

2006 CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT YEAR-END BRIEFING

Violent Crime Reduction: Our Mission Continues

Violent Crime in Chicago Continues Steady Decline

There were at least 4,000 fewer victims of Part I crime this year compared to the same period last year. Since 2003, there have been at least 21,000 fewer victims of Part I crimes.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Chicago police are winning war against gangs, drugs

Your featured letter of Sept. 11, "Drug sting misleads real problem," raised valid and legitimate issues concerning the war on drugs. However, I must point out that the Chicago Police Department does, in fact, arrest drug buyers as well as drug dealers when street-corner drug conspiracies are dismantled.

THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 2006 • USA TODAY

Raids target gang behind deadly heroin mix

Chicago police officer among dozens arrested in 3 states

By Denise Lindley

CHICAGO — When 30 people with alleged ties to a Chicago street gang were arrested in three states last week, police officers in Chicago were among the dozens arrested in the raids.

The raids were part of a multi-state effort to dismantle a street gang that has been active in Chicago since 1991. The gang is believed to be behind a deadly heroin mix that has killed dozens of people in Chicago.

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SEPTEMBER 15, 2006 FRIDAY

23 gang members charged in huge Englewood drug bust

By Tony C. Yang

Tribune staff reporter

Chicago police shut down a suspected crack house Wednesday morning after a 12-month joint investigation with federal authorities, charging 23 gang members, police announced Thursday.

Police SWAT team members cut through metal barricades at a gang hideout in Chicago's Englewood neighborhood, where police said an estimated \$10,000 to \$15,000 exchanged hands daily. In a video of the SWAT raid, suspects can be seen throwing bags of crack cocaine out the

Police called the drug investigation Operation *Sith* because they're in the bad guys—just like in the *'Star Wars'* movie.

—Officer Sean McCabe

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Chilling kidnap plot busted: cops
Suspect says he was just getting papers from building, despite leg shackles, fake FBI badges

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Cops pounce on West Side drug ring



Crack seller pulls gun on undercover cop

CHICAGO TRIBUNE JUNE 23, 2006

Gang suspects hear drug charges

By Jeff Coates

Tribune staff reporter

Two dozen people charged in the weekly kidnap of a Chicago Tribune reporter on Thursday are charged with kidnaping a Chicago Tribune reporter on Thursday.

The group appeared in three courts in Cook County on Thursday. The judge said the group had kidnapped a Chicago Tribune reporter on Thursday.

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Community policing is responsible for large drop in crime

By Melly E. Sadava

Tribune staff reporter

Community policing is responsible for a large drop in crime in Chicago, according to a new report from the Chicago Police Department.

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"Two years ago Chicago Superintendent Phil Cline implemented an aggressive plan to get drugs off the street. The results have been spectacular and the people of the city are grateful."

— American Police Beat, January 2007

THE CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Philip J. Cline, Superintendent • Richard M. Daley, Mayor

VIOLENT CRIME REDUCTION: OUR MISSION CONTINUES

Despite National Increases Chicago Reduces Violent Crime in 2006

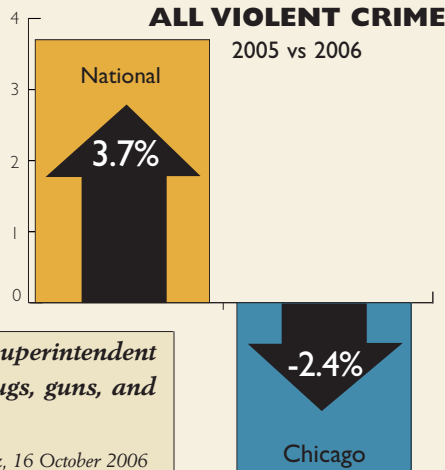
CHICAGO BUCKS NATIONAL TREND

National Violent Crime Comparisons

The United States Attorney General singled out the Chicago Police Department as an example for the nation on reducing crime:

"... we'll look at things like Superintendent Philip Cline's approach to drugs, guns, and gangs in Chicago."

