



Recommendation Submission

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RECOMMENDATION: We recommend that the monthly crime statistics presented by Sergeant Symes be presented in a spreadsheet that contains the data presented over the past 13 months instead of just reciting the numbers each month.

RATIONALE: To be meaningful, data needs to be presented in context. Crime statistics presented for one month only tell the NECPC very little. Only by comparing the numbers to previous months and the previous year will give us meaningful information. We understand that the monthly data presented is not precise in that there may be multiple entries for the same call and misclassifications. However, these types of errors may be rather consistent from month to month, and we can still see trends over time which the current presentation does not allow.