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Incident: **Summer Crime Initiative**

MESSAGE

On June 1st, 2008, the Rockford Police Department launched a summer crime reduction initiative for the purpose of reducing gun violence in the City of Rockford, Illinois. This initiative, which was modeled after an Indianapolis, Indiana crime reduction strategy, was conducted in partnership with the Illinois State Police, the Illinois Department of Corrections Parole Division, the Winnebago County Probation Department, the Rockford Park District Police and the Winnebago County Sheriff's Department.

The initiative was primarily focused in an area surrounded by West State Street on the South, Auburn Street on the North, Johnston Avenue on the West and Kilburn Avenue on the East. The selection for this area was based on 2007 summer crime data as well as crime data from the spring of 2008. Residents living in this area were advised of the initiative and subsequent increase in enforcement activities prior to June 1st.

The Rockford Police Department, along with the other law enforcement partners, utilized a two-pronged enforcement strategy. The first approach was a **general deterrence** strategy. This included;

1. High visibility patrol.
2. Traffic enforcement on major roadways in the target area.

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The second approach involved a **targeted or focused enforcement strategy**. This effort is designed to focus contacts with high risk persons in high incident locations. This included;

1. Parolee Checks
2. Sex Offender Checks
3. Curfew checks
4. Persons wanted on warrants.

The initiative which began on June 1st, 2008 was concluded at the end of August, 2008. An analysis of the data for this area has revealed an 11.44% decrease in Group A offenses and a 2.86% decrease in total offenses.

