

**Durham Police Department
2008 Crime Report
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Police Chief Jose L. Lopez Sr.**

The year 2008 was one of growth, change and achievement for the Durham Police Department. The department underwent a major reorganization, added new equipment and units and won several local, state and national awards.

Overall Part 1 crime (property and violent crime) increased by approximately 1 percent from 13,484 crimes reported in 2007 to 13,685 crimes reported in 2008. Violent crime (murder, rape, robbery and aggravated assault) rose by 4 percent and property crime (burglary, larceny and motor vehicle theft) was up by 1 percent in 2008 compared to 2007. An increase in robberies drove violent crime while an uptick in larcenies caused property crime to go up.

Reported crime dropped in five out of seven Part 1 crime categories – homicide, rape, aggravated assault, burglary and motor vehicle theft. Larcenies and robberies were up in 2008.

<i>Part 1 Violent Crime</i>	<i>4-Year Average</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2008</i>	<i>07-08 % Change</i>
<i>Murder</i>	25	35	15	25	24	-4%
<i>Rape</i>	86	85	100	88	71	-19%
<i>Robbery</i>	823	627	975	800	889	11%
<i>Aggravated Assault</i>	809	726	857	828	826	<1%
<i>Violent Crime</i>	1743	1473	1947	1741	1810	4%

Crime dropped in three out of four violent crime categories in 2008. The number of homicides, rapes and aggravated assaults dropped while robberies increased. The number of reported rapes (71) was at a four-year low.

Homicides – The number of homicides dropped 4 percent from 25 in 2007 to 24 in 2008. The victims ranged in age from 16 to 85 years old. Twenty victims were shot and four were stabbed. Arrests have been made in 15 of

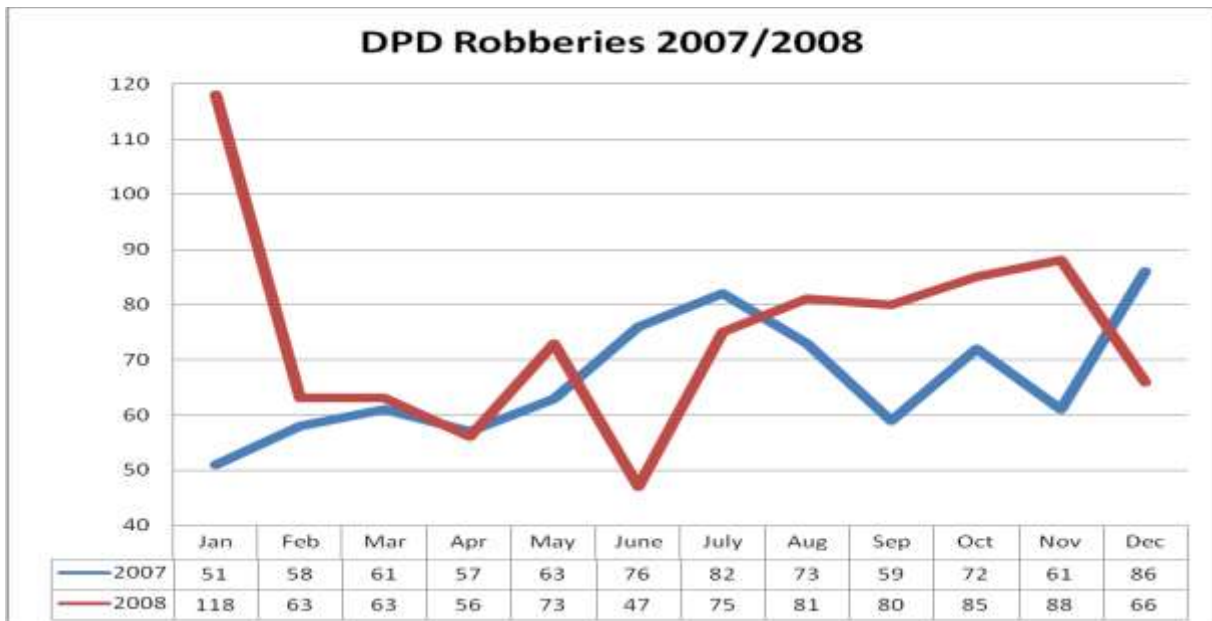
the 24 cases and investigators cleared six cold cases in 2008 (five from 2007 and one from 2001).

