# Annual Report on Crime and Crime Control 2009



**Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments** 

# Overview

The Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments' (COG) annual crime report is based on crime incidents reported by participating agencies in the National Capital Region (NCR). The 2009 COG Report on Crime and Crime Control focuses on Part I offenses, which include the violent crimes of homicide, rape, robbery, aggravated assault; and the property crimes of burglary, larceny, and motor vehicle theft.

A review of the crime statistics submitted by participating COG jurisdictions reveals an overall reduction of 7.98% in Part I Offenses from 2008 to 2009. There were 143,568 crimes reported in 2009, compared to 156,025 reported in 2008, a reduction of over 12,000 crimes. Decreases were



experienced in all Part I categories: rapes (-7.8%), robberies (-7.3%), aggravated assaults (-7.3%), burglaries (-4.2%), and larcenies (-6.1%). Most significantly, a considerable decrease in homicides (-22.6%) should be noted, while motor vehicle thefts also experienced another significant decrease (-15.1%). Both had been focus areas identified by the COG jurisdictions in previous years.

Further analysis of the breakdown between violent and property crime over the past two years suggests that the distribution of the two types of crimes remains unchanged between 2008 and 2009. Violent crimes accounted for 13% of all Part I offenses in both 2008 and 2009, with property crimes accounting for the

> remaining 87% of offenses. Law enforcement agencies continue to report increases in larcenies/ thefts from autos, larcenies of portable electronic devices, thefts of motor vehicle parts and/or accessories, shoplifting, and in several jurisdictions, larcenies from coin machines.

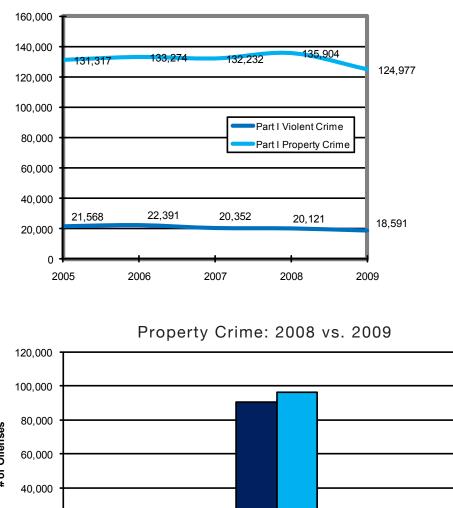
These categories continue to drive the large percentage of property crimerelated offenses experienced in the NCR.

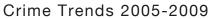
In evaluating NCR Part I Offense data from 2005 to 2009, there continues to be a decrease in homicides, rapes, robberies, aggravated assaults and motor vehicle thefts. However, burglary and larceny trends show an increase across the five-year period, despite the reductions made this year. The NCR has experienced a 6% drop overall in Part I Offenses since 2005. The overall decline in the five-year average of Part I Offenses suggests agencies have been addressing serious crime in their jurisdictions through various crime prevention strategies and initiatives.

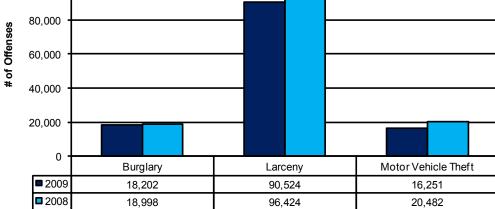
An analysis of statistics by region shows a decline in total Part I Offenses across the board between 2008 and 2009. Maryland had the greatest decrease in overall crimes by almost 11%, followed by the District of Columbia with a 6.2% decrease, and Virginia, with a 4.0% decrease.

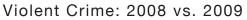


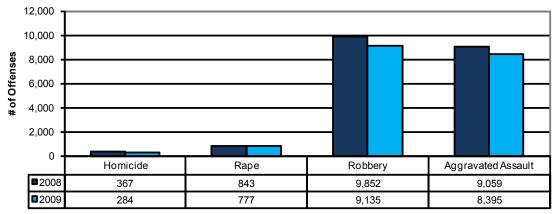
Continued cooperation and communication among agencies throughout the NCR will further enable jurisdictions to work toward continued reductions in major crimes. The use of innovative technologies, including License Plate Readers, and computers and GPS in police cars, as well as other enhanced data sharing technologies available to officers, such as LInX, has enabled the NCR to improve its crime reduction efforts during this period of economic downturn.