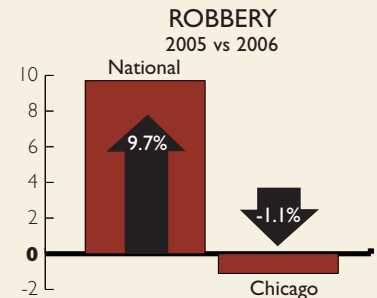
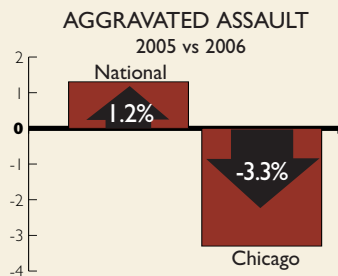
— U.S. Attorney General Alberto Gonzalez, 16 October 2006



JANUARY TO JUNE 2006 VIOLENT CRIME INCREASED IN MANY BIG CITIES

CITY	% Increase
Las Vegas Metro	+40.6%
Oakland	+37.9%
Minneapolis	+33.2%
Fort Worth	+19.7%
San Francisco	+19.5%
Memphis	+17.4%
Orlando	+15.1%
Newark	+13.2%

NOTABLE CRIME REDUCTION IN CHICAGO IN 2006



FIREARM RECOVERIES*



In 2006, the Chicago Police Department recovered over 13,000 firearms, an increase of at least 35% over 2005.

Over 43,000 firearms have been recovered over the last four years.

- Total index crime incidents were down in 17 of 25 police districts
- Violent index crime incidents were down in 16 of 25 police districts

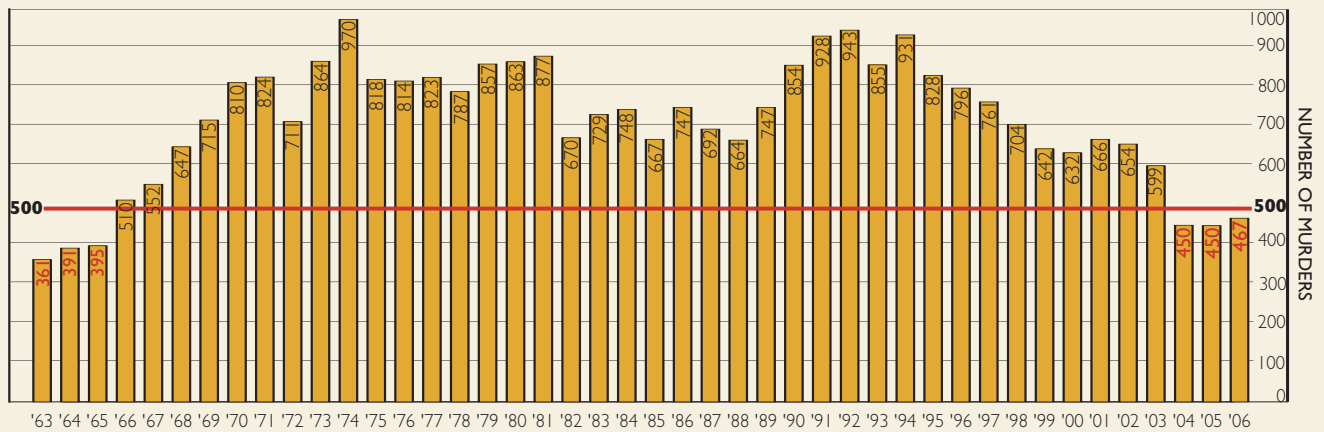
* Includes firearms seized and recoveries through the Gun Turn in Program

Data for 2006 National totals available only through June, at time of publication. Chicago totals are through the end of 2006.

VIOLENT CRIME REDUCTION: OUR MISSION CONTINUES

As a result of crime initiatives during the last three years, Chicago has recorded less than 500 murders for the first time since 1963-1965. There were 552 fewer murder victims in the City of Chicago from 2004 to 2006 as compared to the years from 2001 to 2003.

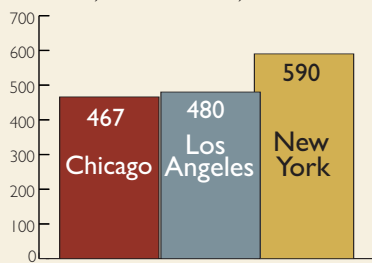
TOTAL NUMBER OF MURDERS BY YEAR 1963 - 2006



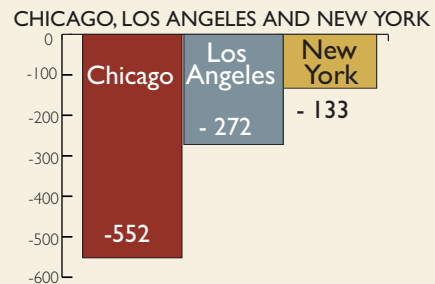
The Los Angeles Police Department estimates that each homicide costs society \$1 million.¹ By this measure, Chicago saved \$552 million during the last three years.

