

Progress on the Crime Fighting Strategy May 1, 2008

On January 7, 2008 Mayor Michael Nutter signed an Executive Order declaring a Crime Emergency and directed newly appointed Commissioner Charles H. Ramsey to submit a plan to reduce violent crime. The Crime Fighting Strategy was submitted by Commissioner Ramsey on January 30, 2008.

Below are some of the highlights on the progress that the Philadelphia Police Department has made over the past three months in implementing the strategy and achieving the performance goals set by the Commissioner.

Public Safety		
	More Officers in Patrol	Two hundred and forty-eight more officers are assigned to patrol than on January 31, 2008.
	Targeted Enforcement	In the nine most violent districts, homicides are down forty percent, shooting victims are down thirty percent and Part I violent crime is down 7.5%.
	Aggressive Patrol	Pedestrian stops are up fifty percent and vehicle stops are up eighteen percent. The total number of illegal guns seized is up 4.2%.
	Reduce the Violence	Citywide homicides are down by twenty-four percent and shooting victims were reduced by twenty-five percent.
	Remove Violent Offenders	The homicide clearance rate is at seventy-eight percent and arrests for Part I violent crime is up eleven percent. The arrests are increasing while the crime is decreasing.
	Spring and Summer Crime Plan	Every police district has their own spring and summer crime plan which will be distributed to every police officer and interested community members.
	Coordinated Federal Collaboration	With partners from the federal government, we revitalized Project Safe Neighborhoods and are focusing resources in the nine target districts and violent offenders..
	Community Orientation	Most of the recruit class graduating in April was assigned to nine target districts. Each district held community orientation sessions involving local community members and organizations for these new members.
	Enhance Recruiting	Approximately 6,900 people have signed up and paid to take the recruit entrance exam. About forty percent of these applicants live outside of Philadelphia.
	Reorganization	Announcing today the reorganization of the police department to better achieve our mission.