





Operation Zero Tolerance has been ongoing for the last two years. During that time frame this Operation alone netted 225 felony arrests, 570 misdemeanor arrests and 43 gun seizures.

Additionally we have conducted numerous smaller operations monthly that involve each Precincts Task Forces working with the detective units to address specific areas throughout the city that are experiencing various crime spikes. Besides the specific Operations mentioned these additional operations have successfully led to several hundreds of hardcore criminals being arrested resulting in much safer neighborhoods.

There is no single reason but I'd say we have greater visibility in our neighborhoods with our patrol units and task forces.

Second, our special enforcement operations have been extremely successful so far this year. We have synchronized our operations with hot spot policing. We continue to target wanted felons, and other predators through various operations.

Finally, we have increased community support. We believe in community policing and have tried to engage our neighborhoods and faith community like never before. We even have a group of people praying for us every day. I believe the Mayor's clean-up campaign has helped because it contributes to community pride.

Chief A.C. Roper



**Part I Offenses  
City of Birmingham  
January - December 2008**

	January - December 2007	January - December 2008	% Change
Homicide	86	82	-5%
Rape	229	212	-7%
Robbery	1,609	1,499	-7%
Aggravated Assault	1,396	1,456	4%
<b>Total Violent Crime</b>	<b>3,320</b>	<b>3,249</b>	<b>-2%</b>
Burglary	4,864	5,153	6%
Larceny Theft	12,528	12,761	2%
Vehicle Theft	2,246	2,140	-5%
<b>Total Property Crime</b>	<b>19,638</b>	<b>20,054</b>	<b>2%</b>
<b>Total All Part I Crimes</b>	<b>22,958</b>	<b>23,303</b>	<b>2%</b>



**Part I Offenses  
City of Birmingham  
January - August 2009**

	Jan - Aug 2008	Jan - Aug 2009	% Change
<b>Homicide</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>-22%</b>
<b>Rape</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>-19%</b>
<b>Robbery</b>	<b>931</b>	<b>725</b>	<b>-22%</b>
<b>Aggravated Assault</b>	<b>940</b>	<b>909</b>	<b>-3%</b>
<b>Total Violent Crime</b>	<b>2,088</b>	<b>1,808</b>	<b>-13%</b>
<b>Burglary</b>	<b>3,153</b>	<b>3,034</b>	<b>-4%</b>
<b>Larceny Theft</b>	<b>8,571</b>	<b>7,606</b>	<b>-11%</b>
<b>Vehicle Theft</b>	<b>1,520</b>	<b>1,030</b>	<b>-32%</b>
<b>Total Property Crime</b>	<b>13,244</b>	<b>11,670</b>	<b>-12%</b>
<b>Total All Part I Crimes</b>	<b>15,332</b>	<b>13,478</b>	<b>-12%</b>



## **Birmingham Fire & Rescue Service Department**

### **Donated Land Received**

- United Cerebral Palsy donated land to the City of Birmingham to build Fire Station #4. The new fire station will reduce our response time in the growing Oxmoor area.

### **Federal Grants Received**

- Received an Assistance to Firefighters Grant in the amount of \$1,242,592 to purchase Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA). All firefighters will be equipped with new SCBAs, a vital piece of equipment for firefighting.
- We received one of the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act of 2009 / Assistance to Firefighters Fire Station Construction Grants in the amount of \$1,832,907.00. The funds will be used to build a new fire station #14 at Legion Field. We will replace an 82+ year old facility with a new fire station that will provide a safer work environment for our firefighter and afford the citizens an accessible facility to visit.

### **Alabama Homeland Security Program Grants Received**

- Received Hazardous Material equipment in the amount of \$28,000.00
- Received Technical Rescue training in the amount of \$39,555.00
- Received Technical Rescue equipment in the amount of \$10,200.00

This equipment will enhance the Department's ability to respond to homeland security incidents.



## Department's Annual Family Fun Day

The Department's Personnel Relations Committee hosted the Annual Family Fun Day at the Birmingham Zoo in 2008 and 2009. Member of the department and family enjoyed food and fellowship.

## Department's Annual Honors & Awards Banquet

The Department's Personnel Relations Committee hosted the Department's 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Honors & Awards Banquet at the Cahaba Grande. The department honored member who worked relentlessly to help the department live up to our motto "Excellence through Service"

## New Firefighter Work Schedule

Implemented a new work schedule for firefighters that reduced the hours they are scheduled to work. This reduced overtime and resulted in a multi-million dollar savings.

## Get Alarmed Birmingham Program

- Distributed over 50,000 smoke detectors with a ten year battery life to the citizens of Birmingham since 2003.
- Received approximately \$200,000 in donations to fund the campaign.
- Distributed fire safety equipment and literature (in English and Spanish) to the students of the Birmingham school system.
- The Get Alarmed Birmingham program has significantly caused a reduction in fire deaths within the city limits.
- Instituted "resident waiver" forms through which residents permit firefighters to install smoke detectors in the home.
- Since the inception of the Get Alarmed Birmingham program, the average fire fatality has been reduced by 50%.



