



Latest crime figures for the MPS :

(Statistics cover the period December 2007 – November 2008, compared to December 2006 – November 2007)

- ⇓ Total crime has fallen by over 33,000 offences or 3.8%
- ⇓ Robberies are down by over 7,400 offences or 18.3%
- ⇓ Motor vehicle crimes have fallen by over 8,600 offences or 7.1%
- ⇓ Knife crime is down by nearly 1250 offences or 13.1% *
- ⇓ Gun crime has fallen by over 750 offences or 25.4%
- ⇓ Residential burglary has fallen by over 1,000 offences or 1.7%

Met is gearing up for New Year's Eve

As Londoners get ready to see in 2009, the Met is gearing up for one of its busiest nights of the year. A policing operation will be in place to support the GLA at the fireworks display in central London. Sadly, not everyone sets out just for a fun night. There are criminals who will use the cover of crowds to commit crime. Part of the Met's policing plan on New Year's Eve includes podiums that provide officers with a bird's eye view of crowds and allow them to watch out for criminals. For crime prevention tips, visit www.met.police.uk.

Operation Argon aims to make clubs safer

Don't let the festive fun end in a funeral has been the message from the Met as it took to the streets in a massive operation aimed at keeping guns and knives out of clubs and pubs this festive season. The operation – codenamed Argon – has targeted problem clubs and pubs and deterred people from carrying weapons into premises. Operation Argon will run until 3 January 2009.

Life for London and Glasgow car bomber

Dr Bilal Abdulla was jailed for a minimum of 32 years on Wednesday 17 December after being found guilty of planting two car bombs in the heart of London and an attempted suicide attack at Glasgow Airport. He was found guilty of conspiracy to murder and conspiracy to cause explosions of a nature likely to endanger life.

Rachel Nickell murder

Robert Napper was sentenced to a hospital order for the rest of his life on Thursday 18 December, after pleading guilty to the manslaughter, on grounds of diminished responsibility, of Rachel Nickell in 1992. The Met began a major re-investigation into her murder in 2001.

Burglary prevention campaign 2008

The MPS has launched an anti-burglary advertising campaign to remind Londoners of the simple steps they can take to make their home secure. The publicity campaign supports MPS operational activity, which has been successfully targeting known and wanted burglars across London.

*Comparison period April – November 2008