Rapes – The number of reported rapes dropped 19 percent from 88 reported in 2007 to 71 reported in 2008. Seventeen percent of the rapes were domestic and approximately one-third of the cases involved a stranger or unknown suspect. No weapon was used in almost 90 percent of the cases and there was no evidence of a serial rapist.

Aggravated Assaults – The number of aggravated assaults decreased slightly from 828 in 2007 to 826 in 2008. Approximately 25 percent of the aggravated assaults involved domestic violence and 44 percent involved strangers or unknown assailants. Forty-five percent of the assaults involved firearms, which was similar to the percentage in 2007.

Robberies – The number of robberies rose 11 percent from 800 in 2007 to 889 in 2008. The vast majority of the cases – approximately 86 percent – were from persons and 14 percent were from businesses. There were five bank robberies reported in 2008.

The robbery increase was in part caused by an unusually high number of cases - 118 - in January. (This was almost double the average monthly robbery total).



Most of the incidents in January involved armed robberies from persons that occurred in apartment complex parking lots in several areas of the city and many targeted Latino victims. In some cases, victims were shot during the robberies.

Police had noticed the crime trend and responded by sending out media alerts in English and Spanish, speaking with apartment complex managers, doing overt and covert operations and compiling intelligence information about possible suspects. One of the possible suspect vehicles was identified as a white Ford Taurus stations wagon with Florida tags. On January 22, Cpl. D.A. Ferrell spotted a vehicle matching this description on Fayetteville Street and tried to stop it. The driver refused to stop and led officers on a two-county chase that ended on Interstate 40 near Rock Quarry Road in Wake County.

Two men – 19-year-old Stephen Oates Jr. and 20-year-old William Dozia Smith – were arrested and charged with committing more than a dozen armed robberies throughout District 3 in western Durham. Oates was also charged with murder and robbery in the January 18 shooting death of 29-year-old Abhijit Mahato at 1600 Anderson Street.

Officers and investigators also made several other arrests that cleared robberies that were committed in January. The number of robberies dropped off significantly in the following months. During 2008, investigators identified 32 people involved in at least three robberies during the year.

In addition to the arrests of Smith and Oates, investigators made several other notable robbery arrests during 2008.

In June investigators arrested two men – Trey Preston Brown, 18, and Scott Eakes, 19 – and charged them with committing more than 80 robberies, vandalisms and vehicle break-ins throughout the city during late 2007 and the first half of 2008. They were also charged with several aggravated assaults. The arrests came after investigators had received numerous reports of crimes committed by teens in a silver Toyota 4Runner SUV in recent months. Members of the community called in tips about the vehicle and even provided investigators with a partial license number of a suspect vehicle.

Other notable robbery arrests:

- Tajudeen Borokinni, 28, was arrested in November and charged with six robberies and attempted robberies of Durham businesses in October and November in Districts 2 and 3. He was arrested in Chapel Hill and charged with an attempted armed robbery of a business there.
- Nigel Neal, 27, was charged with committing at least six business robberies in Durham, primarily in Districts 2 and 4. He was arrested in Raleigh while robbing a Blockbuster Video.
- Edwin Langolis, 21, and Jahid Preston Diggs, 16, were arrested and charged with robbing three Durham fast food restaurants within four days in late January. Langolis and Diggs were later arrested in June and charged with committing two robberies while out on bond in May involving listings on Craigslist.
- Marques Barr, 22, and Michael Stanback, 23, both of 1309 Hudson Avenue were arrested at 1309 Hudson Avenue and charged with committing robberies in the Lednum Street and South LaSalle Street areas during January. These arrests cleared six armed robberies.

Property Crime – Crime was down in two out of three property crime categories in 2008. Burglaries and motor vehicle thefts were down while larcenies increased.

