

Stadium Area Crime Analysis

- Most of the residents in the proposed stadium area are hard-working, law-abiding citizens. A disproportionately small group of chronically criminal people in that area tend to be responsible for a disproportionately large amount of the crime.
- The types of crimes that are typically reported in the proposed stadium area tend to be more visible types of disorder, such as alcohol-related/disorderly disturbances, fights, narcotics activity, etc. They are not of the type usually found in the city's single-family neighborhoods.
- Calls for service (CFS): The city of Arlington encompasses about 99.5 square miles. In Fiscal Year 2003-2004, police were dispatched to 142,154 calls for service. Based on those numbers, there were 1,429 calls for service per square mile. Last fiscal year in the .98-square-mile area of the proposed stadium, that number of calls for service was 2,226 – **nearly 1.5 times the city's average.**
- UCR Part I Crimes*: In Fiscal Year 2003-2004, Arlington Police reported 21,268 crimes (UCR Part I crimes) for the entire city. The city of Arlington encompasses about 99.5 square miles. Based on those numbers, roughly 214 crimes were reported per square mile citywide. Last fiscal year in the .98-square-mile area of the proposed stadium, 275 crimes were reported in that area – **1.3 times the city average.**
(Background: Uniform Crime Reporting includes criminal offenses gathered by the FBI to provide basic crime information for the country. Part I crimes include: Homicide, Rape, Robbery, Aggravated Assault, Burglary, Theft and Motor Vehicle Theft.)
- Much of the housing in the proposed stadium area is high-density apartments with a mix of business, entertainment, retail, and hotel/motel locations. We do not anticipate this crime to be displaced into the city's other neighborhoods. Arlington has experienced an overall reduction in crime for three consecutive years without displacing crime. Much of the reduction can be explained by the Police Department's focus on hot spots – areas in the city where crime is disproportionately high. The department's experience proves that crime can be reduced or eliminated from hot spots without displacing it into surrounding neighborhoods.

Additional information:

- Calls For Service (FY 03-04): Arlington's average CFS per square mile = 1,429
- CFS within the .98 of a square mile that is the proposed stadium area = 2,226
(1.56 times the average CFS citywide per square mile)
- CFS within the .15 of a square mile that is PRA 165 = 878
(4.18 times the average CFS citywide per square mile)
PRA 165 has the highest residential density in the proposed area
- CFS within the .35 of a square mile that is PRA 171 = 819
(1.67 times the average CFS citywide per square mile)
- UCR Part I Crimes**: Arlington's average UCR Part I Crimes per square mile = 214
- UCR Part I Crimes in the .98 of a square mile that is the proposed stadium area = 275
(1.29 times the average Part I Crimes citywide per square mile)

- UCR Part I Crimes within the .15 of a square mile that is PRA 165 = 94
(2.98 times the average Part I Crimes citywide per square mile)
- UCR Part I Crimes within the .35 of a square mile that is PRA 171 = 107
(1.46 times the average Part I Crimes citywide per square mile)

*(**PRAs are Police Reporting Areas that follow the natural boundaries of identifiable neighborhoods or other areas. There are 318 PRAs in the city and they are used for statistical analyses. Although police beat boundaries may be redrawn from time to time, PRAs never change.)*

- Violent crime in Arlington is low and has decreased each month for the last five months (May-September 2004). Only small increases were documented in the first four months of this year as reported on the Uniform Crime Report to the FBI.
- Including this current quarter, our violent crime rate for fiscal 2003-04 is at 50.56% of the 2002 (calendar) national rate for cities 250,000-499,999 (the most current national numbers available). Our violent crime rate has steadily declined over the past two years from 633.1 in 2002 to 518.6 in 2004 (violent crimes per 100,000 residents). Comparatively, Dallas' 2002 number is 1,370.8 and Fort Worth's is 759.7 (violent crimes per 100,000 residents).
- This reduction in crime and overall police workload has freed up some officers to focus more closely on traffic-related citizen concerns. This increased emphasis on traffic enforcement has reduced traffic accident fatalities by more than forty percent over the past two years, from 34 to 19.
- More than 250 Arlington neighborhoods have proactive citizens groups and businesses that are involved in Community Watch, Citizens on Patrol, and other citizen-police initiatives. These neighborhood-oriented groups and businesses work closely with the Police Department to help build a safer community.