



Latest crime figures for the MPS (statistics cover November 2007 – October 2008 compared to the previous 12-month period).

- ⇓ Total crime is down by 4.3% and is now at its lowest level for 10 years.
- ⇓ Most serious violence and assault with injury has fallen by 2,190 offences or 2.9%
- ⇓ Robberies are down 7,993 offences or 19.3%
- ⇓ Knife crime is down by nearly 1,000 offences or 11.9% (over a seven month comparison)
- ⇓ Gun crime has fallen by 759 offences or 24.8%
- ⇓ Motor vehicle crime has also fallen by 8,297 or 6.8%.

Operation Athena.

Met officers carried out raids across London on 25 November to target the perpetrators of domestic, homophobic and race hate crime. Operation Athena, now in its ninth year, sets out to transfer the fear onto violent offenders while encouraging more victims to come forward. The raids took place on 'White Ribbon Day', a global campaign to challenge violence against women, and the start of 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence. It also coincides with the introduction of the Forced Marriage (Civil Protection) Act 2007 aimed at protecting the victims or potential victims of forced marriages.

Operation Noel and Operation Ridgeway 2 are launched.

The Met has launched two crime prevention operations in the run up to Christmas. Operational Noel is running across Westminster to tackle crime in the West End of London, whilst Operation Ridgeway 2 will provide reassurance to the travelling public, tackle pickpockets, and reduce crime levels on bus networks across London.

Christmas Drink and Drug Driving campaign

The Met will be supporting the ACPO annual Christmas Drink and Drug Driving campaign. The campaign will run from 1 December 2008 until 1 Jan 2009 and will see Met officers undertaking enforcement activities right across London.

14 arrested following Special Intelligence Section raids.

Officers from the Met's Special Intelligence Section (SIS), assisted by local officers arrested 14 people on 21 November, in connection with the large-scale importation of cannabis. The pro-active operation targeted 35 addresses in London, Kent, Surrey and Thames Valley. Eleven men have now been charged and three have been bailed to return at a later date.

New Trident ad campaign: RESPECT. You don't need a gun to get it

Trident have joined forces with MTV, Choice FM and Kiss FM to launch a publicity campaign promoting the message that you don't need a gun to get respect. The campaign uses credible role models to target young people in the black community, highlighting positive ways to get respect from their peers.

Visit <http://www.stoptheguns.org> to view the full campaign.