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Annual Westfield Police Report


The Westfield Police Detective Bureau reported that crimes in 1997 continued to reflect a downward trend in index crimes with the exception of assaults and arsons which stayed relatively the same.

The Detective Bureau initiated a proactive program addressing quality of life issues during the past year. These issues included an emphasis on those involved in the sale and distribution of controlled substances as well as elements of the prostitution trade that have apparently spilled over to suburbia. This, police said, is possibly due in part to the crackdown by New York City Police on the prostitution trade.

Through extensive investigation and the execution of several search warrants throughout the town, detectives arrested 16 individuals for the sale and distribution of controlled dangerous substances in 1997 as contrasted with no arrests in 1996. Arrests for possession of controlled dangerous substances were also up 15 percent.

In addition to investigations in the Town of Westfield, the Detective Bureau participated jointly in operations in the City of Plainfield involving the fencing of stolen property and, in the City of Linden, in the investigation in the distribution and sale of controlled dangerous substances (CDS). Conversely, detectives from the City of Plainfield were used in investigations of the sale and distribution of CDS in Westfield. Elizabeth detectives were part of our undercover team investigating prostitution within Westfield.

Last year, the Juvenile Bureau experienced a slight decrease of 9 percent in juvenile perpetrated incidents from 1996. The number of juvenile arrests, however, decreased sharply from 233 in 1996 to 138 in 1997 with an additional 42 cases which were cleared. Most noted in this decrease was the number of arrests for related offenses and alcoholic beverage violations.





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