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The Pensacola Police Department's annual crime report has been submitted to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and it shows an overall 8 percent reduction of the city's crime rate compared with 2013.

The report shows a 9.4 percent reduction in the non-violent crime rate and a 5.1 percent reduction in the violent crime rate, resulting in an overall reduction of 8 percent.

"Not only does this show a decrease in violent and non-violent crimes within city limits, but also it reflects the outstanding work done on a daily basis by our officers," said Chief Chip W. Simmons.

Pensacola Mayor Ashton Hayward said: "Public safety is my number one priority each and every day. My administration has worked tirelessly to reduce crime over the last four years. I am thrilled to see these efforts yield an 8% reduction following last year's double-digit reduction."

FDLE annually reviews, records and releases the department's report with those from other law enforcement agencies statewide. The official report should be released within the near future.

"I believe the figures indicate we have had some successes with regard to some of the initiatives we have implemented," Simmons said. "From a historical perspective, these numbers reflect the lowest crime rate on record."

The Pensacola Police Department investigated three homicides in 2014 and investigated three in 2013 as well.

Among crime reduction initiatives implemented by the Pensacola Police Department are concentrated patrols in specific areas to address problems such as burglaries and drugs, a partnership with other law enforcement agencies on the Gun Crime Response Team and utilization of overtime to combat emerging crime trends.

Attached is a copy of the Pensacola Police Department's Uniform Crime Report for 2014 and 2013.