

LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT
ANNUAL REPORT 2009



“ TO PROTECT AND TO SERVE ”

MISSION STATEMENT

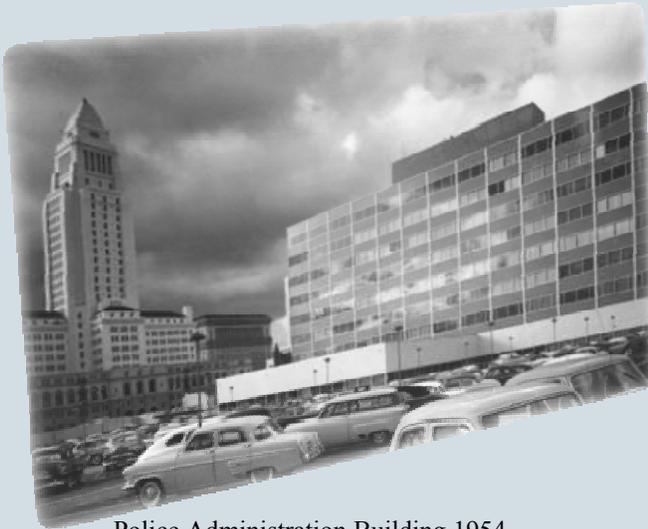
It is the mission of the Los Angeles Police Department to safeguard the lives and property of the people we serve, to reduce the incidence and fear of crime, and to enhance public safety while working with the diverse communities to improve their quality of life. Our mandate is to do so with honor and integrity, while at all times conducting ourselves with the highest ethical standards to maintain public confidence.



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*To the Members of the community:
Presented here is the overview of the year 2009*

Indeed, this is a momentous time for the men and women of the Department. The year 2009 marks the Department's 140th year of dedicated service to the community and leadership in the law enforcement profession. It is also the year that we have been released from the Federal Consent Decree; experienced the grand openings of the Real-Time Analysis and Critical Response Division, the new Olympic, Topanga, and Hollenbeck police stations; and completed construction on our new police headquarters. This is a year of celebrated accomplishments and progressive change as Department personnel utilize our state-of-the-art facilities and accommodations.



Police Administration Building 1954



New Police Administration Building 2009



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The 54th Chief of Police Says Goodbye



When you love what you do, when you love the people you get to do it with, and when you love the way you do it, there is never a good time to leave. But there is a right time and for me, personally and professionally, now is the right time.

Almost 7 years ago, I had the honor and privilege to be named as Chief of Police of the LAPD. It was a very troubled organization in what was arguably a very troubled City. Working with former Mayor James Hahn and former Police Commission President Rick Caruso, we committed to do a number of things. We committed to reduce crime, fear, and disorder in this City because it had been increasing dramatically.

We committed in this post 9-11 era to make sure this City would be safe against potential terrorist acts when there was so much concern about being targeted, and we have succeeded. When I say 'we,' I mean the political leadership, the Mayor, City Council, and certainly the men and women of the LAPD, both civilian and sworn, who I get to work with. The residents of Los Angeles have supported us with their tax dollars, votes, and activism. We are succeeding in making this City one of the safest in America as it faces the perils of terrorism. In doing so we established the LAPD as one of the most widely respected law enforcement agencies in the world on issues of counter-terrorism.

We also committed to deal with the issue of the Consent Decree, the largest Consent Decree ever agreed to in the United States. While it took us longer than anticipated, within the last several months we finally achieved compliance. In achieving that compliance we established many nationally recognized and emulated best practices, policies, and procedures.

As we grew we were mindful to have the Department representative of the City it was policing. We are now a minority-majority Department. Our leadership team, our rank and file, and our civilian work staff reflect the many diverse races and ethnic groups of our City.

In closing, a thank you to the men and women of the LAPD. Through your exemplary and extraordinary hard work and commitment, I believe we have achieved great things. I will not be ridding off into the sunset as I will enjoy many more years of service but in a different capacity. You gave me an outstanding story to tell and I had the honor and privilege to tell it.



The 56th Chief of Police

Each morning when I wake up and put on this uniform, I am honored to be a member of the LAPD family, and now I'm honored to have been selected as the leader of this extraordinary family, its 56th Chief of Police.

