



IRVINE POLICE DEPARTMENT

"In Partnership with the Community"

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IRVINE: SAFEST LARGE CITY IN CALIFORNIA FOR THE FIFTH STRAIGHT YEAR

IRVINE, CA (May 4, 2009): Today the California Department of Justice released Part I crime data for California cities with populations over 100,000 for January through December 2008, including specific data for violent crime. This data includes the crimes of murder, rape, robbery, and aggravated assault.

For the fifth consecutive year, the City of Irvine reported less violent crime per capita than any other California city with more than 100,000 residents. ^[1]

"The entire community can be proud of the men and women of the Irvine Police Department whose hard work and dedication have earned this recognition for the fifth consecutive year. Our City Council continues to value public safety among its top priorities. It is this sustained commitment by our city leaders and excellent partners within our community that creates this success year after year," said Mayor Sukhee Kang.

Total violent crime in Irvine decreased by **12.6 %** in 2008

CADOJ data can be viewed at:

http://ag.ca.gov/cjsc/publications/preliminarys/jd08/crime_in_2008.pdf

[1] Based upon Part I Violent Crimes per 100,000 residents, reported to the CADOJ. Population based on 01/01/2008 population figures provided by the California Department of Finance. Violent crimes includes murder, rape, robbery, and aggravated assault.

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