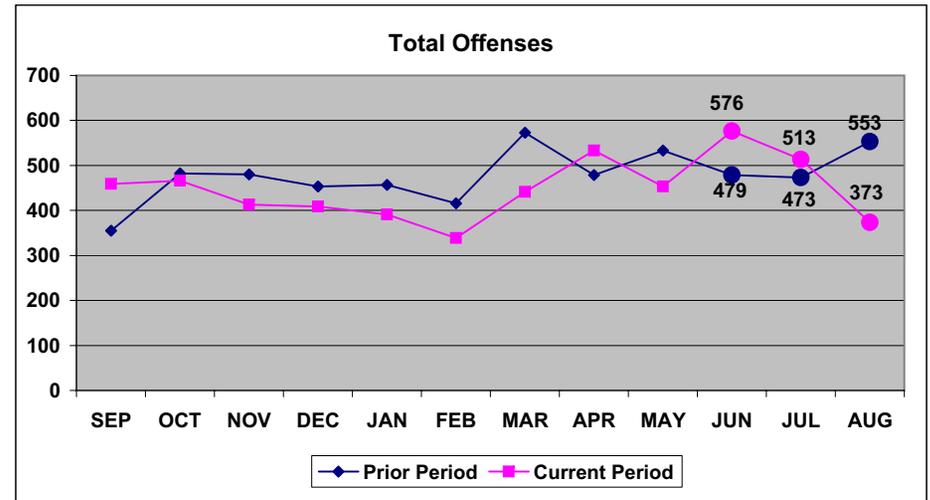
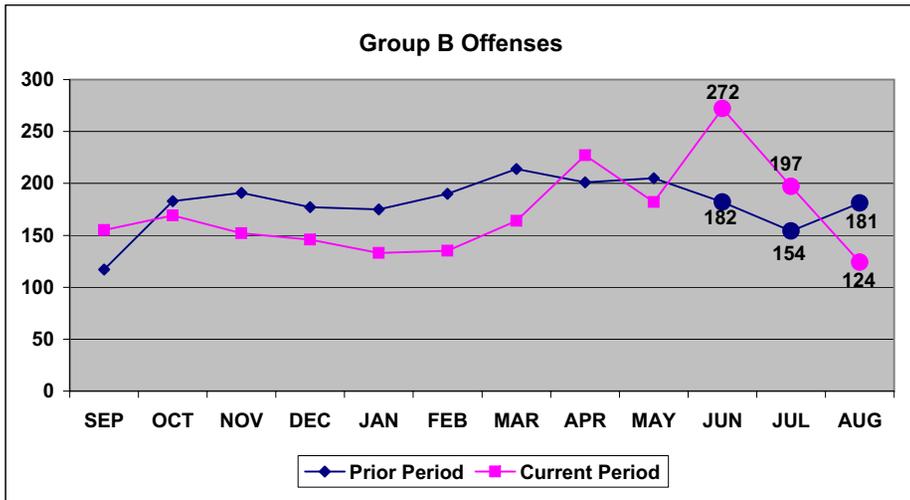
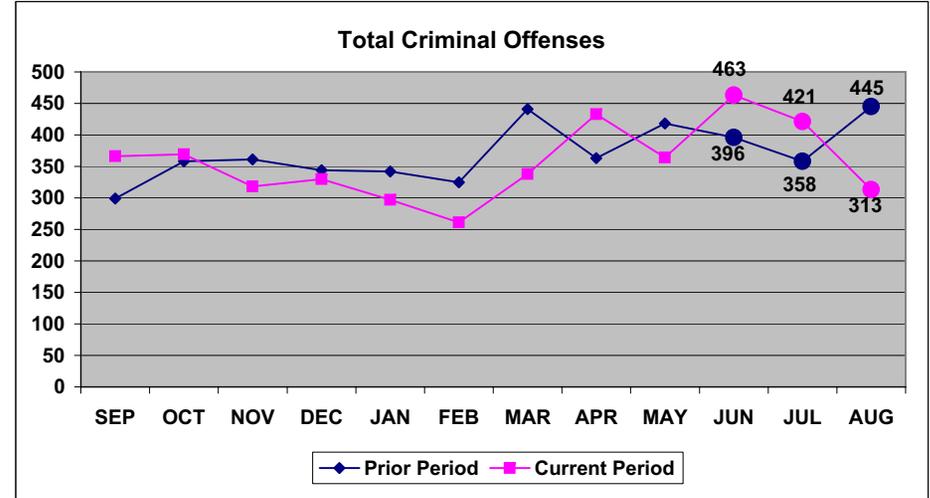
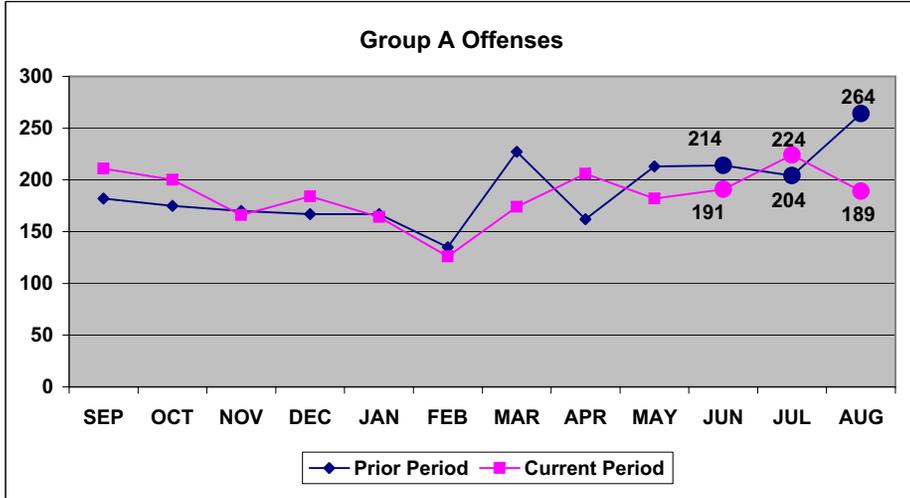
The Rockford Police Department is pleased with these results and plans to replicate this initiative in the future.

Questions may be referred to Deputy Chief Michael Booker at 987-5866.

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**Please note that statistics are subject to change as Police Reports are submitted. Reports ran within the first week of the following month. Statistics reflect that point in time.
 **Total Criminal Offenses represents Group A & B Offenses combined. Total Offenses represents Group A, B, & Services.
 **Data obtained from NetRMS.
 **Statistics represent all NIBRS offenses in an incident, not just the most serious.
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