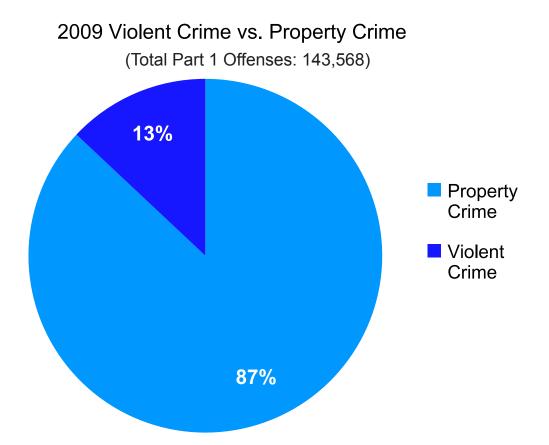






**Crime Class** 

# **Crime Trends**





It must be noted that reporting methods are not uniform throughout this report since some departments used the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) while others used the National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS). Recognizing the need for additional information about crime, the FBI launched NIBRS as an enhanced UCR Program. The FBI recognized that conversion to the new system would be gradual, so it is appropriate for agencies to still report under UCR. As a general rule, NIBRS crime rates tend to be higher than UCR rates, primarily because NIBRS statistically counts all separate violations within a single criminal event. UCR counts only the most serious crime. The average difference, however, is small.

### 2009 Part I Crime Offenses

COG Departments	Reporting Method	Homici	de Rape	Robbery	Agg Assault	Burglary	Larceny	M/V Theft	Total Offenses	Crimes/ 1000	Population
Washington, D.C.	UCR	143	150	3998	3,295	3,696	18,012	5,299	34,593	57.688	599,657
MARYLAND											
Bladensburg	UCR	1	2	48	38	101	262	123	575	75.056	7,661
Bowie	UCR	0	4	65	56	254	740	106	1,225	22.273	55,000
Frederick County	UCR	4	10	14	162	254	1,113	47	1,604	07.106	225,721
Frederick City	UCR	1	18	150	345	299	1,386	101	2,300	38.843	62,384
Greenbelt	UCR	0	8	127	60	212	823	166	1,396	66.785	20,903
Montgomery County	UCR	13	124	992	904	3,011	18,356	1,732	25,132	26.922	933,500
Gaithersburg*	UCR	1	17	78	92	181	1,950	112	2,431	42.004	57,875
Rockville*	UCR	1	8	61	76	183	1,094	89	1,512	24.272	62,293
Prince George's County	UCR	86	197	2,634	2,421	6,707	16,894	6,046	34,985	39.845	878,037
Takoma Park	UCR	0	5	54	45	112	470	78	764	42.444	18,000
VIRGINIA											
Alexandria	NIBRS	5	15	143	115	325	2,755	344	3,702	26.443	140,000
Arlington County	NIBRS	2	15	149	145	319	3,923	297	4,850	23.095	210,000
Fairfax City	NBRS	0	2	14	11	33	588	22	670	28.779	23,281
Fairfax County	UCR	14	105	386	309	1,385	15,643	1,096	18,938	18.580	1,019,248
Falls Church	NIBRS	0	3	6	7	8	285	19	328	29.286	11,200
Loudoun County	NIBRS	3	43	39	177	330	2,611	163	3,366	13.735	245,072
Manassas	NIBRS	2	17	56	82	156	836	99	1,248	34.780	35,883
Manassas Park	NIBRS	0	2	5	7	16	193	20	243	17.469	13,910
Prince William County	UCR	10	57	255	216	984	5,634	493	7,649	19.468	392,900
SUBTOTAL		284	777	9,135	8,395	18,202	90,524	16,251	143,568	29.364	4,892,357

Associate Departments	Reporting Method	Homicic	le Rape	Robbery	Agg Assault	Burglary	Larceny	M/V Theft	Total Offenses
Fauquier County	NIBRS	2	11	13	38	111	444	31	650
Federal Protective Service	UCR	0	0	2	7	7	417	4	437
MNCPPC (Montgomery County)	UCR	0	1	16	4	24	179	3	227
MNCPPC (Prince George's County)	UCR	2	2	42	49	17	233	15	360
Maryland State Police**	UCR	0	0	2	7	1	21	58	89
Metro Transit Police	UCR	0	0	883	90	0	797	225	1,995
Metro. Wash. Airports Authority	NIBRS	0	0	0	4	3	357	115	479
National Institutes of Health	UCR	0	0	0	4	1	120	0	125
Naval Criminal Investigative Service	OTHER	5	30	2	4	2	27	0	70
Pentagon Force Protection Agency	NIBRS	0	0	0	0	0	49	0	49
U.S. Capitol Police	OTHER	0	0	5	7	1	81	2	96
U.S. Park Police	UCR	0	12	40	94	15	115	8	284
Virginia State Police (Div. 7)	NIBRS	0	2	1	16	1	28	38	86
SUBTOTAL		9	58	1,006	324	183	2,868	499	4,947
GRAND TOTAL		293	835	10,141	8,719	18,385	93,392	16,750	148,515

