

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Walter N. Schuld, Chief of Police



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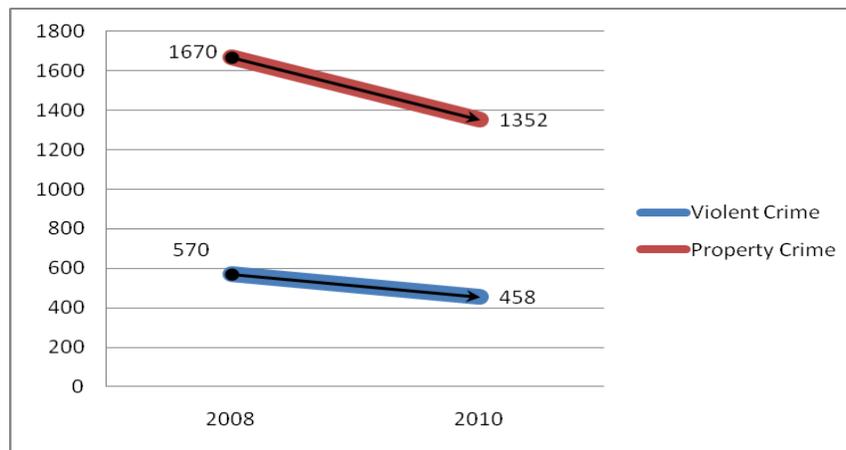
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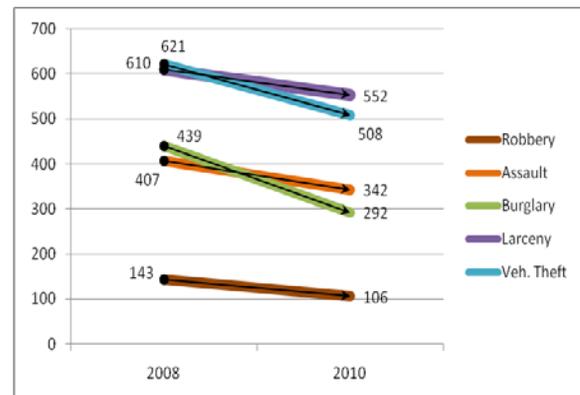
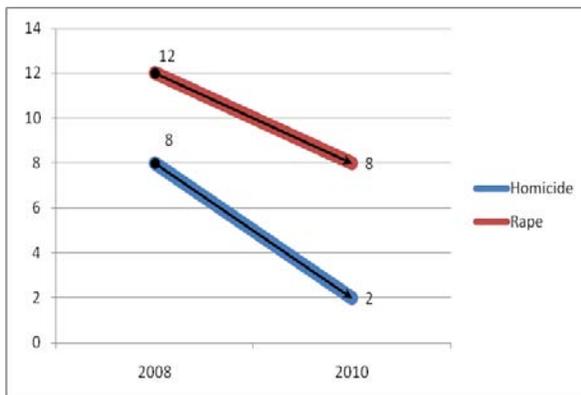
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The City of San Pablo is boasting a significant reduction in crime.



Since 2008, the City experienced a reduction in Homicides by 75%, Rapes by 33%, Robberies by 26%, Assaults by 16%, Burglaries by 33%, and Larcenies by 10%. Overall, there has been a 20% reduction in violent crime and a 19% reduction in property crime.



San Pablo Police Chief Walt Schuld said that there are a myriad of reasons why there has been such a significant decrease in crime. He said the Investigations Division continues to be aggressive in solving violent crimes and the Gang Unit, which was established in 2008, has made a significant impact on crimes committed by gangs. This

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year alone the unit arrested 93 gang members, conducted 116 searches, and has testified as experts in 8 gang related homicide trials in which all were found guilty.

The Police Department's Patrol Division is known for aggressively seeking out criminal activity and problem solving in the community. Recently, a graffiti team was established that has already made 8 felony arrests and served 4 search warrants. In October, a two person Bike Patrol Unit was established to patrol high activity areas which have had a positive impact on the community.

To ensure long-term crime prevention, the department's Youth and Education Services Unit (YES) and Neighborhood Watch Program's were expanded. The YES Unit teaches over 1,100 hundred students a year about stranger danger, gangs, drugs, bullying, and making positive choices. By the time a child reaches high school they will have had six positive contacts with police officers. They also conduct leadership classes and developed the "Parent Project" in which parents are taught, over a ten-week period, how to deal with negative behavior of their adolescent child.

The police department is fully engaged in reducing the barriers between the citizens and the police by holding community events such as Public Safety Day, Community Awards Dinner, Montoya Block Event, Neighborfest at Davis Park and by teaching Citizen Emergency Response Training (CERT) in both English and Spanish. The YES Unit is currently developing a citizen's police academy to teach members of our community about police procedures.

To learn more about the San Pablo Police Department, log onto the City of San Pablo website. If you are interested in signing up for the citizen's academy please call Community Liaison Officer Sandi White (510) 215-3157 or Sgt. Humberto Alvarez at (510) 215-3273.