<i>Part 1 Property Crimes</i>	<i>4-Year Average</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2008</i>	<i>07-08 % Change</i>
<i>Burglary</i>	3343	3157	3084	3625	3503	-3%
<i>Larceny</i>	7510	7944	7475	7130	7494	5%
<i>Vehicle Theft</i>	981	936	1118	988	878	-11%
<i>Property Crime</i>	11834	12037	11677	11743	11875	1%

During 2008, the Durham Police Department, along with many other law enforcement agencies in the state and nation, had to deal with an increase in the thefts of precious metals, which affected larceny and burglary statistics. Thieves tore air conditioning units apart to get copper and in some cases took the entire unit with them. Many of these thefts targeted vacant homes or homes under construction and/or renovation. The metal thefts also

included storm grates, beer kegs and manhole covers. One man was fatally injured when he was electrocuted while attempting to steal metal from a power substation. At one point, there was a rash of thefts of abandoned motor vehicles, which were then crushed for scrap metal.

The Police Department dealt with this issue by meeting with the owners of scrap metal businesses in Durham and enlisting their cooperation. Two investigators focused on these crimes and district investigators shared information about repeat offenders. The number of such crimes started to decrease late in the year as the price of metals dropped considerably.

These thefts occurred throughout the city and police made numerous arrests, including many of repeat offenders.

In an attempt to reduce other property crime, the Police Department sent crime prevention tips to the media, posted them on the Police Department website and shared information with the PAC listservs.

Crime prevention officers handed out flyers at several locations where they spotted items in plain view in vehicles. Investigators also did surveillance operations in several locations where clusters of vehicle break-ins were reported. Crime prevention officers conducted CPTED (crime prevention through environmental design) surveys at several locations where break-ins were occurring and provided residents and businesses with crime prevention suggestions.

Burglaries – Burglars stole more than \$5.1 million worth of items during 2008, which is an average of approximately \$1,500 per incident. The most stolen items included game systems, radios, television sets, stereo equipment, computers, jewelry and tools. There were also several thefts of appliances from new houses under construction. This appeared to be a problem in several areas of the Triangle in 2008.

The majority of burglaries – 83 percent – occurred to residences. Forced entry was not used in 17 percent of the cases and most of the burglaries occurred on weekdays.

Many of the suspects arrested on burglary charges were responsible for multiple burglaries, according to investigators. During 2008, there were 28 persons listed as possible suspects in five or more burglaries.

On January 5, 2009 Durham police officers made a major burglary arrest when they responded to an alarm call on Knox Circle and arrested two men –

Jorge Cabrera Enamorado, 18, and Jairo Henriquez Lima, 18. The two ended up being charged with dozens of residential break-ins in Durham City and County during 2008.

Larcenies – Items worth more than \$5.2 million were taken in larcenies during 2008. The mostly commonly stolen items included computers, electronics such as television sets, radios and stereos, tools and money.

Larcenies from vehicles and larcenies of vehicle parts (tires, stereo systems, etc.) comprised approximately 45 percent of all larcenies in 2008. During the latter part of the year officers noticed an increase in the number of GPS units stolen from vehicles. Other items in left in plain view such as laptop computers, stereo equipment and purses were also taken. Many of these thefts occurred in the parking lots of apartment complexes, shopping centers and office buildings and were often crimes of opportunity.

Officers responded to dozens of car break-ins at fitness centers in Districts 3 and 4 during the fall and arrested Demario McLean on numerous charges. He had been arrested earlier in the year for similar crimes in Raleigh.

Investigators also arrested 39-year-old Calvin Davis and charged him with dozens of larcenies from offices in downtown Durham and in office buildings near the Research Triangle Park during the first three months of the year.

Motor Vehicle Thefts – Motor vehicle thefts dropped 11 percent from 988 in 2007 to 878 in 2008. The most stolen vehicle in Durham continued to be the Honda Accord.

Reasons for Committing Crimes - When investigators made arrests they asked the suspects why they had committed the crimes. Of course, in many cases the suspects refused to admit to the crime or cooperate, but some were willing to talk. Some suspects said they didn't have a job and needed money to feed their families and several teens said they wanted to have some money. Others acknowledged that they needed money to buy drugs. One man told officers he was trying to raise enough money (\$7,000) to bring his two siblings to the United States. For juveniles, the primary reason for getting involved in crimes was peer pressure.

