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2009 CRIME RATE DECREASE

The hard work and dedication of the Plano Police Department has resulted in a crime rate decrease for 2009 with reports of Homicide and Aggravated Assault realizing the biggest decreases. The seven offenses that the FBI collectively terms "Part 1 Crimes" (most commonly referred to outside of Law Enforcement as "Major Crime") are: Homicide, Rape, Robbery, Aggravated Assault, Burglary, Larceny, and Motor Vehicle Theft.

The measurement of crime is calculated in a ratio per 1,000 population and reported accordingly for comparison and crime ranking purposes. In 2009, major crime rates were down 2.7%, the lowest rate in the past 10 years.

Major Crime is broken down into two categories:

- Violent Crime - consists of Homicide, Rape, Robbery and Aggravated Assault;
- Property Crime –consists of Burglary, Larceny, and Motor Vehicle Theft.

In 2009, Violent Crime per 1,000 was down in every category with an overall decrease of 24.4% from 2008. Property Crime experienced an increase in Burglary and Motor Vehicle Theft in 2009, but overall Property Crime per 1,000 decreased by 1.1%.



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“We are fortunate in Plano to be one of the safest cities in Texas and enjoy a high quality of life,” said Chief Gregory W. Rushin. “Our low crime rate is the result of the diligent efforts of our employees in cooperation with the community. The Police-Community partnership is the key to maintaining this low crime rate.”

For additional information regarding this decrease in crime rate is available on our webpage at:

<http://www.plano.gov/Departments/Police/CrimeStatistics/Pages/default.aspx>.