamford is distinguished as being the safest city in Connecticut and New England, with the next-safest Connecticut city having more than twice Stamford’s crime rate. According to FBI data, for the first half of 2013, Stamford’s crime rate ranked 16<sup>th</sup> of cities with over 100,000 residents.

“Police Chief Fontneau and I use these statistics to constantly assess areas for improvement. While the report showed a meaningful decline in crime in 2013, we did experience increases in robbery and burglary, which we will be monitoring and focusing on in the coming year. Overall, the report and our data analysis show that we are moving in the right direction and remain one of the safest communities in the country,” said Director of Public Safety, Health and Welfare Ted Jankowski.

Moving forward, the Mayor and Police Department will also be looking to expand its collection and analysis of crime data. “One of my priorities is to make our city more data-driven. Tracking and analyzing crime is a key component of that,” Martin said.

The Police Department plans to release the FBI’s 2013 ranking once it becomes available later this year.

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