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SUBJ: Crime Statistics
DATE: June 1, 1999

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NEEDS: For the City Council to receive and file 1998 crime statistics.

- FACTS:
1. Official 1998 crime statistics will not be released by the Federal Bureau of Investigation until October, 1999.
 2. We have compiled Paso Robles statistics early to provide the City Council with a preview of the formal federal report.
 3. Crime statistics are based on seven (7) major crimes (murder, rape, robbery, assault, burglary, larceny, vehicle theft) and arson. These crimes are used because they can be trend indicators.
 4. Total crime was down 8 percent from 1997 levels, however, the seven (7) major crimes were up 2 percent in 1998. It is important to note, however, that major crimes are still down 12 percent since 1994. Total crimes per capita for 1994 were 202.60 crimes per 1000 population, however, decreased to 160.70 crimes per 1000 population in 1998.
 5. An increase was noted in four categories (murder, rape, burglary and larceny-theft), however, there was a decrease in three categories (aggravated assault, vehicle theft and arson) [See attachment A.]

**ANALYSIS &
CONCLUSION:**

The total crime picture for Paso Robles continues to remain relatively low in our 5 year comparison. Most concerning is the increase in murder from one (1) in 1997 to three (3) in 1998, and the increase in rape. The murder statistic appears to be an unusual occurrence given our history and our year to date total (0) for 1999. Regarding the rape statistic, we have experienced considerable fluctuations in that category over time.

In October, 1998, the Special Enforcement Team was deployed in an effort to address crime problems within our City. This team tracks criminal activity within our community and approaches problems in a more innovative way than conventional policing. With the development of confidential informants, they are better able to monitor criminal developments before they occur.

With an increased emphasis on our Community Oriented Policing philosophy, innovative solutions to criminal activity and social disorders are being applied, as well as problem solving techniques involving the community, that should continue to have a direct impact on criminal trends within our City.

The Police Department and community continue to work together to solve crime related problems, which is reflected in the decrease in overall crime in Paso Robles in 1998, and we need to continue to address factors associated with crime in our community.

**POLICY
REFERENCE:**

Community Oriented Policing Policy Statement.

**FISCAL
IMPACT:**

Undetermined

OPTIONS:

1. Receive and file report.

PASO ROBLES POLICE DEPARTMENT CRIME STATISTICS

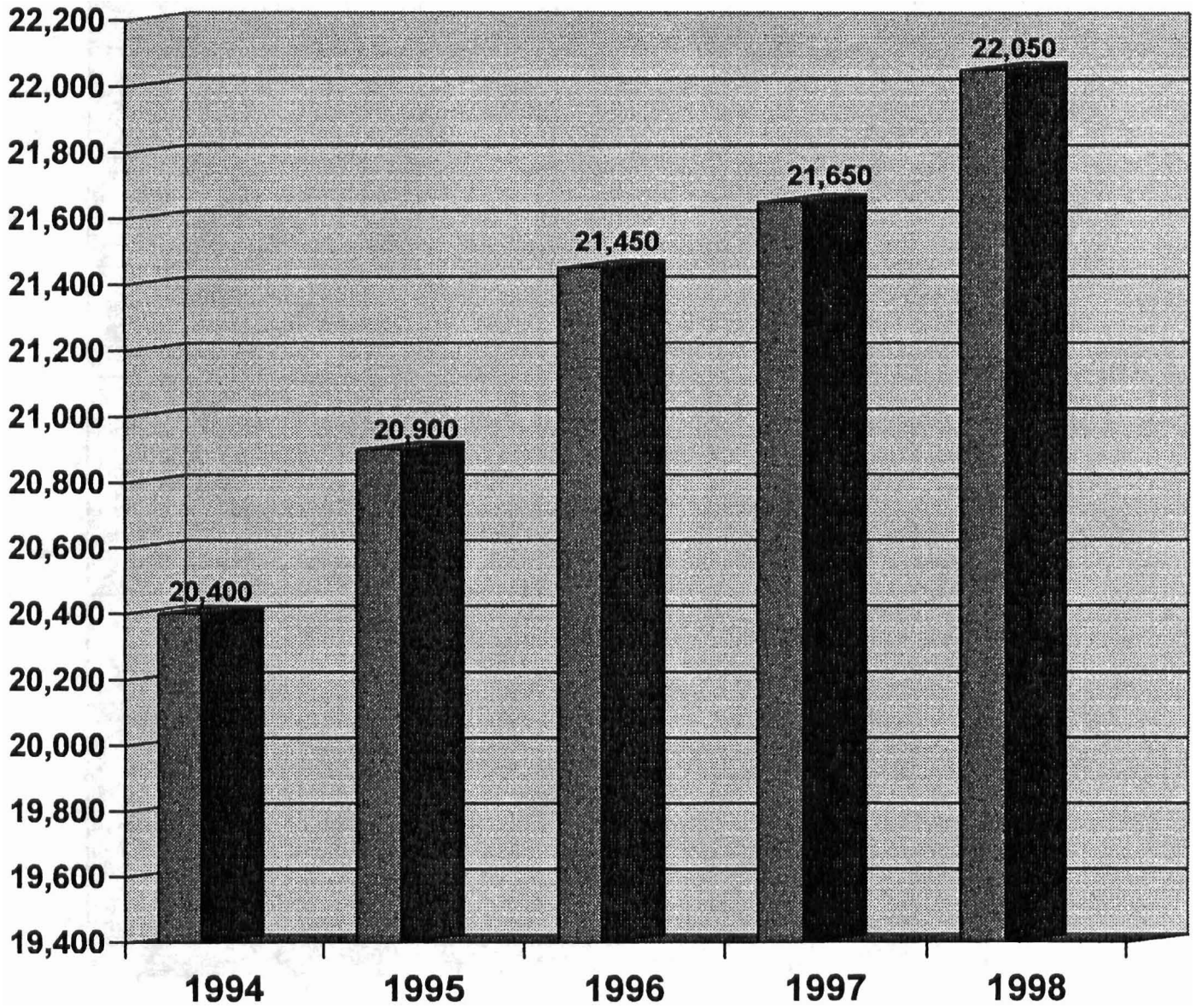
ATTACHMENT "A"