 $^{\ast}$  Montgomery County also reports the data from the cities of Gaithersburg and Rockville.

\*\* This includes figures from the College Park, Rockville, & Forestville Barracks.

### 2009 Part I Crime Arrests

COG Departments	Reporting Method	Homici	de Rape	Robbery	Agg Assault	Burglary	Larceny	M/V Theft	Total Arrests
Washington, D.C.	UCR	111	71	860	1,425	296	1,453	799	5,015
MARYLAND									
Bladensburg	UCR	1	0	12	7	25	18	5	68
Bowie	UCR	0	3	16	22	20	182	1	244
Frederick County	UCR	0	2	13	60	64	277	14	430
Frederick City	UCR	2	4	69	151	46	351	13	636
Greenbelt	UCR	0	6	16	30	16	152	18	238
Montgomery County	UCR	37	52	518	490	621	2,005	231	3,954
Gaithersburg*	UCR	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Rockville*	UCR	1	2	21	40	39	93	15	211
Prince George's County	UCR	63	49	711	729	557	1,866	270	4,245
Takoma Park	UCR	0	5	8	18	14	16	4	65
VIRGINIA									
Alexandria	NIBRS	6	3	94	71	81	634	40	929
Arlington County	NIBRS	1	9	45	92	34	715	27	923
Fairfax City	NIBRS	0	1	14	15	6	92	2	130
Fairfax County	UCR	13	53	147	233	551	3,656	336	4,989
Falls Church	NIBRS	0	1	3	0	5	215	0	224
Loudoun County	NIBRS	5	14	34	114	133	619	70	989
Manassas	NIBRS	1	5	20	62	33	143	14	278
Manassas Park	NIBRS	0	1	6	5	4	28	4	48
Prince William County	UCR	12	37	117	175	191	1,467	54	2,053
SUBTOTAL		252	316	2,703	3,699	2,697	13,889	1,902	25,458

Associate Departments	Reporting Method	Homic	ide Rape	Robbery	Agg Assault	Burglary	Larceny	M/V Theft	Total Arrests
Fauquier County	NIBRS	4	0	6	12	19	56	0	97
Federal Protective Service	UCR	0	0	0	3	1	10	0	14
M-NCPPC (Montgomery County)	UCR	0	0	6	3	2	21	1	33
M-NCPPC (Prince George's County)	UCR	1	1	18	22	2	1	4	49
Maryland State Police**	UCR	0	0	2	3	0	6	7	18
Metro Transit Police	UCR	0	0	178	47	0	53	26	304
Metro. Wash. Airports Authority	NIBRS	0	0	0	4	3	28	30	65
National Institutes of Health Police	UCR	0	0	0	0	0	9	0	9
Naval Criminal Investigative Service	OTHER	4	14	0	3	1	11	0	33
Pentagon Force Protection Agency	NIBRS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
U.S. Capitol Police	OTHER	0	0	0	19	0	1	0	20
U.S. Park Police	UCR	1	5	14	57	7	8	0	92
Virginia State Police (Div. 7)	NIBRS	0	1	0	0	0	9	5	15
SUBTOTAL		10	21	224	173	35	213	73	749
GRAND TOTAL		262	337	2,927	3,872	2,732	14,102	1,975	26,207

