

Crime in Carteret

After spending 2 ½ decades in law enforcement I am no stranger to our criminal justice system and the effects of crime on our citizens. In a recent Political mailing from incumbents Sue Naples and Randy Krum they list their record of results on the back page. If you note under Quality of Life they made a claim of “Reduced major crimes by 24 %”. By not specifying a source, definition or time frame to that claim they leave it open for you to believe it at face value and Naples and Krum to explain it as they see fit. Below are actual crime statistics from the Federal Bureau of Investigation’s web site. The site is provided if you would like to verify for yourselves. The percentages were added for your convenience. These statistics are only for categories of crimes the FBI requires all law enforcement to report to them. They do not include drug crimes, misdemeanors, other crimes which may affect the quality of life or crimes which go unreported to local law enforcement.

FBI CRIME STATISTICS

CARTERET, NJ

WWW.FBI.GOV/STATS-SERVICES/CRIMESTATS

Yr.	Pop.	Violent Crime	Murder & Nonnegligent		Forceable		Aggravated		Property		Motor	
			Manslaughter	Rape	Robbery	Assault	Crime	Burglary	Theft	Theft	Arson	
2007	22,165	55	0	4	24	27	359	62	250	47	8	
2008	22,878	52	0	4	24	24	329	56	242	31	2	
2009	23,669	48	0	2	20	26	302	77	202	23	1	
2010	24,246	52	1	3	16	32	399	72	296	31	0	
% + -	2.44%	8.33%	100.00%	50.00%	- 20.00%	23.08%	32.12%	6.49%	46.54%	34.78%	-100.00%	

(These percentages are the change from 2009-2010)

Now we should all be aware of the growing gang problem as evident by two shooting incidents which were widely reported in our two local newspapers. Now by no means do I suggest that crime, gangs and drugs are isolated just to Carteret. However we only hear of unsubstantiated claims of Major Crime reduction and nothing of the many other crimes which affect our quality of live. These are neither reported nor acknowledge by our politicians to the citizens as a problem. I’m sure the victims of these crimes or concerned citizens acknowledge the problem. What is also an important factor and kept from us is the number of arrest made for the crimes reported.

If elected Kevin Urban and I pledge to push for the Police Department to have an active program of community liaison in keeping with the Departments operational effectiveness and accepted police practices so that we citizens can do our part in keeping Carteret safe and also be accurately informed of the information we need to know. As Governments first responsibility is to keep its citizens safe so they can enjoy the rights, privileges and freedoms granted to us we would work to ensure our Police Department is utilizing all available assets and methods to combat crime. We will work to make your safety and security a priority above Redevelopment. Your wellness will not be secured by building a wellness center but rather doing our best to keep you and your property well!

Elect proven Leaders Steve Pinchak & Kevin Urban to our Council.

Thank you,

Steve Pinchak