**DON'T HANG OUT LATE.  
DON'T PARTICIPATE.**

## **MAYOR PROPOSES IMMEDIATE CHANGES TO DECADE OLD CURFEW LAW**

In today's City Council meeting, Mayor Larry P. Langford proposed revising the current curfew law to include much stiffer penalties for violators. Specifically, the Mayor proposed a \$500 fine for first time offenders assessed to the parents or guardians of the offender.

"We have got to get control of the crime situation in our city. Parents have got to get more involved and know where their children are at all times," said Mayor Langford.

The City's law department is working on revisions to the Curfew law and will present them at the next Public Safety Committee meeting.

"The existing ordinance has no teeth. We have got to include penalties that will get the attention of the kids and their parents," continued Mayor Langford.

The next scheduled Public Safety Committee meeting for the City Council is Wednesday, July 16th at 2:00 at City Hall, 3rd floor in Council Chambers.

## **Mayor Larry P. Langford and Chief Ivor Brooks Welcome Code 3 for the Cure to Birmingham**

On July 4th, 2008, the Birmingham Fire and Rescue Service will be hosting the Code 3 for the Cure firefighters. These firefighters are driving a fire truck from California to Times Square in New York City. This event is designed to raise the awareness of the devastating effects that cancer has had on men, women, and children of all races and ages.

"Their mission is to collect the names of firefighters across our nations who have died as a result of cancer. Once they arrive in New York City they will honor our fallen brothers and sisters by calling out their names and ringing a bell once for each one of those who have succumbed to this devastating disease," said Chief Ivor Brooks.

The following are the names of Birmingham Firefighters that have lost their lives due to cancer:

JOHN CALLAWAY  
RONNIE CHAMBERS  
KENNY GOODWIN



CLINT MASSENGILL  
BOBBY PRICE  
BILLY SELF

The Code 3 Crew is due to arrive in Birmingham around 10:00 am, on the 4th and depart about noon.

“Of the many cities they will visit, we are glad Birmingham is among those. We want to make their visit here a momentous occasion,” said Mayor Larry Langford

CODE 3 FOR A CURE is a mission of hope and honor that began on June 13, 2008, when a crew of firefighters started their drive across America.

The CODE 3 crew will stop at various fire departments along the way to collect the names of fallen firefighters (both active and retired) who have lost their lives due to cancer. Those names will be read at the crossroads of the world, Times Square. A fire bell mounted on the fire engine will ring out once for each name called. This process will be repeated upon their return trip to California, when they will stop at fire departments along that route, collecting additional names. Upon their arrival back home to California, they will end their 8,800 mile round-trip journey in Los Angeles.

## **CHIEF NAMES CRIME VICTIMS’ ADVOCATE**

Chief A.C. Roper today announced Robbie Priest as his choice for the Police Department’s Crime Victims’ Advocate. Chief Roper said, “This is part of our continuing effort to address crime in this City and to put our citizens first.”

Ms. Priest has a long history of helping others starting her career as a registered nurse and putting her law degree to work as a Legal Services domestic violence coordinator. Ms. Priest said, “As a victim’s advocate, I will be able to give some small measure of comfort, hope and understanding to the victims and/or their families.”

“My hope is that having this position in place will allow the police department to be more accessible and more responsive to the citizens of Birmingham, “said Mayor Larry P. Langford.

Ms. Priest will join the Chief’s staff effective February 18, 2008.



## Birmingham Fire Department to Receive Federal Stimulus Grant Money

MONTGOMERY: Alabama Homeland Security Director Jim Walker announces a \$1.8 million dollar grant to the City of Birmingham Fire and Rescue Service Department. The grant is specifically for construction, renovation or modification of fire stations.

“I’m very pleased to see Birmingham receiving this grant,” Alabama Homeland Security Director Jim Walker said. “This funding will enhance the city’s fire service capabilities and in turn better serve our citizens.”

Under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, the Fire Station Construction Grant (SCG) Program aims to improve the capabilities and capacities for firefighters nationwide. The City of Birmingham will use these funds to rebuild Station #14 at Legion Field.

Birmingham Mayor Larry Langford said, “Obviously, this is another example of City staff going after a grant without the help of lobbyists or grant writers. Nobody knows better than Fire Department staff the needs of their citizens. This station will serve some of the people most in need in this city, and I really could not be prouder of the Fire Department and their success in getting this grant.”

“We are very excited and happy to have received the Assistance to Firefighters’ Fire Station Construction grant for our department,” Birmingham Fire and Rescue Service Chief Ivor J. Brooks added. “The ability to build a new fire station with these funds will provide a safer environment for our firefighters on duty, the citizens of our community and will also benefit the community by providing employment opportunities to construction workers.”

The State of Alabama is awarded \$5.4 million dollars under this grant program. Other fire departments receiving stimulus grant money include the City of Madison Fire and Rescue Department, City of Mobile Fire and Rescue Department and Shelby County 17 Fire and Rescue located in Maylene, Alabama.