To be a part of the history of this great organization in the capacity of Chief is humbling and I can honestly say, a bit overwhelming. But I would not have even considered applying for and pursuing the position had I not felt deep in my heart that I am truly the right person at the right time for this organization. I have been entrusted with the critical job of continuing to ingrain the many changes we have experienced over the past 7 years into the very DNA of this organization.



Change does not only take place at the top levels of any organization, but must also be embraced from the roots up, and in this Department, that means by the boots on the ground. I want to take the culture change that has occurred in the upper echelons of the Department and make it the core of our rank and file. I also believe that the only way an organization truly changes is by giving people the resources they need to do their jobs and then hold them accountable. That means putting more officers into the Areas. I want to give the Area Captains their own ability to manage their resources, put the authority where the accountability is.

The progress and transparency that has taken place over the past several years must be maintained and expanded. Although the leader is important to the LAPD, it takes a team of people to do the job. It is much too complicated for just one person. Chief Bratton did a tremendous job of building a team, but that doesn't mean we can't build something better. Think of it in these terms; expect an evolution, not a revolution. The selection of the Chief of Police is just that, a selection, it's not an election. The other candidates have not gone away and I intend to continue to utilize their talents and energies.

I will also work hard to convince our many diverse communities that their talents and energies are also critical to our success. The recent Harvard and LA Times polls make it clear, the people of Los Angeles like their Police Department and think you are doing a great job. That's the way it should be. The people of this City should be proud of and feel as if this is *their* Department. As your Chief, I will have an open line of communication with the different communities of this City to gain a better understanding of the views and opinions of how we protect and serve.

I will also continue the cause of increasing the size of this Department. We can never go back to the way we used to police, that thin blue line that focused only on response and enforcement. This needs to be the way we do business: collaboration and transparency. We must work with all of our communities and address their problems. I believe it starts at the patrol level, that is the primary service delivery vehicle and that is who shows up first.

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I also care about your views and opinions. I want each and every one of you to do well, to feel the same pride that I do to be a member of this policing family. I have 32 years of working the streets of this City and have learned that by visiting each of the stations, and talking to officers one on one; I can gauge your thinking about the future of the organization and your place in it. I don't want you to have to go through an extended learning curve like I did. I want each of you to progress and develop your careers through compressed evolution. I want to create and /maintain a common framework and shared vision that will include every Department employee, both sworn and civilian.

I know the ghosts of this Police Department's past, I lived them. In the 90's we did not always rise up to our abilities. We did not do what we should have done in some instances. Feeling the mixture of the pain and pride of our past, I want to convert former Chief Bratton's legacy into our Department's destiny. As an organization we are the bridge between our own past and our future.

Together, we will continue our commitment to reduce crime and the fear of crime, and making this City the safest in America. Through your continued exemplary hard work and commitment, we will achieve great things as we move forward. My message to you and what I always want you to remember is this, cops count - character counts; do the right thing and you can be the difference.

Thank You.

The following are the highlights of 2009. (The notation parentheses at the end of a bulleted item references a Department issued news release or newsletter article that will provide additional subject information)

LEADERSHIP

LAPD Chief William Bratton's good-bye letter to Department employees:

Chief Bratton writes a letter to his employees to thank and say goodbye for the past 7 years. (NR August 5)

Chief Charlie Beck sworn in as the 56th Chief of the Los Angeles Police Department:

Chief Charlie Beck was sworn in as the 56th Chief of the Los Angeles Police Department. While the ceremony will be traditional, the venue represents a dramatic change as this will be the first Police Chief swearing in ceremony held at the new Police Administration Building. (NR December 1, 2009)

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POLICE COMMISSION

The Police Commission holds several meetings to obtain the public's input for the next Chief of Police:

The Police Commission held the first of five meetings throughout the City to obtain public input for the next Chief of Police. (NR August 14)

John W. Mack elected President of the Los Angeles Police Commission. Andrea Sheridan Ordin Elected Vice President:

The members of the Los Angeles Police Commission elected John W. Mack as President and Andrea Sheridan Ordin as Vice President. (NR August 20)



Debra Wong Yang Police Commission newest member:

