



Latest crime figures for the MPS (statistics cover the period January to December 2009, compared to January to December 2008)

- ⇓ Total crime has fallen by almost 19,282 offences or 2.3% and is at its lowest level in 10 years
- ⇓ Robbery is down by 241 offences or 0.7%
- ⇓ Motor vehicle crimes are down by 12,768 offences or 11.4%
- ⇓ Knife crime is down by 1,037 or 7.9%
- ⇓ Serious acquisitive crime is down by 9,544 or 4.7%
- ⇓ Road fatalities are down by 18 or 8.8%
- ⇓ Homicide is down by 25 or 16.1%

Crime in London remains at ten year low

Figures released for the calendar year 2009 show crime in London at its lowest level in ten years. The latest crime statistics show total offences in the capital are at their lowest since at least 1999, with nearly 20,000 fewer victims of crime in 2009 than 2008. Overall, crime continues to fall, however, the MPS is not complacent. There remain challenging areas, and officers will continue to tackle those challenges head on. Key areas are: rape, gun crime, burglary, homophobic crime and personal robbery.

New Safer Neighbourhoods (SN) advertising campaign is launched

A four-week pan-London SN advertising campaign was launched in mid January to raise Londoners' awareness and understanding of SN teams and their role. "Walking is working" is the theme of the campaign which will be advertised on posters in high streets, on bus shelters, radio and two advertising vans which will travel around London. The campaign shows that by walking the streets officers get to know the community, find out about and deal with local issues. It reiterates their success at tackling the issues that matter most at a local level.

Operational work to support SN advertising campaign is launched

Officers on boroughs have been supporting the above campaign, 'Working is Walking'. For example, PCSOs from Petts Wood and Knoll SN team will be calling at all residential addresses in the wards, offering burglary crime prevention advice. Officers from the 18 SN teams in Sutton borough are visiting a 'street-a-week'. They are halfway through their initiative to make residents and businesses aware of their local police team and the work they are doing in the area. Bexley SN teams have also started a 'street a week' scheme where they speak to residents, to find out what their concerns are and let them know what they are currently doing in the area.

Over 1000 people arrested in crack-down on drink drug driving

Over 1,000 people were arrested as part of the MPS' Christmas crackdown on drink and drug driving. The operation, took place from 1st - 31st December 2009. Traffic officers teamed up with their borough colleagues to conduct breath tests on motorists suspected of being over the alcohol limit.