¹ L.A. Daily News, 6 May 2004

**2006 MURDER COMPARISONS OF THE
THREE LARGEST CITIES
CHICAGO, LOS ANGELES, AND NEW YORK**



**FEWER MURDERS OVER THE
LAST THREE YEARS
2001-2003 vs. 2004-2006**



CHICAGO POLICE ADAPT TO COMBAT UNPRECEDENTED GANG DISPUTES

In 2006, gang factions erupted in unprecedented violence, resulting in at least 19 murders, with gang members stalking their targets for weeks at a time, both on the internet and on the streets, waiting patiently for the perfect opportunity to kill. As the gang members adopted new tactics, the Chicago Police Department adapted its strategies. In *Operation Batman*, the Department undertook intensive electronic and physical surveillance of gang members. On October 30, 2006, Chicago Police intercepted a gang murder in progress, resulting in a dangerous shoot-out on the street in which one officer was shot. The gang members were killed or taken into custody, ending one of the boldest homicidal sprees seen on Chicago streets and stemming the increase in gang murders.

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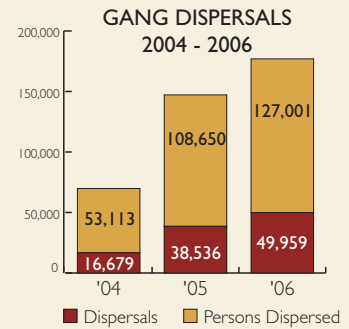
GANG AND NARCOTICS LOITERING: AGGRESSIVE ENFORCEMENT

In 2006, the Chicago Police Department reinvigorated the Gang and Narcotics-related loitering program. Enhanced ordinances, increased training and continued emphasis on enforcement, increased dispersals of gang members in 2006 by almost 20,000.

OPERATION SAFE SUMMER & ROAD-SIDE SAFETY CHECKS

Launching Operation Safe Summer, the Chicago Police Department initiated "Violence Zones" for targeted missions. Based on the success of this strategy, the Department has continued conducting missions in "Violence Zones" throughout the year.

As part of Operation Safe Summer, the Chicago Police Department, along with the Cook County Sheriff's Department and the Illinois State Police Department, conducted 90 roadside safety checks on Friday nights, showing a police presence in the "Violence Zones." The residents of these areas repeatedly expressed appreciation at seeing the police active in their neighborhoods.



Operation Safe Summer Activity: 02 June 2006 – 30 December 2006

Arrests	2,999
Weapons Recovered	121
Traffic Citations	3,694
Vehicles Impounded	588
Contact Cards	10,494

STREET CORNER CONSPIRACIES

Street Corner Conspiracy operations strangle illegal gang and narcotics activity from the top down. In 2006, CPD conducted 58 Street Corner Conspiracy operations, resulting in 651 arrests, 106 weapon recoveries, the seizure of narcotics worth \$2,038,590.69 (estimated street value) and the seizure of \$208,698.80 (USC).

ANTI-GRAFFITI INITIATIVE IN THE NEIGHBORHOODS

In 2006, the Chicago Police Department, working with the Department of Streets and Sanitation, initiated an aggressive approach to graffiti, coordinating the response with prosecutors, courts and the community. The results: graffiti arrests went up by 47.1% compared to 2005.

CURFEW ENFORCEMENT

Enforcement of curfews is an essential tool for protecting juveniles from becoming victims or offenders. In 2006, the Chicago Police Department issued 29,080 curfew citations, an increase of 29.6% over 2005.

DNA UNIT

In 2006, the Department launched a DNA Unit in its Detective Division, dedicated to expanded use of DNA in investigations. The Chicago Police Department continues to emphasize DNA in investigating criminal sexual assaults and murders. As the Department identifies more offenders by DNA, criminal sexual assaults in Chicago have decreased by 10.2% in 2006.

SHAPING BEST PRACTICES

In 2006, the Chicago Police Department hosted numerous agencies, all of which were interested in learning about our innovative crime fighting strategies. In total, CPD welcomed over 260 representatives from foreign countries, U.S. law enforcement agencies (federal, state, and local), military agencies, and private companies.

FINANCIAL CRIMES

In an effort to cripple gangs financially, the Chicago Police Department emphasizes long-term investigations with a focus on money-laundering and other financial crimes. The Department, working with the Illinois State Department of Revenue, Cook County prosecutors, the City Law Department, and the Illinois Attorney General's office, utilizes new State laws to charge gangs and their associates with money laundering and tax evasion offenses. In August 2006, the task force obtained its first court order for state income tax records.

COMMUNITY

The Department continues to work closely with the community on making neighborhoods safe without compromising the relationship between the community and the police. The Department continues to devote substantial resources to the CAPS program, continues to invest in minority hiring, diversity training, prohibiting racial profiling and respecting the rights of all members of every community.

