



### **Latest crime figures for the MPS**

Statistics compare the period October 2008 - September 2009 with October 2007 - September 2008. View the latest crime figures for London at: [www.met.police.uk/crimefigures](http://www.met.police.uk/crimefigures).

- ↓ Total notifiable offences are down by 13,299 offences or 1.6%
- ↓ Most serious violence and assault with injury has decreased by 280 offences or 0.4%
- ↓ Motor vehicle crimes are down by 10,830 offences or 9.5%
- ↓ The number of homicides has reduced by 28 offences or 17.9%
- ↓ Knife crime is down by 1,520 offences or 11.2%
- ↓ The number of victims of youth violence has reduced by 1,840 or 8.4%
- ↑ Burglary has gone up by 2,917 offences or 5%

### **Crime in London remains at ten-year low**

Crime in London is at its lowest level in ten years, according to figures for the first six months of this financial year. They show that overall crime has fallen by a further 1.2 per cent compared to the same period last year, equating in real terms to over 5,000 fewer victims of crime. This drop follows a reduction of 18,621 in total offences over the course of the financial year 2008-09. The figures are mostly positive. The most significant reductions have been in homicide. Youth violence and knife crime both continue to fall. 487 fewer young people have been victims of violence since April. However, there are some areas where there is an emerging upward trend. There has been a rise in residential burglary and gun crime compared to the same period last year. Although the rise in gun crime is in the context of a 25 per cent reduction during the last financial year, the current trend is being addressed. Gun crime and burglary are both the subject of extensive operational activity. The financial year to date figures show that rape is up by 233 offences. Rape investigation now comes under a new single command and the MPS is working to improve victim confidence in police and encourage more reporting.

### **Over 250 arrests made in week-long activity to drive out youth and gang-related violence**

Police made a total of 257 arrests in a series of raids across London to reduce the number of young people killed and injured. The intelligence-led operation was part of the Met's continued drive under Blunt 2 to tackle violence against young people, and to take lethal weapons out of the community. Officers seized knives, guns, ammunition, drugs and £23,000 cash. They also disrupted many gangs and groups.

### **Operation Bumblebee advertising campaign launched**

'To stop a burglar, you need to think like one' is the message from the Met's latest marketing campaign. The campaign, runs from 19 October to 1 November, and reminds Londoners of simple steps they can take to help make their home secure. The pan-London advertising features radio and outdoor adverts and takes place at a particularly important time of the year, when people often feel more concerned about burglary, as it gets darker earlier. The campaign supports MPS Operation Bumblebee activity which targets burglars. Londoners are encouraged to visit [www.metbumblebee.org](http://www.metbumblebee.org) for further advice.

### **Police crackdown on class A drug supply**

Police took part in a string of raids at a number of addresses in London to stop the supply of class A drugs. Officers made 12 arrests and seized what is believed to be crack-cocaine with a street value of approximately £80,000. £17,000 of cash was also recovered. The raids followed an 18-month operation, which the MPS anticipates will have a significant impact on drug-related crime.