Debra Wong Yang assumed her post on the Los Angeles Police Commission. (October BEAT)

IN MEMORIAM

The death of an LAPD Deputy Chief:

The Los Angeles Police Department announced the death of 53-year-old Deputy Chief Kenneth O. Garner, Commanding Officer, South Bureau. (NR March 1, January Beat)



West Valley Area Community Police Station dedicates Memorial Monument to those who gave the ultimate sacrifice:

Department Personnel paid tribute to officers who gave the ultimate sacrifice. (NR, February 4, February BEAT)



Annual Memorial ceremony to honor LAPD Officers who made the ultimate sacrifice:

The rank and file of the LAPD, the community, and family members of fallen officers joined together to honor LAPD Officers killed in the line of duty. (NR April 29)

Scholarship Award Presentation in memory of fallen LAPD Officer:

This year the "HOPCOA Fallen Officer Scholarship" was presented in memory of fallen LAPD officer Filbert Henry Cuesta, who died in the line of duty on August 9, 1998. (NR September 19)



LAPD Metropolitan Division 2nd Annual Randy Simmons 5K Challenge Run:

Officer Simmons was a dedicated SWAT officer who devoted his off-duty time to helping youths in trouble. Simmons was fatally wounded as he entered a building. (NR October 28, October BEAT)

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COLLABORATIONS

Doing the hard right instead of the easy wrong, a positive problem solving dialog between Harbor Area Teens and LAPD Officers:

Teens will play a role in the problem solving process to reduce youth violence, gang prevention, and intervention with Police Officers. (NR March 27)

A Pro-Active Response to a Spike in Gang Crime:

The LAPD in cooperation with Local, State, and Federal Law Enforcement agencies joined forces to address a spike in violent gang crimes. (NR August 24)

TASK FORCE

Multi-Agency Task Force Combats Graffiti:

The LAPD joined forces with the Los Angeles School Police, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department, Immigration Customs Enforcement, Probation, Department of Children Services, and the Office of Beautification. (NR January 12)

Photo Shop, Fraud Shop:

The LAPD and the Department of Homeland Security, in a multi-agency task force, served a search warrant at the Joy Photo Shop. An on-going investigation in the area of MacArthur Park related to the manufacturing and distribution of fraudulent California Drivers License and Identification Cards, "Green Cards," and Social Security Cards. (NR June 24)

Operation Treadstone Dealt a Blow to Gang Operations:

Federal, State and local Law Enforcement Officers completed an 18 month investigation into the criminal gang operations. The investigation resulted in the arrests of 34 members or associates. (NR July 24)

Significant Multi-Agency Effort Culminates in Numerous Arrests Suspects Involved in Wide Array of Felonies:

A multi-agency operation in a seven-month gang/murder investigation lead to the arrest of multiple suspects. (NR July 9)

Multi Agency Effort to Bring Two Violent Gang members to Justice:

The FBI and the State Department along with the LAPD arrested two brothers from an Asian gang who were responsible for a series of murders in one of the largest multi-defendant death penalty cases in California history. (NR July 10)

Multi Agency Strike Force Operation:

A multi agency strike force operation was formed to help ensure traffic management, commercial truck safety, effective and efficient intermodal container inspections, and homeland security issues. (NR November 12)

NEW BUILDINGS



Topanga Station Opens its Doors:

Chief Bratton along with other dignitaries conducted a formal uniform inspection to Topanga's new personnel and station. (NR January 7)

Olympic Station Opens its Doors:

The Los Angeles Police Department invited the media and the community to meet the men and women assigned to LAPD's 21st police station. (NR January 14)



Hollenbeck Station becomes operational:

The Hollenbeck Area Community Police Station officially became operational at its new location. (NR July 8)

The Grand Opening of the new facility for Real-Time Analysis and Critical Response Division:

The 84,000 square-foot facility is environmentally efficient and designed to withstand a magnitude 8.0 earthquake and features blast-resistant exterior surfaces. (NR September 15)



LAPD welcomes the new Police Administration Building:

The LAPD celebrated their grand opening of the new Public Administration Building. (NR October 24, October BEAT)

A Ribbon Cutting ceremony of the Harbor Area Station and Its 100th Year Anniversary:

Harbor Area Replacement Station, celebrated their new police station, a 50,000 square foot "state-of-the-art" facility. (NR April 23, April BEAT)

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POST 911

Chief Bratton travels to Jordan for a meeting with King Abdullah II:

Chief William J. Bratton left for a trip to Amman, Jordan, where he met with his Majesty King Abdullah II to discuss various topics, including law enforcement, security, counter-terrorism, criminal intelligence, community policing tactics, and philosophies. (NR January 23)

21st Century version of Neighborhood Watch engages communities in fight against terrorism:

iWatch is designed to enable members of the public to help protect their communities by identifying and reporting suspicious behaviors that have been known to be used by terrorists. (NR October 3)



AWARDS

Chief Bratton receives award from the Harlem Globetrotter at the Police Academy magnet school:

Chief Bratton was presented with a Globetrotter team jersey during a special "hands on" clinic presentation. (NR February 4)

25 LAPD Officers awarded the distinguished Medal of Valor for exceptional heroism:

Chief William J. Bratton presented the Department's highest honor to Officers. (NR May 20). The Los Angeles Dodgers paid tribute to the winners of the award during a pre-game ceremony. (NR September 15)

Chief Bratton honored by Queen Elizabeth II:

Chief William J. Bratton was honored by Queen Elizabeth II with the honorary title of Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire. (NR June 4)

Chief Bratton receives Penrith Award:

Chief William J. Bratton received the prestigious Penrith Award after being chosen by a selection committee comprised of previous Penrith Award recipients. (June 10)

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MILESTONES

LAPD celebrates their 140th anniversary:

The Department welcomes a new year and a new decade in LAPD history (January BEAT)



LAPD Motor Officer Centennial Celebration:

LAPD motorcycle officers celebrated their 100 years of service to the City of Los Angeles with a public event. (NR September 29)



Harvard University concludes a decade-long study of LAPD's practices of leadership, governance, use of force and discipline:

This study began in November 2008 and was designed to examine the change in the LAPD over the past 10 years. (NR May 18)

LAPD reaches milestone with the number of active-duty officers:

The LAPD and the Mayor's Office acknowledged the highest number of active police officers in the Department's history. (NR March 2)

TECHNOLOGY

LAPD reaches communities world-wide by launching two new features:

The LAPD announced the "point and click" launch to translate more than 14,000 pages of information into 14 languages and introduce and showcase the website's new sports page. (January BEAT)



LAPD progress report on sexual assault evidence kit backlog:

LAPD detectives have accomplished the most comprehensive review of frozen storage evidence in the history of the LAPD. (NR February 9)

LAPD and U.S. Department of Homeland Security uses new Technology at the Academy Awards Show:

The LAPD, in a collaborative effort with the Department of Homeland Security, unveiled an expansion of the new DHS aerial technology system that will be used for the first time. (NR February 20)

Medcat-LAPD's one-of-a-kind rescue vehicle:

The Medcat is a unique and versatile vehicle that was custom designed. (NR February 8)



L.A. City Councilman Reyes donates T3 Vehicles:

LAPD receives six T3 personal mobility vehicles. These vehicles are practical, which will enhance public safety. (NR February 11)

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HIGH PROFILE



R&B Entertainer under investigation for domestic violence:

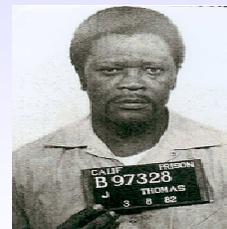
R&B Entertainer Chris Brown turned himself in to authorities at the LAPD Wilshire Division. (NR February 8)

USC student killed by a hit & run driver, suspect caught:

Two University of Southern California students were walking in a marked crosswalk when they were hit. The woman who is suspected of fatally hitting the two students and leaving the scene was caught by LAPD (NR, March 3, NR April 3)

Arrest of suspected southland strangler serial killer:

Robbery Homicide Detectives announced the arrest of a 72-year-old man who has been positively linked to two LAPD Cold Case homicides. (NR April 29)



The Death of Michael Jackson:

The LAPD responded to the Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center and a private residence in West Los Angeles as a result of the death of Michael Jackson. (NR June 26)

LAPD assists with Michael Jackson's Memorial Services:

