



NWACA Spring Crime Prevention Panel Discussion

Tuesday, March 3rd, 2015

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Paul Rusch Presentation

- **See handout from Paul – he reviewed the two checklists he distributed and entertained questions about those**


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Video for Mary's talk

- **Confession of a Charlotte, North Carolina burglar**
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4sPwZMsYdRo>

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Crime Trends: 78731

All Crime

Last Six Months

Feb-15	137
Jan-15	158
Dec-14	182
Nov-14	141
Oct-14	170
Sept-14	177
Grand Total	965

Down 4% from last year

Same Six Months a Year

Feb-14	150
Jan-14	181
Dec-13	161
Nov-13	155
Oct-13	180
Sept-13	173
Grand Total	1000

Source: www.krimelabb.com

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Burglary of Residence (Including Attempted)

Last Six Months

Feb-15	4
Jan-15	2
Dec-14	1
Nov-14	1
Oct-14	3
Sept-14	1
Grand Total	12

Down 65% from last year

Same Six Months A Year Ago

Feb-14	3
Jan-14	7
Dec-13	10
Nov-13	5
Oct-13	4
Sept-13	5
Grand Total	34

March 2014- 9 incidents of Burglary of Residence

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Burglary of Vehicle (Including Attempted)

Last Six Months

Dec-14	22
Feb-15	21
Jan-15	28
Nov-14	6
Oct-14	17
Sept-14	21
Grand Total	115

Down 9% from last year

Same Six Months A Year Ago

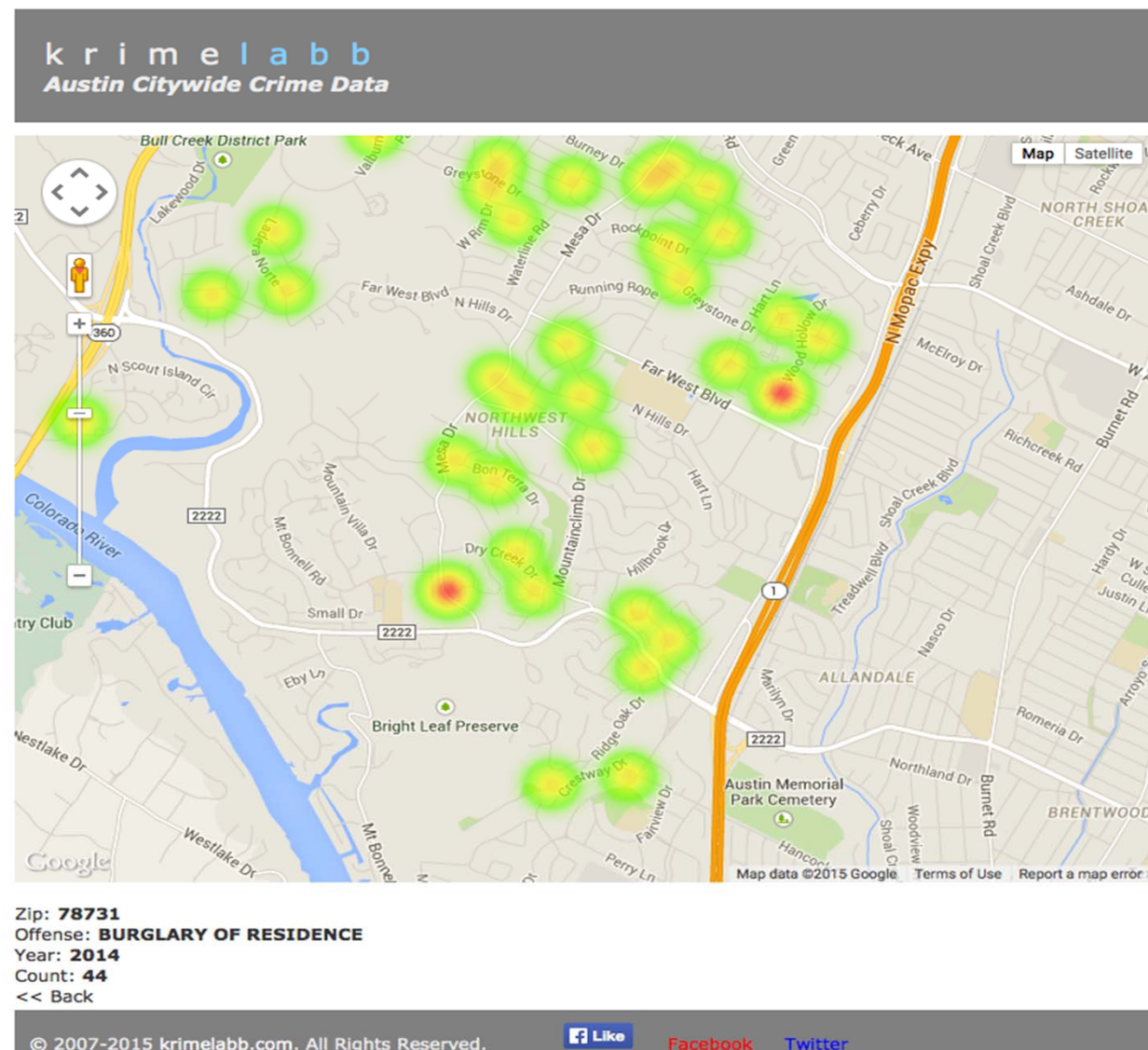
Dec-13	20
Feb-14	3
Jan-14	18
Nov-13	26
Oct-13	32
Sept-13	28
Grand Total	127

