



Community Update

From Police Chief Ed Dadisho

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On behalf of the dedicated men and women of the Suisun City Police Department, I would like to present the first annual report on Part I Crimes. I am pleased to announce that our Part I Crimes have dropped to the lowest levels seen since the year 2000, and down by as much as 26% from last year alone! This is just exceptional news and it all goes to highlight the outstanding efforts and successes of our public safety employees and the citizens involved in our robust Neighborhood Watch Programs. It is also reflective of our new beat system that ensures our officers are being responsive to the community and holds them accountable in solving issues which create an environment for crime to flourish.

Suisun City is One of Solano County's Safest Cities

Suisun City is among the safest cities in Solano County, routinely ranking the same as Vacaville for per capita crime rate. For instance, last year's crime per capita was 38 crimes per 1,000 citizens. This year's per capita is 26 crimes per 1,000 citizens – one of the lowest in the County. For comparison purposes, Fairfield's crime rate – 48 crimes per 1000 citizens – it nearly doubles Suisun City's.

Comparison of 2008 to 2009

Part I Crimes	2008	2009		
Homicide	2	1	-1	-50%
Rape	7	8	1	14%
Robbery	48	30	-18	-38%
Aggravated Assault	51	46	-5	-10%
Burglary	177	136	-41	-23%
Theft	583	417	-166	-28%
Motor Vehicle Theft	122	96	-26	-21%
TOTAL	990	734	-256	-26%

10 Years of Suisun City Crime Statistics (2000-2009)

Part I Crimes	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Homicide	2	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	2	1
Rape	6	3	2	9	10	13	20	11	7	8
Robbery	26	23	17	23	30	39	33	42	48	30
Aggravated Assault	33	38	44	68	56	75	75	87	51	46
Burglary	111	140	133	100	143	124	193	181	177	136
Larceny	317	436	564	535	342	304	406	462	583	417
Auto Theft	90	88	148	189	136	148	158	129	122	96
TOTAL	585	728	908	925	718	703	887	912	990	734

Recent Incidents Abnormal for Suisun City But Fuel "Fear of Crime"

Although our Part I crimes are down considerably and our community is among the safest in the County, it is not comforting if our citizens have a "fear" of crime. The fear of crime is one of the most difficult aspects of public safety because it is a perception, not actuality. It is when people are too afraid to walk in their own neighborhoods because of perceived crime issues. Whether real or not, it is still

the responsibility of the Police Department to address and ensure that we reduce the "fear" of crime.

Unfortunately two recent incidents involving gunfire can fuel the perception of crime and the fear of crime. As the Chief of Police, I assure you that these two incidents were abnormal for our city and are not indicative of increased crime in our City.

The shootings were both targeted at individuals involved in criminal activity. The shootings were not random, meaning that our citizens are safe and should not fear being in their community. The first shooting on Wigeon Way between Pintail and Merganser was most likely gang related, and the second shooting on Javan and Longspur was possibly narcotics related.

In either case, I am concerned over the shootings because their violence could have caused injury or death to uninvolved bystanders. I have provided our Investigations Unit all the tools necessary to identify, arrest, and successfully prosecute those responsible for these crimes. The suspect from the Wigeon shooting is in custody, and suspects in the Javan Way incident will be identified soon.

Pursuing Proactive Solutions in Partnership with the Community

City of Fairfield's Gang Injunction

As the Chief of Police, I have been asked whether Suisun City should go after a gang injunction, much like what the City of Fairfield had done.

We simply don't have the gang problems that Fairfield has and we do not qualify for a gang injunction – that is good news and shows we don't have a major gang problem. Our records show

only 10 predicate gang crimes in the past 4 years in Suisun City. Additionally, there is no evidence to show an increase in gang crimes to suggest that the gang members are leaving Fairfield and committing their crimes in Suisun City.

Our officers have researched the Cal-Gangs database, reviewed our crime reports, and reviewed probation/parole

records, all of which show we have a very low number of registered gang members living in Suisun City and low number of crimes associated to those gang members. In fact, all of our gang members who reside in Suisun City are identified and our officers check on them routinely through parole and probation checks.

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Our Proactive Approach is Showing Results

During the past three years the Suisun City Police Department has taken a proactive approach to addressing gang and street violence.

We have worked closely with Solano County Probation and Parole Officers, as well as, the Solano County Superior Court to impose strict conditions on identified gang members and criminals.

The Suisun City Police Department is very aggressive in combating gang activity, and violent and property crimes. These approaches have worked and will continue to work as long as we are proac-

tive in providing education to our youth and parents within the community, while continuing to enforce all of the laws available to us.

However, being proactive on crime is not sufficient if we want to continue lowering crime and the fear of crime. **We need your help!**

We have a growing volunteer group helping in times of need, such as the National Night Out and the 4th of July events. We have a growing Neighborhood Watch Program and would like to expand it even more this year.

Some of the ways to get involved is signing up for the Department's newest social networking program called Nixle, which will automatically alert you when important information is released.

You can also view the Police Department's online “Crime Map” to get instant crime information for your area so you can be vigilant in keeping your neighborhood safe.

We want our citizens to get involved in keeping our community safe.

GET INVOLVED:



- Subscribe to Nixle messaging service at www.nixle.com
- Join your Neighborhood Watch!
- Use the online Suisun City iMap Crime Mapping service at www.suisun.com/police.html

In Conclusion

I strongly believe there is nothing more important than working together, as a community, to ensure that we maintain a safe environment in which families can flourish, businesses can profit, and visitors can have fun.

The members of the Suisun City Police Department take serious their responsibilities, and are committed to this

community. We are not satisfied with simply doing our part to maintain the high quality of life enjoyed in this great city, but instead strive to improve on a daily basis.

We are fortunate to be part of an exceptional community with community leaders and City staff committed to working with community members who realize they are part of

the team that makes our city among the safest in the County.