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Cedar Falls Crime Drops 7.8% City Experiences 42% Fewer Fires. No Homicides or Fire Deaths in 2018.

In 2018 crime in Cedar Falls dropped 7.8% with 2,134 reportable crimes. Police calls increased by 2.5% to 18,156 and arrests increased 6.6% with 972 arrests. Calls to fire scenes were reduced by 42%. No homicides or fatal fires occurred in 2018.

Police Stats

FBI statistics show that Cedar Falls is a much safer community when compared to the average crime rate in Iowa or the US. FBI stats shows violent crime rates in Cedar Falls are significantly less at 23% the national average.

Some of the categories and their changes are listed below.

Category	2017	2018	Change
Vandalism	191	143	-25.1%
Drug Offenses	126	112	-11.1%
Forgery/Fraud/CC	217	149	-31.1%
Assault	165	137	-16.9%
OWI	114	133	+16.7%

Fire Stats

Fire saw a total of 1,787 calls, a reduction from 2017. 1,024 calls were rescue/medical related. False alarms, cancelled calls and good intent calls totaled 492 calls. Service calls, such as unlocks or odor removal totaled 123 calls. The City had a low number of serious fires, only 5 serious structure fires. The fire category with the most fires was car fires with 13.

Category	2017	2018	Change
Fires (Grass, Rubbish, Dumpsters, Bldgs, Cars)	78	45	-42.3%
Medical Assists/Rescue	1,437	1,024	-28.7%
False Alarms	274	270	-1.5%
Cancelled/Good Intent	340	222	-34.7%
Service Calls	99	123	+24.2%

“We are fortunate to live in a city with low crime, a low number of fires and steady growth. We have a great team of public safety employees that are working together to increase our prevention and response efforts through a council approved cross-trained public safety model. Cedar Falls remains to be a great city to work, live and do business.” says Mayor Jim Brown.

Jeff Olson
Public Safety Director / Police Chief

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A criminal charge is an accusation and the Defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty.