



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

Statistics cover the period June 2008 to May 2009 compared to June 2007 to May 2008.

- ↓ Total notifiable offences are down by 14,515 offences or 1.7%
- ↓ Robberies have dropped by over 3,000 offences or 8.4%
- ↓ Motor-vehicle crime is down by 11,308 offences or 9.6%
- ↓ The number of homicides has reduced by 21 or 12.6%
- ↓ Knife crime is down by 1,478 offences or 10.7%
- ↓ The number of victims of youth violence has fallen by 2,450 or 10.9%

View the latest crime figures for London at: [www.met.police.uk/crimefigures](http://www.met.police.uk/crimefigures)

### **Single patrols to increase police presence**

The MPS is boosting visible police presence in London's communities, with a higher number of patrols in town centres. This is largely down to the introduction of officers single patrolling where appropriate. The MPS is also looking at ensuring officers in non-operational roles are patrolling where possible. The Commissioner, Sir Paul Stephenson, is driving this commitment which is aimed at boosting public confidence by making officers more visible and, as a result, more accessible to the public. A difference is already being made. In May there were, on average, 5.5 extra patrols per day in each borough - around 176 extra patrols across London per day. The MPS is aiming to have ten extra patrols a day in each borough, and is looking at ways to release more officers and recruit more Specials to do this. This should lead to about 64,000 extra patrols each year.

### **Met raids across London crack down on youth violence**

Raids across the capital to tackle youth violence saw 259 arrests in one day. The intelligence-led operation was the biggest of its kind under Operation Blunt 2, the Met's drive to combat knife crime. The operation targeted people suspected of being involved in violence against other young people - many of them involved in gangs. Since the launch of Blunt 2 just over a year ago police have recovered 5,748 knives and arrested more than 10,800 people for knife-related offences. More than 300,000 stop and searches have taken place.

### **Crime on London buses continues to fall**

Crime on buses in London has reduced by 18% since last year. The figures were unveiled at the launch of the 32<sup>nd</sup> team dedicated to patrolling transport hubs across London. The teams, each made up of about nine police officers and PCSOs, are jointly funded by TfL and the MPS. They provide high visibility and locally accountable policing at busy transport interchanges and stations across the capital.

### **Tackling drugs week nets more than £1m of drugs**

Police made more than 65 arrests and seized more than £1million of drugs during National Tackling Drugs Week. Safer Neighbourhoods teams and specialist squads such as Trident were involved, tackling drug-related crime at all levels. Police also organised activities aimed at preventing drug crime including educational visits to schools and engagement with local residents about the impact of drugs in their area.