



Latest crime figures for the MPS

Statistics cover the period March 2008 to February 2009 compared to March 2007 to February 2008.

- ↴ Total crime has fallen by 26,763 offences or 3.1%
- ↴ Most serious violence and assault with injury has fallen by 1,954 offences or 2.7%
- ↴ Youth violence* has fallen by 2,163 offences or 10.4%
- ↴ Robberies have dropped by 5,462 offences or 14.4%
- ↴ Motor-vehicle crimes are down by 10,951 offences or 9.1%
- ↴ Gun crime has fallen by 755 offences or 25.8%
- ↴ Residential burglary is down by 912 offences or 1.5%
- ↴ Knife crime* is down by 1,689 offences or 12.9%

View the latest crime figures for London at: www.met.police.uk/crimefigures.

Live web chat promotes Safer Neighbourhoods to young people

Choice FM's DJ Jigs hosted a live web chat with Deputy Assistant Commissioner Rod Jarman, to give listeners the chance to ask questions about policing in the capital. The main purpose of the web chat, held after the DJ's drive-time show, was to increase awareness and understanding among young people about Safer Neighbourhoods. The online conversation covered a range of issues concerning people in their local area.

New counter-terrorism advertising campaign calls on Londoners to be vigilant

Londoners are being asked to trust their instincts and report suspicious behaviour to help combat terrorist activity in the latest counter-terrorism advertising campaign. The campaign aims to raise awareness of the Anti-Terrorist Hotline and gives the public examples of suspicious activity and behaviour, which may be related to terrorism. The public are encouraged to report these confidentially to the Anti-Terrorist Hotline, where specialist officers will take their call. The campaign running across England and Wales uses London media, including press and radio, and posters at Tube and rail stations.

View the campaign at: www.met.police.uk/campaigns/counter_terrorism/index.htm.

Property industry joins forces with the Met in the fight against fraud

Following the success of its groundbreaking industry fraud forums, the Met has now launched a forum for the property industry, Property Forum Action for Safe Transactions (PFAST). PFAST sees major stakeholders in the property industry, including the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS), coming together to educate the industry about the pitfalls of fraud and to strengthen its anti-fraud measures. By improving industry standards and increasing co-operation, PFAST seeks to raise consumer confidence by allowing people to make informed choices about buying or renting property.

Link, Crimestoppers and DCPCU join forces to crack down on cash-machine crime

LINK, the UK's cash-machine network, has announced a partnership with Crimestoppers to offer rewards for information relating to cash-machine crime. The partnership aims to support police officers from the Met and City of London who work in the Dedicated Cheque and Plastic Crime Unit (DCPCU) in their fight to tackle this sort of crime. Since its inception in April 2002, the DCPCU has been responsible for more than £230 million in savings from reduced fraud activity. The DCPCU is fully sponsored by the banking industry through APACS, the UK payments association.

*Over an eleven-month comparison