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4% DECREASE IN CRIMES REPORTED IN NEBRASKA

LINCOLN – Darrell Fisher, Executive Director of the Nebraska Crime Commission, announced today that Nebraska experienced a 4% decrease in the number of crimes reported to law enforcement agencies during 2013 compared to 2012. Fisher indicated there were 51,768 crimes reported during 2013 compared to 53,911 reported in 2012. These numbers include only the offenses of Murder-Manslaughter, Forcible Rape, Robbery, Aggravated Assault, Burglary, Larceny-Theft, Motor Vehicle Theft, and Arson which serve as the basis for measuring crime statewide.

In the violent crime category, Nebraska experienced a 2% decrease with 4,517 violent crimes reported during 2013 compared to 4,587 reported in 2012. Murder, Manslaughter increased 8% (from 52 to 56 offenses). Forcible Rape decreased 11% (from 664 to 592). Robbery decreased 8% (from 1,120 to 1,031) and Aggravated Assault increased 3% (from 2,751 to 2,838) in 2013.

“The number of rapes reported in 2013 dropped 11% from 2012, and robberies dropped 8% in 2013 from 2012” said Fisher.

In terms of property crime, a 4% decrease occurred with 47,251 offenses reported in 2013 compared to 49,324 reported in 2012. Burglary had an increase of 2% (from 8,326 reported in 2012 to 8,485 in 2013). Larceny-Theft decreased 7% (from 36,716 to 34,211). Motor Vehicle Theft increased 7% (from 4,051 to 4,343) and Arson decreased 8% (from 231 in 2012 to 212 in 2013).

“Nationally the FBI has seen a decrease in crime as well,” said Fisher.

Crime in Omaha had little change (from 21,736 offenses reported in 2012 to 21,639 offenses in 2013). Lincoln experienced an 8% decrease (from 11,247 to 10,397). Cities of 5,000 to 99,999 in population remained virtually the same (from 13,505 to 13,191). Cities under 5,000 populations also remained virtually unchanged (from 1,093 to 945 in 2013). County areas reported a slight decrease (from 5,945 to 5,167). Crime occurring on State Property increased 11% (from 385 to 429).

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The number of persons arrested in Nebraska during 2013 decreased 8% from 2012. In 2013 there were 72,229 arrests compared to 78,637, a decrease of 6,408 arrests. Overall, there was a decrease in juvenile arrests of 14% and 7% for adults from 2012 to 2013.

The top five categories in terms of the number of arrests made for specific crimes were: Driving under the Influence (9,343 arrests), Drug Abuse Violations (10,558), Liquor Law Violations (7,256), Larceny-Theft (9,160), and Simple Assault (7,570).

Adult arrests (involving persons age 18 and over) decreased 7%, from 66,438 arrests in 2012 to 61,737 arrests in 2013. Juvenile arrests decreased 14%, from 12,199 in 2012 to 10,492 in 2013. Adult arrests accounted for 85% of the total arrests made statewide.

Fisher said, "Changes were seen in several of the main arrest categories. Overall, Driving Under the Influence arrests decreased 13%, 13% for adults and 21% for juvenile. Similarly, Liquor Law Violations decreased 19%. Drug Abuse Violation showed very minor change."

Hate crime statistics were also released. During 2013 there were 30 incidents reported involving crimes motivated by hate. This is no change from the 30 reported in 2012. Racial bias accounted for 39.9% of the total hate crimes. Ethnic bias accounted for 16.7%, Religious Bias accounted for 16.7% and Sexual bias accounted for 26.7%. Of the hate crimes reported, 10% involved intimidation and 50% involved destruction of property.

**The complete 2013 data is available at the Crime Commission's website at www.ncc.state.ne.us
Offense and arrest queries are also available at http://www.ncc.ne.gov/statistics/data_search/arrest.htm**

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