### **2009 Part I Crimes by Department** 2009 vs. 2008

#### **District of Columbia**

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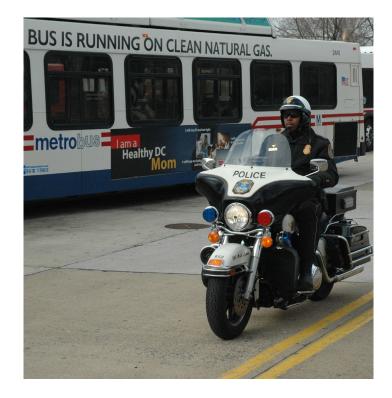
	2009	2008	INC/DEC	%
HOMICIDE	143	186	-43	-23%
RAPE	150	186	-36	-19%
ROBBERY	3,998	4,154	-156	-4%
AGG ASLT.	3,295	3,609	-314	-9%
BURGLARY	3,696	3,781	-85	-2%
LARCENY	18,012	18,787	-775	-4%
M/V THEFT	5,299	6,191	-892	-14%
Total Part I	34,593	36,894	-2,301	-6%

#### Maryland

BLADENSBURG							
	2009	2008	INC/DEC	%			
HOMICIDE	1	2	-1	-50%			
RAPE	2	0	2	200%			
ROBBERY	48	70	-22	-31%			
AGG ASLT.	38	100	-62	-62%			
BURGLARY	101	92	9	10%			
LARCENY	262	341	-79	-23%			
M/V THEFT	123	138	-15	-11%			
Total Part I	575	743	-168	-23%			

#### BOWIE

	2009	2008	INC/DEC	%
HOMICIDE	0	1	-1	-100%
RAPE	4	2	2	100%
ROBBERY	65	66	-1	-2%
AGG ASLT.	56	35	21	60%
BURGLARY	254	259	-5	-2%
LARCENY	740	613	127	21%
M/V THEFT	106	120	-14	-12%
Total Part I	1.225	1.096	129	12%



#### FREDERICK COUNTY

	2009	2008	INC/DEC	%
HOMICIDE	4	1	3	300%
RAPE	10	8	2	25%
ROBBERY	14	16	-2	-13%
AGG ASLT.	162	207	-45	-22%
BURGLARY	254	257	-3	-1%
LARCENY	1,113	1,281	-168	-13%
M/V THEFT	47	66	-19	-29%
Total Part I	1,604	1,836	-232	-13%

#### FREDERICK

	2009	2008	INC/DEC	%
HOMICIDE	1	2	-1	-50%
RAPE	18	12	6	50%
ROBBERY	150	126	24	19%
AGG ASLT.	345	331	14	4%
BURGLARY	299	379	-80	-21%
LARCENY	1,386	1,326	60	5%
M/V THEFT	101	144	-43	-30%
Total Part I	2,300	2,320	-20	-1%

#### GAITHERSBURG

	2009	2008	INC/DEC	%
HOMICIDE	1	2	-1	-50%
RAPE	17	11	6	55%
ROBBERY	78	86	-8	-9%
AGG ASLT.	92	107	-15	-14%
BURGLARY	181	235	-54	-23%
LARCENY	1,950	1,940	10	1%
M/V THEFT	112	151	-39	-26%
Total Part I	2,431	2,532	-101	-4%

#### GREENBELT

	2009	2008	INC/DEC	%
HOMICIDE	0	2	-2	-100%
RAPE	8	10	-2	-20%
ROBBERY	127	152	-25	-16%
AGG ASLT.	60	49	11	22%
BURGLARY	212	122	90	74%
LARCENY	823	870	-47	-5%
M/V THEFT	166	270	-104	-39%
Total Part I	1,396	1,475	-79	-5%

#### MONTGOMERY COUNTY

	2009	2008	INC/DEC	%
HOMICIDE	13	21	-8	-38%
RAPE	124	131	-7	-5%
ROBBERY	992	1,100	-108	-10%
AGG ASLT.	904	835	69	8%
BURGLARY	3,011	3,603	-592	-16%
LARCENY	18,356	19,027	-671	-4%
M/V THEFT	1,732	2,258	-526	-23%
Total Part I	25,132	26,975	-1,843	-7%

#### PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

	2009	2008	INC/DEC	%
HOMICIDE	86	103	-17	-17%
RAPE	197	218	-21	-10%
ROBBERY	2,634	2,955	-321	-11%
AGG ASLT.	2,421	2,696	-275	-10%
BURGLARY	6,707	6,636	71	1%
LARCENY	16,894	20,049	-3,155	-16%
M/V THEFT	6,046	8,186	-2,140	-26%
Total Part I	34,985	40,843	-5,858	-14%

