



A Safe Place to Call Home

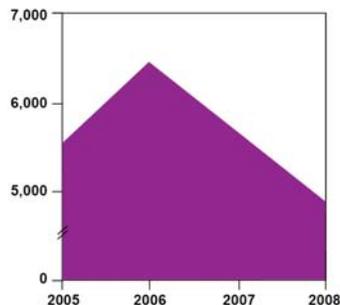
MAINTAINING PUBLIC SAFETY

Keeping our streets and neighborhoods safe is the top priority for Minneapolis. Despite budget cuts and other financial pressures, Minneapolis has maintained the highest levels of funding for public safety. In 2008, the City spent more than \$200 million of its annual budget on police, fire and other areas of public safety. The City has also taken a leadership role in using innovative strategies and technologies in the work of police, firefighters, 911 operators and dispatchers, and other emergency responders. This helps make our resources more effective in protecting the people who live work in, or visit Minneapolis.

DRIVING DOWN CRIME

For a second year in a row, Minneapolis saw double-digit reductions in crime. Incidents of violent crime in 2008 dropped 13 percent from the previous year, with homicides falling 22 percent.

Total Violent Crime in Minneapolis
 year-to-date periods: 2005 - 2008



Robberies decreased 18 percent, aggravated assaults are down 8 percent, and juvenile crime fell 17 percent.

In June 2006, Minneapolis Police reinstated the juvenile crime unit and the juvenile criminal apprehension team. That same year, Mayor R.T. Rybak and the City Council approved the Youth Violence Prevention Task Force, which drafted a "Blueprint for Action" to combat youth violence. As a result of

better collaboration between law enforcement, policymakers, courts, and other partners, juvenile crime has decreased 42 percent in Minneapolis over the last two years.

A LARGER, MORE DIVERSE POLICE FORCE

Minneapolis now has nearly 900 sworn police officers, with 52 recruits and 37 community service officers who joined the department in 2008. There are also close to 250 civilians who do critical work to support law enforcement. The police department's overall 2009 budget is more than \$135 million, with \$6.2 million coming from grants and other sources independent of state aid or property taxes.

In addition to being larger, today the Minneapolis Police Department is more diverse than it has ever been. The police force now consists of nearly 19 percent people of color. A growing percentage of officers are women, and a continued focus on diversifying the force will ensure that the officers of the Minneapolis police department reflect the community they serve.

MINNEAPOLIS PUBLIC SAFETY by the numbers...

24% - decrease in violent crime in Minneapolis since 2006

42% - decrease in juvenile violent crime since 2006

32% - decrease in violent crime in north Minneapolis between 2006 and 2008

1,200 - average number of calls Minneapolis 911 operators take in a day

894 - number of sworn officers in the Minneapolis Police Department

\$200 million - amount Minneapolis expects to invest in public safety in 2009

427 - number of firefighters in the Minneapolis Fire Department

130 - number of public safety cameras in key areas of the city

95.7% - percent of time Minneapolis Fire arrived to fire scenes in five minutes or less.

22,494 - the number of emergency medical runs made by the Minneapolis Fire Department in 2008.

BETTER TECHNOLOGY

Minneapolis has been a national leader in investing in public safety technology. From public safety cameras in high-traffic areas to gunfire detection systems in key neighborhoods, the City has made technology an important piece of its proactive efforts to keep Minneapolis safe.

Public safety cameras

There are now more than 130 public safety cameras in strategic areas of Minneapolis. The cameras put more eyes on the streets and have been shown to drive down crime rates in areas where they're placed. Video footage from the cameras is also invaluable in prosecuting crimes caught on tape.

ShotSpotter gunshot detection system

The ShotSpotter system instantly alerts dispatchers when gunfire is detected and pinpoints where the shots were fired.

Computer-aided dispatch

Minneapolis new, state-of-the-art computer-aided dispatch (CAD) system helps police, fire, and medical personnel respond to emergencies. It includes an automatic vehicle location system that allows dispatchers to map the locations of squad cars, fire trucks and ambulances throughout the city, even when they're on the move. The CAD system also allows gives police officers and firefighters better information in the field.

Wireless links public safety technology

Minneapolis became the first city in the country to integrate its ShotSpotter gunfire detection system with public safety cameras using the City's new wireless network. The wireless network allows a seamless link between these technologies, improving their value in keeping Minneapolis safe.

MINNEAPOLIS POLICE: AT A GLANCE

- 5 police precincts
- 894 sworn police personnel
- 16 percent women
- 18.68 percent people of color
- 27 percent high-ranking MPD (lieutenant or above) are women or minorities.

THE MINNEAPOLIS FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Minneapolis Fire Department's more than 400 firefighters provide a number of critical services to the residents of Minneapolis. Fighting fires is just one part of their work.

Each year, Minneapolis firefighters make about 25,000 emergency medical runs and are frequently the first on the scene when there's a medical emergency. Every firefighter is trained as an EMT and is able to respond to with cardiac issues, breathing problems, trauma-related injuries, and other emergencies, including helping deliver as many as two dozen babies a year.

The Minneapolis Fire Department works out of 19 fire stations around the city. The department's goal is to have the first fire unit arriving at an incident scene within 5 minutes 90 percent of the time.

MINNEAPOLIS FIRE: AT A GLANCE

- 19 fire stations
- 427 firefighters
- 34,202 calls for help received in 2008
- Average response time: 3 minutes, 46 seconds

CONNECTING TO THE COMMUNITY

Both Minneapolis police and fire work in a variety of ways to connect with the communities they serve.

- There are Community Crime Prevention specialists at every precinct. Police also have full-time outreach liaisons to the Somali and Latino communities.
- Each Minneapolis neighborhood as a local policing plan developed by police and neighborhood residents to reflect community priorities and how police are addressing them.
- Minneapolis has active and effective block clubs. The city ranked No. 1 in the nation for National Night Out participation in 2008, with more than 62,000 residents attending 1,100 block gatherings.

MORE INFORMATION

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