

Tuen Mun District State of Crime Report for Tuen Mun District Council Meeting
Covering Period from February to March 2014
Submission by Tuen Mun Police District

I. GENERAL SITUATION

1. Overall Crime

Period	Total	Detection Rate (%)
FEB - MAR 2014	520	44.6%
FEB - MAR 2013	574	43.2%
Jan - Mar 2014	820	44.9%
Jan - Mar 2013	901	43.1%

- (1) There were 520 reported crimes in FEB - MAR 2014, a decrease of 9.4% compared with 574 in FEB - MAR 2013. The decrease in reported crimes was mainly in cases of :

- Wounding and Serious Assault (-43 / -51.2%);
- Violent Crime (-42 / -33.6%);
- Indecent Assault (-10 / -66.7%);
- Shop Theft (-9 / -9.7%); and
- Theft from Vehicle (-7 / -70%)

The offences that increased included :

- Pickpocketing (+11 / +275%);
- Burglary (+5 / +23.8%);
- Technology Crimes (+5 / +16.7%);
- Deception (+4 / +8%);
- Snatching (+3 / +300%);
- Triad-related Crimes (+3 / +25%)

- (2) The detection rate in FEB - MAR 2014 was 44.6%, compared with 43.2% in FEB - MAR 2013.

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- (3) There were 820 reported crimes in Jan - Mar 2014, a decrease of 9% compared with 901 in Jan - Mar 2013. The overall crime situation remains stable.
- (4) The detection rate in Jan - Mar 2014 was 44.9%, compared with 43.1% in Jan - Mar 2013.
- (5) When comparing Jan - Mar 2014 with Jan - Mar 2013, the decrease in reported crimes was mainly due to the decrease in cases of :
- Wounding and Serious Assault (-50 / -42.7%);
 - Violent Crime (-50 / -28.1%);
 - Shop Theft (-23 / -15.2%);
 - Miscellaneous Thefts (-15 / -7.2%); and
 - Indecent Assault (-11 / -45.8%).

The offences with an increase include :

- Technology Crimes (+14 / +35.9%);
- Deception (+11 / +13.9%);
- Pickpocketing (+8 / +50%);
- Burglary (+8 / +20.5%); and
- Debt-collection Related Crimes (+7 / +50%).

Please see the crime statistics table attached.

2. **Violent Crime**¹

Period	Total	Detection Rate (%)
FEB - MAR 2014	83	55.4%
FEB - MAR 2013	125	64.8%
Jan - Mar 2014	128	61.7%
Jan - Mar 2013	178	65.7%

¹ Includes homicide, rape, indecent assault, wounding, serious assault, robbery, kidnapping, blackmail, criminal intimidation and arson.

- (1) There were 83 Violent Crimes in FEB - MAR 2014, a decrease of 33.6% compared with 125 in FEB - MAR 2013.
- (2) The detection rate in FEB - MAR 2014 was 55.4%, compared with 64.8% in FEB - MAR 2013.
- (3) There were 128 Violent Crimes in Jan - Mar 2014, a decrease of 28.1% compared with 178 in Jan - Mar 2013.
- (4) The detection rate in Jan - Mar 2014 was 61.7%, compared with 65.7% in Jan - Mar 2013.

II. SELECTED KEY CRIMES

1. All Robbery

Period	Total
FEB - MAR 2014	4
FEB - MAR 2013	4
Jan - Mar 2014	4
Jan - Mar 2013	6

- (1) There were 4 Robberies in FEB - MAR 2014, same as in FEB - MAR 2013.
- (2) All cases were street robbery (2 in street, 1 at footbridge and 1 at park).
- (3) Overall there were 4 Robberies in Jan - Mar 2014, a decrease of 33.3% compared with 6 in Jan - Mar 2013.
- (4) Most of the stolen properties were mobile phones and handbags.

2. Burglary

Period	Total
FEB - MAR 2014	26
FEB - MAR 2013	21
Jan - Mar 2014	47
Jan - Mar 2013	39

- (1) There were 26 Burglaries in FEB - MAR 2014, an increase of 23.8% compared with 21 in FEB - MAR 2013.
- (2) There were 47 Burglaries in Jan - Mar 2014, an increase of 20.5% compared with 39 in Jan - Mar 2013.
- (3) Types of premises burgled between FEB - MAR 2014 : -

Premises Types	Tuen Mun Division	Castle Peak Division	Tuen Mun District
Village house	17	2	19
Public Estate/HOS	3	0	3
Private residential	0	1	1
Shop/Restaurant/Market	0	1	1
Commercial/Industrial	2	0	2
Others	0	0	0
Total	22	4	26

- (4) There has been a significant increase in the numbers of village houses burgled between February to March 2014. Increased police patrols have been mounted and advice given to residents to improve security.