Traffic Fatalities - The number of fatal traffic accidents dropped 40% from 10 in 2007 to six in 2008. Two of the fatal accidents involved pedestrians in the roadway. Two involved alcohol and speed, one was caused by excessive speed and one was caused by weather/loss of control of vehicle.

Date	Location	Cause
2/26/08	NC 55 @ Allendown	Pedestrian crawling in road
7/7/08	Roxboro @ Omega	Speed/Impaired Driver
8/30/08	US 70 East near I-85	M/C driver lost control
10/22/08	Chapel Hill Blvd @ Legion	Pedestrian in road
10/30/08	Park @ Juniper	Speed/Alcohol
11/29/08	US 70 East near I-85	Speed/Weather

Reorganization – One of the highlights of 2008 was a major reorganization of the Police Department to enhance efficiency and effectiveness. The Police Department was divided into an Operations Command and an Operations Support Command with deputy chiefs in charge of each command. Northside and Southside operations were also established. Northside Operations includes Districts 1, 2 and 5 and Southside Operations includes Districts 3 and 4. By creating these operations divisions, the department is able to maintain beat and district integrity while allowing for increased accountability and more flexible sharing and use of personnel and equipment.

In April, four new decentralized district problem-solving squads called High Enforcement Abatement Teams (HEAT) were created to target problem areas, persons and crime trends. District commanders used their HEAT officers to handle crime “hot spots” as well as quality of life issues such as street-level drug sales, prostitution and loitering. During 2008 HEAT officers confiscated guns, documented gang members, made numerous drug arrests, served search warrants, conducted license check points and assisted patrol officers and investigators when necessary.

The next phase of the reorganization occurred in July when an expanded downtown bicycle unit hit the streets. Downtown business owners and residents told us that they wanted to see more bicycle officers during peak hours. This citizen-friendly unit, which consists of 16 officers and three supervisors, has been highly visible and able to quickly and easily navigate through downtown. We used asset forfeiture funds to pay for equipment and uniforms for this unit, which has provided flexible and enhanced coverage of events at nights, during the day and on weekends. Property crime dropped significantly in the Central District/downtown area, which we think may have been partially due to the increased presence and visibility of the officers in the area.

Bull's Eye Initiative - The Police Department successfully completed the first year of its major Bull's Eye initiative during the third quarter of 2008. The results showed significant drops in violent crime, gun-related violent crime and quality of life issues such as prostitution and drug sales. The Bull's Eye initiative, which brought together community resources to address crime and social issues, started on August 1, 2007 in a two-square mile area in East Durham. The majority of the Bull's Eye area was in District 1 with smaller parts of District 4 and Central District.

This area was chosen after the Police Department's Crime Analysis Unit determined that while this area made up 2 percent of the City's area, it accounted for almost 20 percent of the violent gun crime, "shots fired" calls and documented gang members in the City of Durham. More than 20 percent of arrests for such crimes as prostitution, possession of stolen goods and drugs also took place in this particular area. The Police Department also identified 599 abandoned/vacant houses in the Bull's Eye area.

The Police Department used \$273,000 in overtime funds to focus on the Bull's Eye area with directed patrols, license checks and covert and overt operations. This intense focus had a positive impact on crime in the target area, according to a comparison of crime statistics from the study period (May 2006 – April 2007) to the first year of the Bull's Eye initiative (August 2007 – July 2008).

One-year Bull's Eye highlights include:

- 29.3% decrease in violent gun crimes in the target area, compared to a 6.7% decrease citywide
- 28.3% decrease in overall violent crime in the target area, compared to a 1.6% decrease citywide

- 8.5% decrease in non-officer-initiated drug calls in the target area
- 42.3% decrease in non-officer-initiated prostitution calls in the target area
- 2,141 warrants served
- 6,119 traffic stops
- 13 prostitution operations
- 93 stolen vehicles recovered
- 191 firearms and other weapons confiscated
- 1,099 actual custodial arrests
- Six people referred to “Operation Second Chance,” which is similar to the High Point Initiative.

The Police Department will continue to focus on the Bull’s Eye area and work with community agencies to address social issues in the target area.

