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Duluth, Georgia - The Duluth Police Department saw an overall crime reduction of 6% in 2018 when compared to the previous year.

In the seven major categories of crime, 557 incidents were recorded in 2018, compared to 577 in 2017. 2018 being the lowest crime rate in a three-year spread for the City of Duluth.

The categories of Homicide, Robbery, Burglary, Larceny, and Motor Vehicle Theft showed decreases, while Rape and Assault showed increases. The number of Robberies and Motor Vehicle Thefts showed a significant decrease. Robberies dropping to 7 in 2018, from 16 in 2017, total of a 58% drop. Motor Vehicle Thefts dropping to 20 in 2018, from 33 in 2017, total of a 40% drop.

Overall 2018 Violent crime - Homicide, Rape, Robbery, and Assault - was down 5%.

Overall 2018 Property crime - Burglary, Larceny, and Motor Vehicle Theft - was down 3%.

Chief Randy Belcher says he "Attributed the decrease to the efforts of both his officers and the citizens of Duluth."

"Working together through community outreach programs, homeowners associations, and social media engagement builds trust." "Social media engagement has allowed the police department to communicate with the residents of Duluth, and open the line of communication to help solve crimes and help prevent any future crime as well," says Chief R. Belcher

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