#### ROCKVILLE

	2009	2008	INC/DEC	%
HOMICIDE	1	1	0	0%
RAPE	8	8	0	0%
ROBBERY	61	62	-1	-2%
AGG ASLT.	76	38	38	100%
BURGLARY	183	285	-102	-36%
LARCENY	1,094	1,288	-194	-15%
M/V THEFT	89	96	-7	-7%
Total Part I	1,512	1,778	-266	-15%

#### TAKOMA PARK

	2009	2008	INC/DEC	%
HOMICIDE	0	0	0	0%
RAPE	5	4	1	25%
ROBBERY	54	80	-26	-33%
AGG ASLT.	45	38	7	18%
BURGLARY	112	135	-23	-17%
LARCENY	470	383	87	23%
M/V THEFT	78	99	-21	-21%
Total Part I	764	739	25	3%



### **2009 Part I Crimes by Department** 2009 vs. 2008

#### Virginia

#### ALEXANDRIA

	2009	2008	INC/DEC	%
HOMICIDE	5	4	1	25%
RAPE	15	35	-20	-57%
ROBBERY	143	157	-14	-9%
AGG ASLT.	115	154	-39	-25%
BURGLARY	325	314	11	4%
LARCENY	2,755	2,813	-58	-2%
M/V THEFT	344	376	-32	-9%
Total Part I	3,702	3,853	-151	-4%

#### ARLINGTON COUNTY

	2009	2008	INC/DEC	%
HOMICIDE	2	4	-2	-50%
RAPE	15	23	-8	-35%
ROBBERY	149	156	-7	-4%
AGG ASLT.	145	156	-11	-7%
BURGLARY	319	389	-70	-18%
LARCENY	3,923	4,159	-236	-6%
M/V THEFT	297	327	-30	-9%
Total Part I	4,850	5,214	-364	-7%

#### FAIRFAX CITY

	2009	2008	INC/DEC	%
HOMICIDE	0	1	-1	-100%
RAPE	2	4	-2	-50%
ROBBERY	14	19	-5	-26%
AGG ASLT.	11	9	2	22%
BURGLARY	33	48	-15	-31%
LARCENY	588	597	-9	-2%
M/V THEFT	22	20	2	10%
Total Part I	670	698	-28	-4%

#### FAIRFAX COUNTY

	2009	2008	INC/DEC	%
HOMICIDE	14	22	-8	-36%
RAPE	105	95	10	11%
ROBBERY	386	450	-64	-14%
AGG ASLT.	309	386	-77	-20%
BURGLARY	1,385	1,438	-53	-4%
LARCENY	15,643	16,244	-601	-4%
M/V THEFT	1,096	1,288	-192	-15%
Total Part I	18,938	19,923	-985	-5%

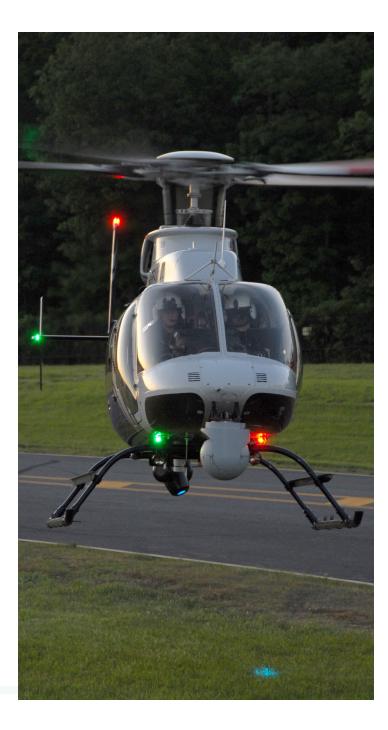
#### FALLS CHURCH

	2009	2008	INC/DEC	%
HOMICIDE	0	0	0	0%
RAPE	3	0	3	300%
ROBBERY	6	12	-6	-50%
AGG ASLT.	7	5	2	40%
BURGLARY	8	19	-11	-58%
LARCENY	285	326	-41	-13%
M/V THEFT	19	21	-2	-10%
Total Part I	328	383	-55	-14%

#### LOUDOUN COUNTY

	2009	2008	INC/DEC	%
HOMICIDE	3	3	0	0%
RAPE	43	57	-14	-25%
ROBBERY	39	39	0	0%
AGG ASLT.	177	165	12	7%
BURGLARY	330	295	35	12%
LARCENY	2,611	2,748	-137	-5%
M/V THEFT	163	189	-26	-14%
Total Part I	3,366	3,496	-130	-4%