Facilities – The Police Department made several major moves during 2008 to improve the department’s facilities. One significant undertaking was a \$4 million deferred maintenance project at Police Headquarters which brought the building into ADA compliance and added a much-needed records mass storage room, a 1,000 square foot Compstat/assembly room/community room and replaced obsolete HVAC systems.

District 2 moved into a larger building with better amenities at 5285 North Roxboro Road in 2008. The Police Department has requested approval of a new lease for the District 3 substation in a building at the intersection of Shannon Road and MLK Boulevard and has also obtained approval for a replacement substation in District 1, which has had no substation since the old substation was evacuated in March 2008 due to mold problems. In addition, the renovation of a City-owned building at 516 Rigsbee Avenue has almost been completed to house the Forensic Services Unit and the Central District substation. The Police Department also reduced the number of leased facilities by getting rid of eight poorly-equipped satellite locations.

Recruiting – The Police Department came up with several new and innovative ideas to reach out to potential police recruits in 2008. One sergeant and four officers were assigned to handle background investigations to streamline and speed up the hiring process.

Some of these recruiting efforts included:

- Recruiting commercials were broadcast on country, rock and urban radio stations with positive results
- Advertisements were placed on at least 20 career websites such as careerbuilders.com, officer.com, WorkTriangle.com, collegerecruiter.com, PoliceEmployment.com and Craigslist (The advertisement on careerbuilders.com generated more than 1,000 responses)

- Advertising banners on DATA buses
- Recruiting video filmed at the Durham Bulls Athletic Park and information placed in the game guides all season
- Movie screen advertisement at Southpoint Theater on all screens before every movie
- Recruiters attended numerous community events including North Carolina Pride Parade, Bimbe Festival, Centerfest, North Carolina State Fair, National Night Out and numerous crime prevention fairs
- Recruiting letters and information sent to all district PACs, churches in the Raleigh-Durham area and all colleges in North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia.
- Fans with DPD logo and recruiting information handed out at area churches
- Planned and held a Durham Public Safety Career Fair and plans are in the works for a second career fair

New Equipment – The Police Department added tasers and purchased a new mobile substation in 2008. Both were bought with asset forfeiture funds. The department also used asset forfeiture funds to purchase OSHA-approved respiratory masks for all patrol officers as well as OSHA-approved raincoats and traffic vests.

There are 105 officers trained and equipped with tasers. An additional 125 tasers have arrived and officers are being trained to use them. Since adding the tasers, monthly use of force reports have dropped almost in half. (These numbers are for less-lethal force only, and do not include firearm or canine).

There have been at least three lives saved by the use of tasers. One was a suicidal female who stabbed herself in the abdomen in front of an officer. The officer immediately used a taser on her to disarm her and then got her medical help. In another incident, a female wielding a knife in each hand was charging at another person in a parking lot. The officer used a taser, which incapacitated the woman and caused her to drop both knives. The third case involved a mentally ill male armed with a knife who was threatening to harm himself and harm officers. Officers were able to use a taser to disarm him.

The Police Department purchased a new 2008 mobile command center to replace the department's aging mobile substation, which was often out of service due to mechanical problems. The 33-foot long new mobile command center is a 35,000 pound heavy truck with a 7.6 liter engine. The mobile command center has seating for 13 people, two built-in television sets/DVD players, a meeting area, a kitchen and a bathroom. The mobile command center is used at community events and lengthy crime scenes such as homicides and standoffs.

Forensic Services Unit - The Forensic Services Unit (FSU) filled more positions in 2008, which enabled them to manage an increased workload and provide 24-hour coverage. The renovation of a new lab space at 516 Rigsbee Street is almost complete. The new local SPEX automated

fingerprint/palmprint identification system (AFPIS), which has more than 20,000 persons in its database, was installed and put to use. The new state AFPIS system was also installed and has allowed for faster and better results in latent comparisons.

The FSU latent examiners performed over 6,300 latent comparisons in 2008, identifying 161 suspects involved in criminal investigations. The unit answered 4,438 calls for service during 2008; 51 of those calls were for other agencies. FSU also handled 400 court and CID requests, 88 video analysis requests and processed 443 firearms for evidence. The unit spent 1,876 hours in training and made 49 presentations to community groups, department personnel and other agencies.