March 2014- 14 incidents of Burglary of Vehicle

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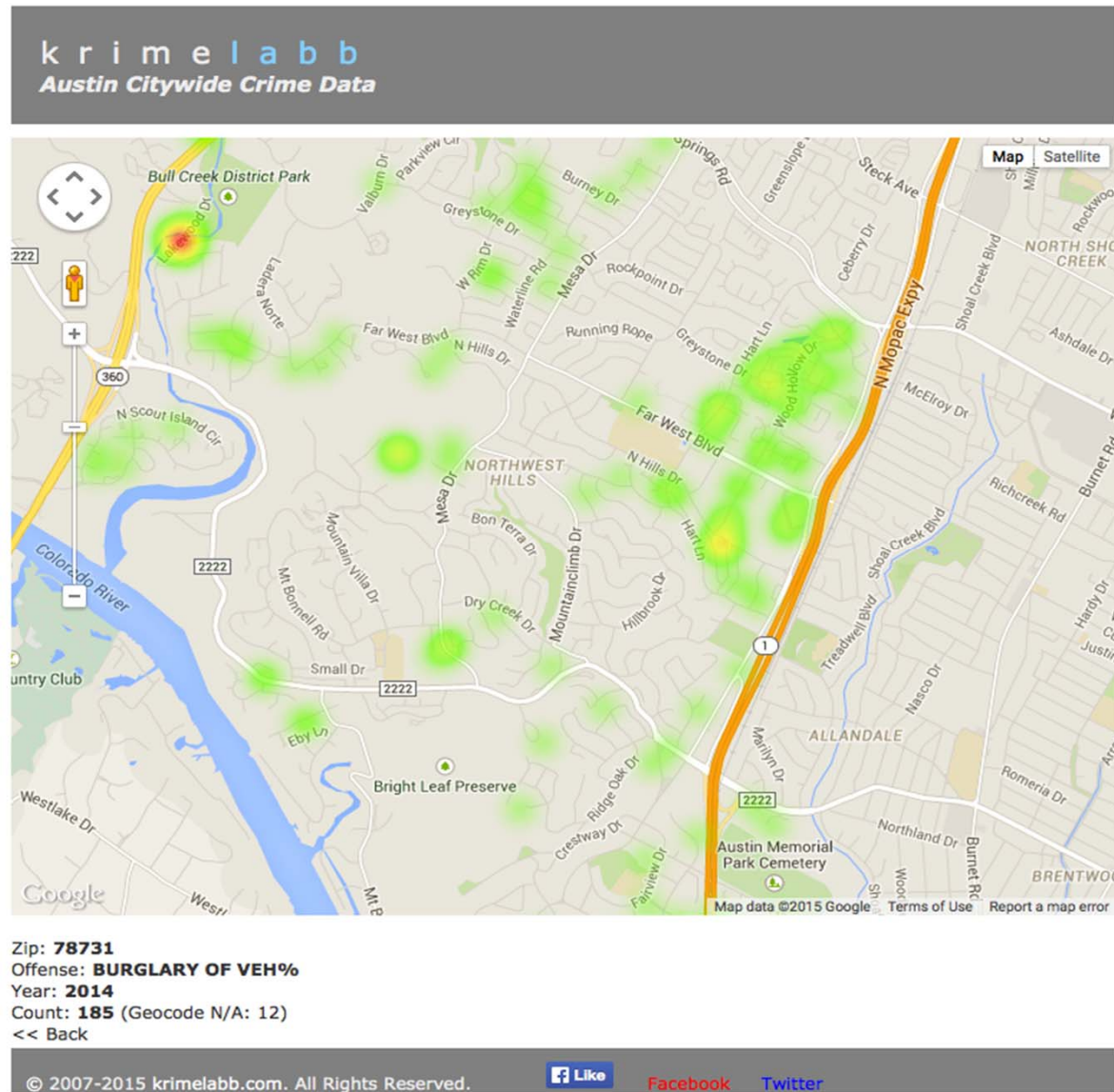
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Burglary of Vehicle: 2014