3. Wounding and Serious Assault

Period	Total
FEB - MAR 2014	41
FEB - MAR 2013	84
Jan - Mar 2014	67
Jan - Mar 2013	117

- (1) There were 41 Wounding and Serious Assault cases in FEB - MAR 2014, a decrease of 51.2% compared with 84 in FEB - MAR 2013.
- (2) Breakdown by causes of Wounding and Serious Assault for FEB - MAR 2014 :-

Period	Domestic / Family Violence	Triad Related	Minor Dispute	Unknown	Drunk / Emotion	Others	Total
FEB - MAR 2014	11	4	19	1	1	5	41
FEB - MAR 2013	21	2	34	11	11	5	84

- (3) There were 67 Wounding and Serious Assault cases in Jan - Mar 2014, a decrease of 42.7% compared with 117 in Jan - Mar 2013.

4. Serious Narcotics Offences

Period	Total
FEB - MAR 2014	22
FEB - MAR 2013	24
Jan - Mar 2014	33
Jan - Mar 2013	37

Offenders Arrested for Serious Narcotics Offences

Period	Offenders Arrested for Serious Narcotics Offences		
	Total	Juveniles (Aged 10 - 15)	Young Persons (Aged 16 - 20)
FEB - MAR 2014	27	0	2
FEB - MAR 2013	31	1	9
Jan - Mar 2014	41	0	3
Jan - Mar 2013	46	1	12

- (1) There were 22 cases of Serious Narcotics Offences in FEB - MAR 2014, a decrease of 8.3% compared with 24 in FEB - MAR 2013.
- (2) There were 22 cases of Serious Narcotics Offences involving Psychotropic substances, a decrease of 4.3% compared with 23 cases in FEB - MAR 2013. No Serious Narcotics Offences involving Heroin in FEB - MAR 2014, a decrease of 100% compared with 1 case in FEB - MAR 2013.
- (3) In FEB - MAR 2014, cases involving Heroin and Psychotropic substances accounted for 0.0% and 100% respectively of all Serious Narcotics Offences, compared to 4.2% and 95.8% respectively in FEB - MAR 2013.
- (4) Ketamine is still the most popular drug of seizure.
- (5) 27 offenders were arrested for Serious Narcotics Offences in FEB - MAR 2014, a decrease of 12.9% compared with 31 in FEB - MAR 2013.
- (6) No Juvenile (aged between 10 and 15) was arrested for Serious Narcotics Offences in FEB - MAR 2014, a decrease of 100% compared with 1 in FEB - MAR 2013. 2 Young Persons (aged between 16 and 20) were arrested for Serious Narcotics Offences in FEB - MAR 2014, a decrease of 77.8% compared with 9 in FEB - MAR 2013.

- (7) There were 33 cases of Serious Narcotics Offences in Jan - Mar 2014, a decrease of 10.8% compared with 37 in Jan - Mar 2013.
- (8) 41 offenders were arrested for Serious Narcotics Offences in Jan - Mar 2014, a decrease of 10.9% compared with 46 in Jan - Mar 2013.
- (9) No Juvenile (aged between 10 and 15) was arrested for Serious Narcotics Offences in Jan - Mar 2014, a decrease of 100% compared with 1 in Jan - Mar 2013. 3 Young Persons (aged between 16 and 20) were arrested for Serious Narcotics Offences in Jan - Mar 2014, a decrease of 75% compared with 12 in Jan - Mar 2013.

5. Theft Related Offences

- a) Snatching
- b) Pickpocketing
- c) Shop Theft
- d) Miscellaneous Theft
- e) Theft from Vehicle
- f) Missing Motor Vehicles

Period	Snatching	Pickpocketing	Shop Theft	Theft from Vehicle	Miscellaneous Thefts	Missing Motor Vehicles
FEB - MAR 2014	4	15	84	3	129	2
FEB - MAR 2013	1	4	93	10	129	7
Jan - Mar 2014	5	24	128	5	192	3
Jan - Mar 2013	2	16	151	11	207	8

a) Snatching

There were 4 Snatching cases in FEB - MAR 2014, an increase of 300% compared with 1 in FEB - MAR 2013.

There were 5 Snatching cases in Jan - Mar 2014, an increase of 150% compared with 2 in Jan - Mar 2013.

b) Pickpocketing

There were 15 Pickpocketing cases in FEB - MAR 2014, an increase of 275% compared with 4 in FEB - MAR 2013. Black spots continue to be San Hui Market area and other crowded Shopping Malls.