#### MANASSAS

	2009	2008	INC/DEC	%
HOMICIDE	2	4	-2	-50%
RAPE	17	19	-2	-11%
ROBBERY	56	50	6	12%
AGG ASLT.	82	59	23	39%
BURGLARY	156	184	-28	-15%
LARCENY	836	811	25	3%
M/V THEFT	99	92	7	8%
Total Part I	1,248	1,219	29	2%

#### MANASSAS PARK

	2009	2008	INC/DEC	%
HOMICIDE	0	0	0	0%
RAPE	2	7	-5	-71%
ROBBERY	5	4	1	25%
AGG ASLT.	7	14	-7	-50%
BURGLARY	16	15	1	7%
LARCENY	193	163	30	18%
M/V THEFT	20	22	-2	-9%
Total Part I	243	225	18	8%

#### PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY

	2009	2008	INC/DEC	%
HOMICIDE	10	12	-2	-17%
RAPE	57	28	29	104%
ROBBERY	255	248	7	3%
AGG ASLT.	216	197	19	10%
BURGLARY	984	1,049	-65	-6%
LARCENY	5,634	5,645	-11	0%
M/V THEFT	493	618	-125	-20%
Total Part I	7,649	7,797	-148	-2%

### Calls for Service and Authorized Strength

COG Departments	CALLS	SWORN	CIVILIAN
Washington, D.C.	605,147	4,040	561
Maryland			
Bladensburg	5,645	18	7
Bowie Police Department	27,589	49	6
Frederick County Sheriff's Office	101,728	185	67
Frederick Police Department	82,053	133	36
Greenbelt Police Department	47,708	53	13
Montgomery County Dept. of Police	290,281	1,177	556
Gaithersburg Police Department	34,119	53	5
Rockville City Police Department	36,434	57	34
Prince George's County Police Dept.	752,972	1,786	511
Takoma Park Police Department	19,661	42	18
Virginia			
Alexandria Police Department	52,778	330	150
Arlington County Police Department	88,245	361	104
City of Fairfax Police Department	13,838	65	17
Fairfax County Police Department <sup>1</sup>	250,515	1,328	345
Falls Church City Police Department	29,321	33	20
Loudoun County Sheriff's Office	194,087	500	109
City of Manassas Police Department	59,586	89	25
Manassas Park Police Department	23,965	32	16
Prince William County Police Dept.	238,376	564	120



SUBTOTAL	2,954,048	10,895	2,720
Associate Departments	CALLS	SWORN	CIVILIAN
Fauquier County Sheriff's Office Federal Protective Service M-NCPPC Police (Montgomery County) M-NCPPC Police (Prince George's County) Metro Transit Police Metro. Wash. Airports Authority Police National Institutes of Health Police Naval Criminal Investigative Service Pentagon Force Protection Agency U.S. Capitol Police U.S. Park Police Virginia State Police (Div. 7)	62,491 4,196 93,244 81,269 57,617 61,829 23,161 N/A 3,195 83,534 40,567 161,570	108 154 97 117 458 222 97 22 643 1,799 623 250	16 27 25 29 128 97 26 N/A 23 418 118 55
SUBTOTAL	672,673	4,590	962
GRAND TOTAL	3,626,721	15,485	3,682

<sup>1</sup> On October 4th, 2009, the CAD system underwent a platform change. The change incorporated an alternate call classification system, causing incompatibilities between data produced from the separate platforms. Due to this anomaly, the Fairfax County Police Department has provided an estimate of CY 2009 calls based on an Exponential Smoothing (ES) technique. The above forecast is based on call totals from CY 2003-2008.

### **Recommendations** from the COG Police Chiefs Committee

1. Educate the public and reduce opportunities for crimes.

2. Encourage cooperation between communities, business leaders, and law enforcement.

- 3. Expand the use of innovative technologies:
- Data Sharing (LInX)
- Crime Analysis
- Automated License Plate Readers (LPR)
- GPS



### COG Police Chiefs Committee

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Bladensburg Police Chief John E. Moss

CIA Security Protective Service Chief Paul Dewey

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FBI, Washington Field Office Shawn Henry Assistant Director In Charge Federal Protective Service National Capital Region Patrick Moses Regional Director

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Frederick County Sheriff Charles A. Jenkins

Gaithersburg Police Acting Chief Christopher Bonvillain

Greenbelt Police Chief James R. Craze

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