



Latest crime figures for the MPS

Statistics cover the period February 2008 to January 2009, compared to February 2007 to January 2008.

- ↓ Total crime has fallen by 22,661 offences or 2.6%
- ↓ Most serious violence and assault with injury has fallen by over 1,900 offences or 2.6%
- ↓ Robberies are down by 6,405 offences or 16.5%
- ↓ Youth violence* is down by 1,914 offences or 10.1%
- ↓ Motor vehicle crimes are down by 9,552 offences or 7.9%
- ↓ Knife crime* is down by over 1,600 offences or 13.7%
- ↓ Gun crime has fallen by 689 offences or 23.7%

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

Operation Blunt 2

Tackling knife crime in London continues to be a top priority for the Met. Under Operation Blunt 2 the Met is focusing resources on key places and times of the day and has stepped up post-school patrols to reduce the risk of serious violence and to provide reassurance to young people and the wider community. Since Blunt 2 was launched last May, officers have searched more than 230,000 people for knives or other lethal weapons, conducted thousands of weapon sweeps, recovered more than 4,500 knives and arrested more than 8,000 people for offences related to knife crime.

Campaign aims to inspire young people to help improve their community

'Which issues should your Safer Neighbourhoods team (SNT) tackle? You decide...'

This is the empowering message behind the latest Met SNT campaign, which aims to inspire youngsters to help improve their local areas. The campaign uses a reality-TV style, which has been chosen to engage with boys and girls aged from 11 to 17 in a fun way, underlining that their views really do matter to police. The publicity materials used in the campaign depict examples of three situations that young people have told police typically cause them concerns: dark alleys, intimidating groups and safety on their journeys home from school or college. View the campaign at:

http://www.met.police.uk/campaigns/you_decide/you_decide.htm

Travel industry joins forces with Met in the fight against fraud

The Met has launched a new counter-fraud forum to combat fraud in the travel industry. The Met's Operation Sterling set up Prevention of Fraud in Travel (PROFiT), following the success of its groundbreaking fraud forums for other industries. PROFIT sees stakeholders in travel coming together to educate the industry about fraud and anti-fraud measures. Read more about the work Operation Sterling is doing to combat fraud at www.met.police.uk/fraudalert.

Safer Transport teams tackle crime and disorder on popular route

Safer Transport teams in Barnet, Hillingdon and Harrow have been working together to tackle crime and disorder on the entire length of a transport route that crosses all of their areas. The operation, which focused on the Underground, buses and transport hubs, was in response to concerns by operators and users who had experienced a higher than average level of crime. Police officers and PCSOs joined forces with revenue-protection inspectors. They issued 45 penalty fares, undertook 239 stop and searches and made seven arrests, ranging from immigration offences to possession of drugs with intent to supply.

*Over a ten-month comparison