There were 24 Pickpocketing cases in Jan - Mar 2014, an increase of 50% compared with 16 in Jan - Mar 2013.

	Pickpocketing cases in Tuen Mun District													Annual*
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	
2014	9	9	6										24	-
2013	12	2	2	2	3	3	6	5	3	11	14	5	68	68

**Adjusted figures from Statistic Office*

c) Shop Theft

There were 84 Shop Thefts in FEB - MAR 2014, a decrease of 9.7% compared with 93 cases in FEB - MAR 2013.

There were 128 Shop Thefts in Jan - Mar 2014, a decrease of 15.2% compared with 151 cases in Jan - Mar 2013.

d) Theft From Vehicle

There were 3 cases of Theft From Vehicle in FEB - MAR 2014, a decrease of 70% compared with 10 cases in FEB - MAR 2013.

There were 5 cases of Theft From Vehicle in Jan - Mar 2014, a decrease of 54.5% compared with 11 in Jan - Mar 2013.

e) Miscellaneous Thefts

There were 129 Miscellaneous Thefts in FEB - MAR 2014, same as in FEB - MAR 2013.

There were 192 Miscellaneous Thefts in Jan - Mar 2014, a decrease of 7.2% compared with 207 cases in Jan - Mar 2013.

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f) Missing Motor Vehicles

2 motor vehicles were reported missing in FEB - MAR 2014, a decrease of 71.4% compared with 7 in FEB - MAR 2013.

Vehicles stolen between FEB - MAR 2014 included :

Vehicle Type	No. of vehicle	Located
Special Purpose Vehicle	1	1
Medium Goods Vehicle	1	1

3 motor vehicles were reported missing in Jan - Mar 2014, a decrease of 62.5% compared with 8 in Jan - Mar 2013. The vehicles stolen were mainly taken from roadside.

6. Deception

Period	Total
FEB - MAR 2014	54
FEB - MAR 2013	50
Jan - Mar 2014	90
Jan - Mar 2013	79

- (1) There were 54 Deception cases in FEB - MAR 2014, an increase of 8% compared with 50 in FEB - MAR 2013.
- (2) There were 90 Deception cases in Jan - Mar 2014, an increase of 13.9% compared with 79 in Jan - Mar 2013.
- (3) There were 21 Telephone Deception cases in FEB - MAR 2014, the usual method used by culprits were 'pretending as victim's relative or friend' and 'claiming to be detained due to involvement of vice activities or indebtedness'. There were 4 cases in which the culprits successfully deceived the victims and the total amount lost was HK\$184,243.

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- (4) There were 36 Telephone Deception cases in Jan - Mar 2014, representing an increase of 14 cases (+63.6%) when compared with 22 in Jan - Mar 2013.

2014	Telephone deception cases in Tuen Mun District												
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Reported cases	15	12	9										36
Successful deceived	4	3	1										8

2013	Telephone deception cases in Tuen Mun District												
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Reported cases	11	3	8	8	3	3	5	20	5	18	11	13	108
Successful deceived	5	1	4	2	0	1	2	4	2	6	6	3	36

7. Triad Related Crime²

Period	Blackmail & Criminal Intimidation	Wounding & Serious Assault	Unlawful Society Offences	Others	Total
FEB - MAR 2014	4	4	4	3	15
FEB - MAR 2013	0	2	1	9	12
Jan - Mar 2014	4	9	4	6	23
Jan - Mar 2013	0	6	2	9	17

- (1) There were 15 Triad Related Crimes in FEB - MAR 2014, an increase of 25% compared with 12 in FEB - MAR 2013.
- (2) There were 23 Triad Related Crimes in Jan - Mar 2014, an increase of 35.3% compared with 17 in Jan - Mar 2013.

² Cases arising from triad activities or involving arrested persons who are of triad background are generally referred as triad related crimes. Triad-related crimes normally surface in the form of: Unlawful Society Offences, Wounding and Serious Assault, Blackmail, Criminal Intimidation, Arson and Criminal Damage etc.

