Keeping Highland safe

The Highland Town Council, Metropolitan Police Commission and Police Department Administration want to extend their heartfelt gratitude to the men and women – sworn, civilian and volunteer – who make the Highland Police Department a pillar of excellence among its peers in the law enforcement arena.

"They are all heroes for making Highland a safe place for our residents, visitors and businesses to call home," Highland Police Chief Pete Hojnicki said. "Their accomplishments in 2020 – both individually and collectively – are directly related to the low crime rates we experienced again this past year."

"We are grateful for the care and compassion our community expressed this past year," Police Chief Pete Hojnicki said. "Together, we made it through some really tough times. Thank you!"

[2020 HIGHLAND CRIME STATISTICS]

Highland is at or near record-low criminal activity in several categories. The following chart compares the 2020 incidents to the highs and lows of the last 52 years.

CATEGORY	2020	HIGHEST	LOWEST
Homicide	1	2 (1986/2001)	0 (most years)
Rape	0	6 (2005)	0 (most years)
Robbery	2	35 (2005)	2 (2018/2020)
Assault	60	157 (1976)	10 (1969)
Burglary	31	185 (1980)	29 (2018)
Larceny	313	1,008 (1997)	203 (1971)
Vehicle Theft	20	258 (1991)	17 (2019)
Vandalism	102	577 (2006)	102 (2020)
Theft from Vehicle	63	249 (2009)	63 (2020)
Total NIBRS*	430	1,389 (1975)	422 (1971)

Arrest made in vehicular/domestic incident.

2020 ties for the lowest number in last 51 years.

The 31 burglaries – 28 completed and 3 attempted – included 12 businesses, 7 homes, 6 apartments, 5 garages and 1 shed.

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* National Incident-Based Reporting System (formerly UCR-Uniform Crime Report) is the total criminal activity recorded annually by the FBI from every municipality across the country.