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### **CRIME RATE FALLS 33 PERCENT IN TEMPLE TERRACE**

**TEMPLE TERRACE, FL. – (4/23/14)** – The City of Temple Terrace has experienced a 33 percent drop in major crimes over the past five years, making it one of the safest cities in the region, according to a new report by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement.

The FDLE released its 2013 Uniform Crime Report during a news conference in Tampa on Wednesday. Temple Terrace continued its trend of falling crime rates, the report shows. The City saw a 2.7 percent drop in major crimes in 2013 compared to 2012, making it the fifth year in a row in which crime rates have fallen citywide.

Temple Terrace Police Chief Ken Albano, who is president of the Tampa Bay Area Chiefs of Police Association, spoke at Wednesday's news conference, along with Florida Gov. Rick Scott, FDLE Commissioner Gerald Bailey and Hillsborough County Sheriff David Gee.

Albano said Temple Terrace has found success with a "tried and true common-sense approach to serving our community. We park our cars, get out in the community on foot, listen to the concerns of our citizens, and work in partnership with our community to make Temple Terrace an 'Amazing City' to live, work and play."

Albano also acknowledged the close working relationship the Temple Terrace Police Department enjoys with other area law-enforcement agencies, saying "we are all the stronger for it."

FDLE's figures show that crime dropped statewide as a whole in 2013. Florida's crime rate fell 4.7 percent in 2013, while Hillsborough County witnessed a 6.4 percent decline.

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