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8. Domestic Violence / Domestic Incident

Period	Domestic Violence ³			Domestic ⁴ Incident
	Crime Cases	Miscellaneous Cases	Total	
FEB - MAR 2014	15	6	21	131
FEB - MAR 2013	19	6	25	190
Jan - Mar 2014	24	7	31	225
Jan - Mar 2013	25	9	34	292

- (1) 21 Domestic Violence cases were handled by the Police in FEB - MAR 2014, a decrease of 16% compared with 25 in FEB - MAR 2013. Of the 21 cases in FEB - MAR 2014, 15 were crime cases, a decrease of 21.1% compared with 19 crime cases in FEB - MAR 2013.
- (2) 31 Domestic Violence cases were handled by the Police in Jan - Mar 2014, a decrease of 8.8% compared with 34 in Jan - Mar 2013. Of the 31 cases in Jan - Mar 2014, 24 were crime cases, a decrease of 4% compared with 25 crime cases in Jan - Mar 2013.
- (3) 131 Domestic Incident cases were handled by the Police in FEB - MAR 2014, a decrease of 31.1% compared with 190 in FEB - MAR 2013.
- (4) 225 Domestic Incident cases were handled by the Police in Jan - Mar 2014, a decrease of 22.9% compared with 292 in Jan - Mar 2013.

³ For the purpose of police intervention, domestic violence is defined as any incident involving an assault, or a breach of the peace between parties who can generally be described as married or having a family relationship. This includes couples who are married, separated or divorced, and co-habitants or lovers having a lasting relationship. Miscellaneous cases refer to incidents of dispute, requests for Police assistance / investigation, etc. that involve a breach of the peace.

⁴ Domestic Incident refers to all cases of trouble, which have not developed into actual violence (e.g. requests for police assistance, drunkenness, etc.). This classification was introduced in January 2009 to facilitate identification of problem couples or partners for early intervention. Like other Domestic Violence categories, Domestic Incidents are included in the "Enhanced Central Domestic Violence Database" which has a system to alert investigating officer of cases of potential risk for early referral to Social Welfare Department for assistance. The existing definitions and handling procedures of Domestic Violence crime and miscellaneous cases remain unchanged.

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9. Youth Crime Arrest

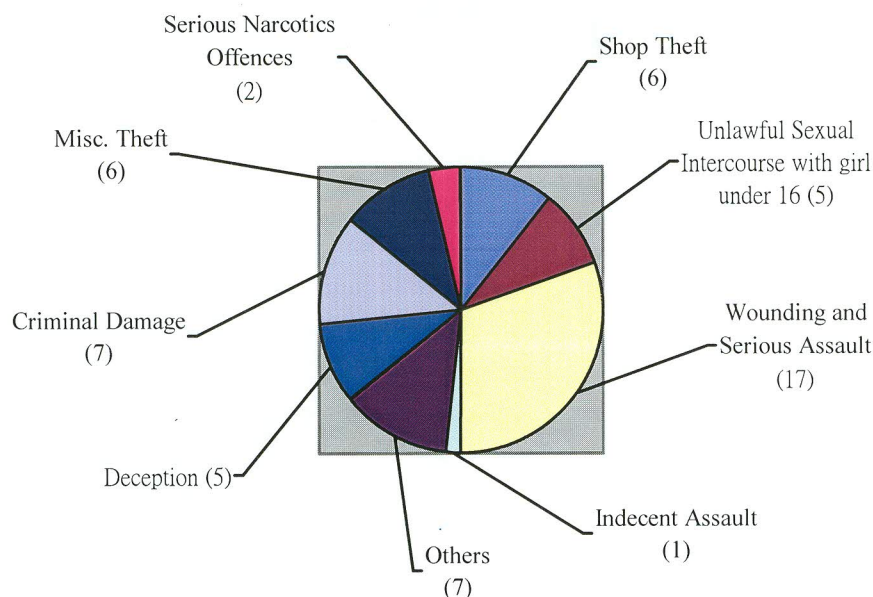
- a) Juveniles (aged 10-15)
- b) Young Persons (aged 16-20)

Number of Offenders Arrested for Crime

Period	Number of Offenders Arrested for Crime	Juveniles (Aged 10-15)	Young Persons (Aged 16-20)
FEB - MAR 2014	273	18	38
FEB - MAR 2013	302	26	38
Jan - Mar 2014	459	37	67
Jan - Mar 2013	457	39	50