Spring Break/SXSW

- **2014: 4 Burglaries in two hours on a Sunday Afternoon**
 - Thieves knew APD was swamped downtown
 - Even an alarm didn't stop them (might have if neighbors were more conditioned to listen for it)
- **2015: We're seeing an uptick in door to door solicitation**
 - Historically occurs before we see an uptick in burglary
 - Recent complaints of solicitors peeking in windows, going into back yards, knocking on doors after dark

Unwise Pranks

- **Some recent pranks had unintended consequences for area teens**
 - <http://kxan.com/2015/02/17/police-search-for-men-spooking-kids-in-west-austin/>
- **Talk to your kids**
 - It doesn't always look to others how you might think it looks
 - Don't put yourself and others at risk
 - Smaller kids need to know what to do when they feel threatened

Takeaways

- **Two common crimes in our neighborhood are down**
 - Burglary of residence down over 50%
 - Burglary of vehicle down 9%
- **However:**
 - We know casing of homes is happening and we know APD response time will be very slow during Spring Break
 - Neighbors talking to neighbors and looking out for each other is one of the most successful ways to prevent crime
- **Know “Your Five” and help each other out**

Takeaways

- **When in doubt, CALL IT IN**
 - Trust your gut and let APD know
 - 311 if it already happened, 911 if it is happening now
 - Ask for an incident number so you know they put it in the database
- **Get a Watch going on your block- check out the Crime & Safety section of www.nwaca.org for resources**
- **Email nwacainfo@gmail.com for help getting started**
- **Parents- talk to your kids about perception, consequences, and what to do when feeling threatened**

Memberships

- **Membership Reminder**

- NWACA memberships support events like this, as well as our annual 4th of July Parade, our advocacy on neighborhood concerns, improving our parks, and much more!
- \$25/ household per year
- See folks at the Membership table

Thank You!

- **Thanks to everyone for attending tonight!**
- **Thanks to our speakers!**
- **A big thanks to Austin Board of Realtors for making this meeting space available!**
- **Thanks to Austin Real Pros for sponsoring us**
 - Bill Evans, Past President, Austin Board of Realtors