



EAST PALO ALTO POLICE DEPARTMENT OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE



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Crime and Violence Rates Continue to Decrease in 2006

Homicides are down **85%** and overall crime is down **16%** in 2006 as we end summer and the month of August (which was the most violent month last year). In August 2005 there were six (6) homicides and twenty three (23) assaults with a firearm. This year (2006) in August there are no homicides and only five (5) assaults with a firearm.

Below is a chart of crime statistics from January 1 – August 31, 2006 compared to the same period in 2005:

PART 1 CRIMES	2005	2006	2005 - 2006 % Change
HOMICIDE	13	2	-85
RAPE	19	14	-19
ROBBERY	79	76	-4
*ROBBERY/FIREARM	39	44	12
ASSAULTS	348	205	-41
*ASSAULTS WITH FIREARM	123	48	-61
BURGLARY	274	239	-13
THEFTS	313	295	-6
AUTO THEFTS	217	216	-1
TOTAL CRIME	1263	1058	-16

Even though violence is drastically down, we are still experiencing an unacceptable level of violence in our community. There were two shooting incidents in the last week of August in which three people were shot and seriously wounded. So far in September there have been two shooting incidents in which two people were shot and a police officer was shot at – he was not injured.

The Police Department has conducted several special operations over the summer that focused on gangs, drugs, prostitution, traffic and curfew violations. These operations will continue through the end of the year. However, the police alone cannot reduce crime. We need community involvement and assistance. Please participate in your local block club and attend your Beat Meetings.

If you have information regarding any homicide or assault, or know of an ex-felon or gang member in possession of a firearm, please call the Crime Stoppers hotline at (408) 947-7867 or call the Police Department at (650) 321-1112.

Anonymous calls are accepted.

Respectfully,

Chief Ronald Davis