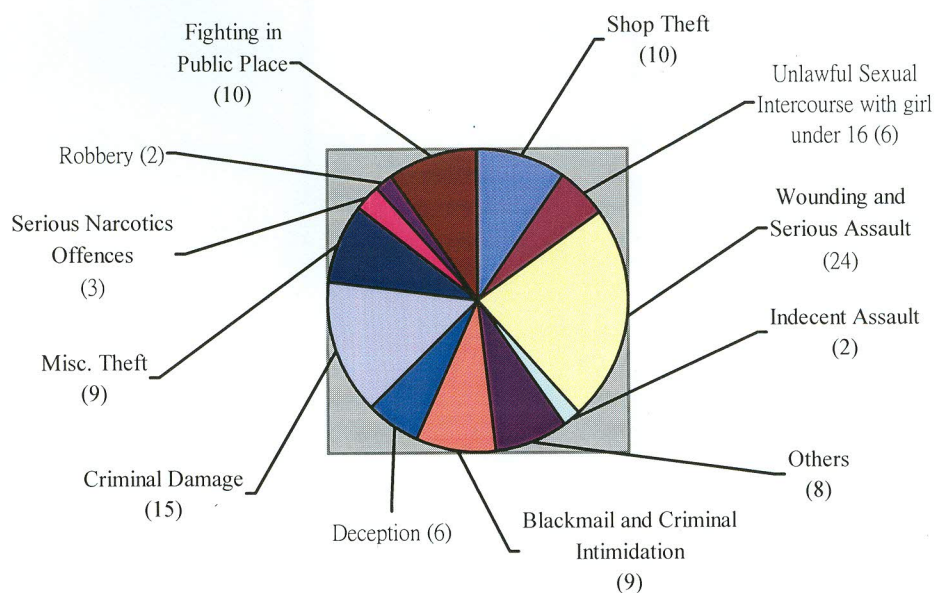
- (1) 273 offenders were arrested for crimes in FEB - MAR 2014, a decrease of 9.6% compared with 302 in FEB - MAR 2013.
- (2) 18 Juveniles (aged between 10 and 15) were arrested for crimes in FEB - MAR 2014, a decrease of 30.8% compared with 26 in FEB - MAR 2013. 38 Young Persons (aged between 16 and 20) were arrested for crimes in FEB - MAR 2014, same as in FEB - MAR 2013.

(3) Crimes Committed by Juvenile and Youth in Tuen Mun Police District in FEB - MAR 2014.



- (4) 459 offenders were arrested for crimes in Jan - Mar 2014, an increase of 0.4% compared with 457 in Jan - Mar 2013.
- (5) 37 Juveniles (aged between 10 and 15) were arrested for crimes in Jan - Mar 2014, a decrease of 5.1% compared with 39 in Jan - Mar 2013. 67 Young Persons (aged between 16 and 20) were arrested for crimes in Jan - Mar 2014, an increase of 34% compared with 50 in Jan - Mar 2013.

(6) Crimes Committed by Juvenile and Youth in Tuen Mun Police District in Jan – Mar 2014.



(7) The figures of Juveniles and Young offenders are not an indicator of the actual level of crimes involving juveniles and young persons, but only detected crimes known to involve juveniles and young persons.

III. OTHER CRIMES OF DISTRICT’S CONCERN

1. Debt Collection Related Crimes

Period	Total
FEB - MAR 2014	12
FEB - MAR 2013	10
Jan - Mar 2014	21
Jan - Mar 2013	14

- (1) There were 12 Debt Collection Related Crimes in FEB - MAR 2014, representing an increase of 20% compared with 10 in FEB - MAR 2013.
- (2) There were 21 Debt Collection Related Crimes in Jan - Mar 2014, an increase of 50% compared with 14 in Jan - Mar 2013.

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2. Indecent Assault

Period	Total
FEB - MAR 2014	5
FEB - MAR 2013	15
Jan - Mar 2014	13
Jan - Mar 2013	24

- (1) There were 5 Indecent Assault cases in FEB - MAR 2014, representing a decrease of 66.7% compared with 15 in FEB - MAR 2013. The majority of cases which were committed by strangers took place in the streets (2 cases) and inside LRT / West Rail compartments (2 cases).
- (2) There were 13 Indecent Assault cases in Jan - Mar 2014, a decrease of 45.8% compared with 24 in Jan - Mar 2013.

3. Technology Crimes⁵

Period	Total
FEB - MAR 2014	35
FEB - MAR 2013	30
Jan - Mar 2014	53
Jan - Mar 2013	39

- (1) There were 35 Technology Crimes in FEB - MAR 2014, an increase of 16.7% compared with 30 in FEB - MAR 2013. The increases in Technology Crimes were largely due to “Naked Chat” cases (+166.7%); and “On-line shopping” cases (+83.3%).

⁵ For ease of reference and in order to maintain accurate Force Statistics on cyber crime trends, technology crime offences are grouped into four main categories : (a) online game related offences; (b) unauthorized access to computer (e.g. computer hacking, Internet/email account abuse); (c) online business fraud (e.g. e-auction fraud, online shopping fraud, credit card misuse, etc); and (d) others (e.g. child pornography, sexual offences and criminal intimidation, etc).

- (2) There were 53 Technology Crimes in Jan - Mar 2014, an increase of 35.9% compared with 39 in Jan - Mar 2013.

IV. OTHER MATTERS OF INTEREST OR CASE HIGHLIGHTS

- Nil -