Two weeks after his death, Michael Jackson's memorial was held at Staples Center. (July BEAT)



Lily Burk, a 17-year-old murder victim found downtown, suspect caught hours later:

LAPD received a call of a young woman's body in a parked car near skid row. 50-year-old Charlie Samuel of Los Angeles was arrested for the murder of the 17-year-old girl. (NR July 25, July 26)

Stepfather being sought as suspect for child abuse/homicide:

Officers and paramedics found the body of a deceased 6-year-old boy with multiple unexplained injuries to his body. (NR July 29)

Michael Jackson Death investigation updated:

The Los Angeles County Coroner's Office released their findings on the cause and manner of the death of Michael Jackson. (NR August 28)

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EVENTS

First Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast Celebration:

The first of what is expected to be an annual event celebrated the life, legacy, and vision of civil rights leader Martin Luther King, Jr., and it commemorated a transformative partnership between the LAPD and LA's African American community. (NR January 15)

Los Angeles Mayor and Chief Bratton Announce 2009 Gang Initiatives and Crime Strategies:

The 2009 crime fighting strategies on gangs. The coordinated approach included education, prevention, intervention, suppression, prosecution, incarceration, and reintegration. (NR January 28)



1,696 Weapons taken into Police Custody During LAPD's participation in the Citywide Gun Buyback Program:

Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa launched the Citywide Gun Buyback program which rewarded residents of Los Angeles for their voluntary surrender of firearms to the LAPD. (NR May 11, April BEAT)

Hollywood Rolls Out the Blue Carpet for Safety:

Chief Bratton announced the deployment of additional officers and resources to the Hollywood area to continue the reduction of crime and to increase the quality of life for those who work, live, and visit the entertainment capital of the world. (NR August 4)



Stamp honors legendary Television Show "Dragnet":

The United States Post Office introduced and sold the new Dragnet postage stamp. Stamp collectors, Dragnet fans, and the community were invited to the historic Los Angeles Police Academy in Elysian Park for a celebration to commemorate the Dragnet stamp's first day of sale. (NR August 11)

Sunshine Kids Annual Event:

LAPD transported 30 children who are seriously ill with cancer from the Sheraton Universal Hotel in Universal City to the Raleigh Studio in Hollywood. (NR September 3, October BEAT)



The Los Angeles Lakers win the 2009 Championship:

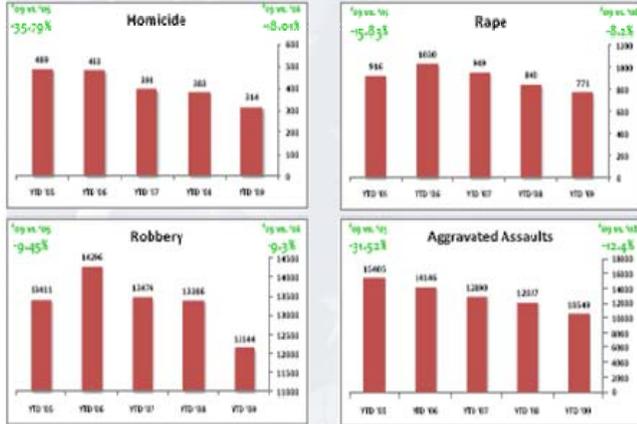
The Los Angeles Lakers victory parade and celebration worked together to ensure a safe and celebratory event for the hundreds of thousands who turned out at the Coliseum and along the parade route. (NR June 17, July BEAT)



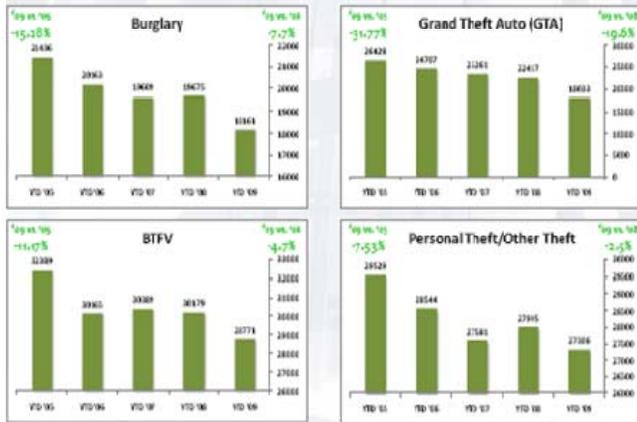
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2009 YEAREND CRIME SNAPSHOT

