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1.8% DECREASE IN CRIMES REPORTED IN NEBRASKA

LINCOLN – Darrell Fisher, Executive Director of the Nebraska Crime Commission, announced today that Nebraska experienced a 1.8% decrease in the number of crimes reported to law enforcement agencies during 2014 compared to 2013. Fisher indicated there were 51,217 crimes reported during 2014 compared to 52,155 reported in 2013. 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.

“Over the past reported year, Nebraska crime fell in two categories,” Fisher said. “This includes a 5.3% decrease in Murder-Manslaughter and at 10.7% decrease in burglary. These numbers are parallel to FBI reports that show crimes are also decreasing nationwide.”

Nebraska experienced 4,775 violent crimes in 2014 for a 5.4% increase overall in this category. Forcible Rape increased by 0.3% (from 595 to 597), robbery increased by 0.9% (from 1,032 to 1,041), and Aggravated Assault increased by 8.3% (from 2,846 to 3,083) in 2014.

Property crimes in Nebraska decreased by 2.5% overall with 46,442 offenses reported in 2014. Larceny-Theft decreased by 0.9% (from 34,464 to 34,139). Motor Vehicle Theft increased by 1.6% (from 4,365 to 4,433) and Arson decreased by 3.3% (from 213 in 2013 to 206 in 2014).

Crimes in Omaha and Lincoln decreased in 2014. Reports in Omaha fell by 0.2% last year, and Lincoln experienced a 3.2% decrease (from 10,397 to 10,069). Crimes occurring on State Property decreased 10.0% (from 429 to 386).

Crimes in cities of 5,000 to 99,999 in population decreased by 2.2% (from 13,283 to 12,996). Crime in cities with under 5,000 occupants fell by 3.2% (from 945 to 915 in 2014) and County areas reported a slight decrease of 3.6% (from 5,461 to 5,262).

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The number of persons arrested in 2014 increased by 2.2% from 2013. In 2014, there were 74,461 arrests compared to 72,884 in the previous year. During the same time period, juvenile arrests decreased by 0.2% and adult arrests increased by 2.6%. Adult arrests accounted for 85% of the total arrests made statewide.

The top five categories in the number of arrests made for specific crimes were: Driving under the Influence (8,617 arrests), Drug Abuse Violations (12,022), Liquor Law Violations (7,017), Larceny-Theft (9,477), and Simple Assault (7,285).

Fisher said, “Changes were seen in several of the main arrest categories. Driving Under the Influence arrests decreased by 16.5% and Liquor Law Violations decreased by 3.5%. While Drug Abuse Violation showed very minor change, there was a 6.7% decrease in the number of arrests for Murder.”

Hate crime statistics were also released. During 2014, there were 46 incidents reported involving crimes motivated by hate, compared to 30 reported in 2013. Racial bias accounted for 65% of the total hate crimes. Ethnic bias accounted for 13%, Religious Bias accounted for 0% and Sexual bias accounted for 22%. Of the hate crimes reported, 19% involved intimidation and 41% involved destruction of property.

**The complete 2014 data is available at the Crime Commission's website at www.ncc.ne.gov
Offense and arrest queries are also available at <http://www.ncc.nebraska.gov/Statistics.htm>**

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