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Year	Population	Murder	Rape	Robbery	Aggrav. Assault	Burglary	Larceny- Theft	Arson	Vehicle Theft	Total Crimes
1994	17,447	1	12	11	158	237	534	6	67	1026
1995	17,534	1	8	9	135	249	493	4	52	951
1996	21,450	0	14	13	82	159	559	2	46	875
1997	21,650	1	8	9	65	151	422	8	29	693
1998	22,050	3	11	9	42	184	433	2	25	709
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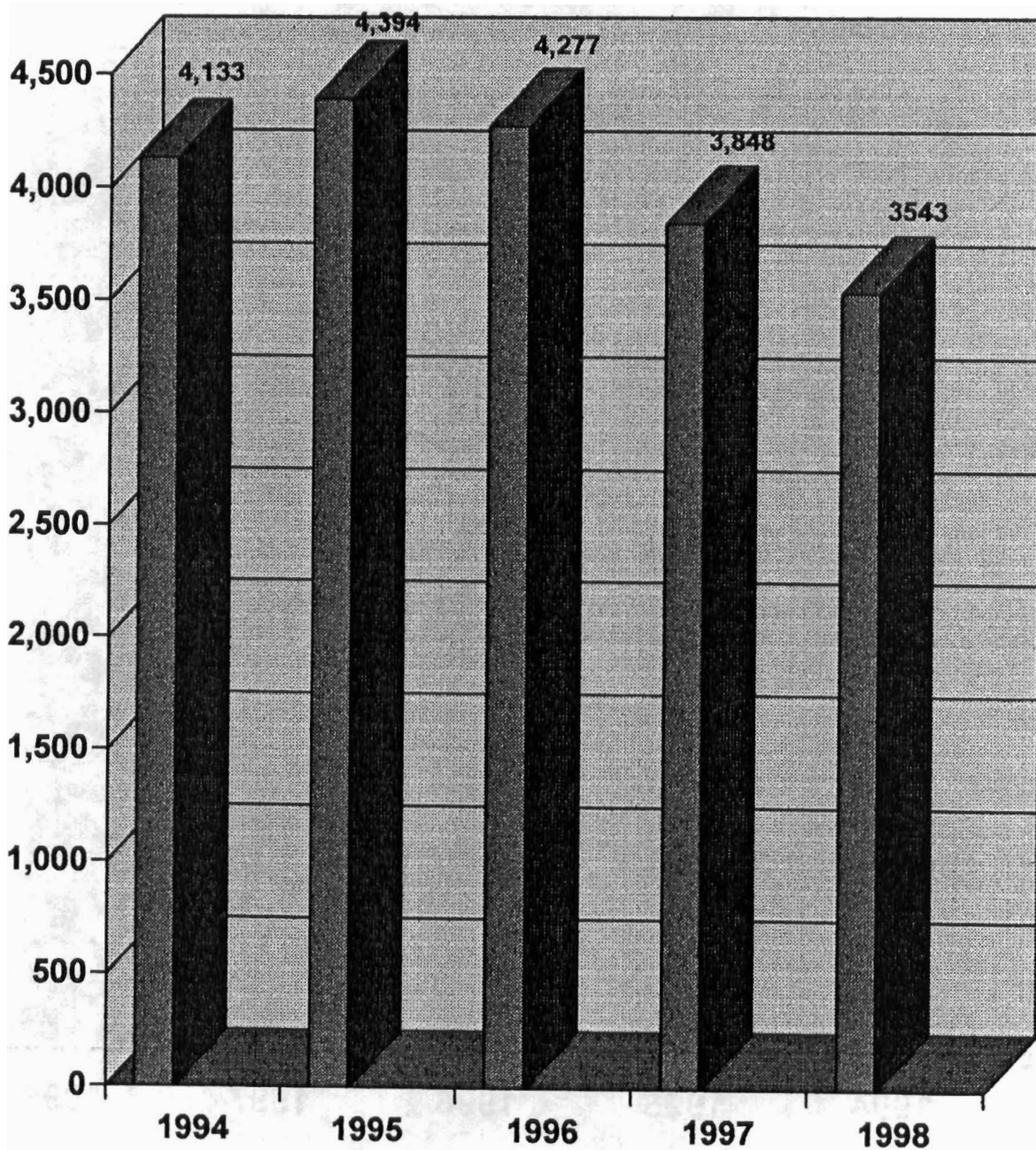
Population



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Total Crimes

(Including the seven Major Crimes plus Arson)



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Seven Major Crimes plus Arson

(Murder, Rape, Robbery, Aggravated Assault, Burglary, Larceny/Theft, Vehicle Theft and Arson)