VIOLENT PART I CRIMES



PROPERTY PART I CRIMES



TOTAL PART I CRIMES

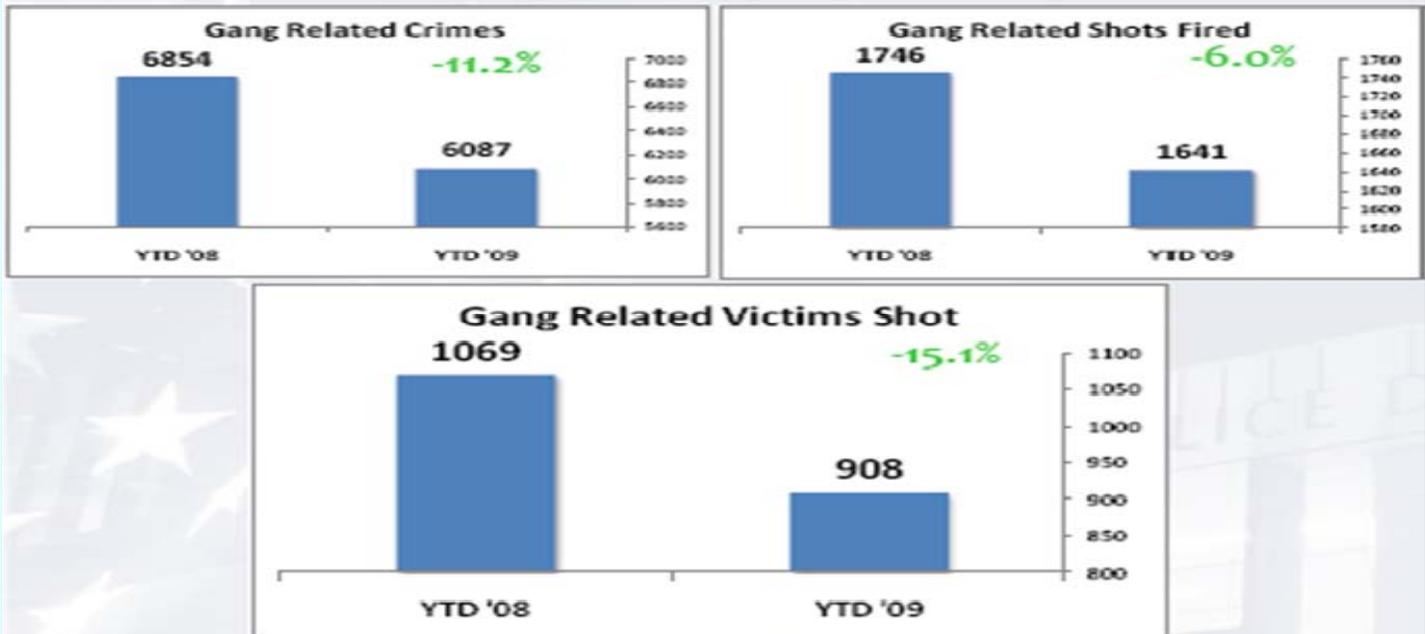


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2009 YEAREND CRIME SNAPSHOT

GANG RELATED CRIMES



Gang Related Crime	YTD '09	YTD '08	% Chg
Homicide	157	186	-15.6%
Aggravated Assault Excl. ADW on PO	2573	2844	-9.5%
Attacks on Police Officers (Agg and Simple)	110	83	32.5%
Rape	36	38	-5.3%
Robbery Excl. Carjacking	2092	2570	-18.6%
Carjacking	101	129	-21.7%
Kidnap	38	39	-2.6%
Shots Inhabited Dwelling	152	115	32.2%
Arson	6	4	50.0%
Criminal Threats	792	808	-2.0%
Extortion	30	38	-21.1%
TOTAL	6087	6854	-11.2%
Shots Fired	1641	1746	-6.0%
Victims Shot	908	1069	-15.1%

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