The Forensic Services Unit received a Department of Justice Forensic Enhancement Grant of more than \$350,000 at the end of 2008. This grant provides funds for a full-time firearms analyst to process firearms to expedite test results and help link firearms to suspects, victims and crime scenes. The grant will also provide funds for enhanced forensic training, updated equipment, a forensic computer system and a lab management system for increased efficiency.

2008 PSN (Project Safe Neighborhoods) Highlights

- Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) held nineteen Community Responses to Violent Acts in 2008.
- Four STARS notifications were held and 43 offenders were notified.
- PSN Steering Committee meetings were held monthly. Members served on the review committee for Durham's Comprehensive Anti-Gang Initiative prevention and intervention grant process.
- The PSN website is updated monthly with current gun arrest data, gun crime measures and a community newsletter. A gang awareness booklet and PSN brochures were also updated.
- Project Safe Neighborhoods participated in 82 community outreach activities. This included events such as block and neighborhood parties, National Night Out activities, youth programs, employee wellness fairs, church programs and presentations to business and crime prevention groups. A 300% increase in community outreach was reflected in 2008.
- Strong partnerships exist with the North Carolina Child Response Initiative, Durham County Gun Safety Team, North Carolinians Against Gun Violence and the Religious Coalition for Non-Violent Durham.

2008 Federal Task Force Accomplishments

The Durham Police Department has 13 officers assigned to seven federal task forces. Listed below are several accomplishments by the federal task force officers from Durham during 2008:

- The Police Department started a program with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) in which an officer is cross sworn to function in both capacities. ICE established a satellite office in Durham Police headquarters.
- The U.S. Marshals Service fugitive task force arrested a total of 251 fugitives in 2008.
- A total of 31 people were indicted by the ATF task force in 2008 and 512 guns were traced by ATF's online eTrace program.
- The USMS located Gary Brady in New York City on an outstanding homicide warrant. He has returned to North Carolina.
- The USMS located and arrested Christopher Fisher on two counts of attempted murder.
- The USMS arrested Darrell Cheatham on an outstanding Florida warrant charging him with homicide.
- The USMS located Timothy O'Neil who was wanted on multiple sex offenses. Prior to entry by the USMS, O'Neil committed suicide with a shotgun.
- Ronald Price, a registered sex offender, was located on Glendale Avenue by the USMS and FBI at the request of the Special Victims Unit of NYPD.
- The USMS was able to locate Phuont Phan, a DEA fugitive from Durham, in Sacramento, CA. Phan is a suspected large scale MDMA trafficker and his capture was essential because there were fears he would flee to Vietnam – his native country.
- Germel Vereen was indicted by ATF on charges of armed drug trafficking and possession with intent to sell and deliver cocaine. He entered a guilty plea in April 2008.
- ATF indicted Earl Revels for one count of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Revels also faces two homicide charges in the North Carolina courts.
- ATF arrested Willard Scott on indictments charging him with armed drug trafficking, possession of marijuana and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.
- Sharyn Duke, the owner/operator of Armory Arms, was sentenced to six months house arrest, 36 months supervised release and fined \$5,000 for her participation in the undercover operation performed by ATF in 2007. Armory Arms, the largest supplier of crime guns in Durham, ceased operation in late 2007 and Duke will not be able to ever have a firearm license again.

- Jamaine Mitchell, a fugitive wanted by the FBI, was located after hours of surveillance by task force officers. Mitchell was wanted on trafficking in cocaine charges and had fled upon release from the Durham County Jail on unrelated charges.
- Thanh Dang was arrested by DEA on charges of conspiracy to distribute 83 pounds of high grade marijuana and illegal importation of illicit drugs. This case involves agencies from the United States and three foreign countries.
- Maria Cruz, Hiraldo Cruz and Fernando Cardenas were arrested after more than 18 kilograms of cocaine were recovered at three locations in Durham.
- Arintonia Cooper and Charles Johnson were indicted on drug trafficking and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Both were recently released from North Carolina prisons and now face substantial federal time if convicted.
- Robert Eugene Maples was sentenced to 180 months in federal prison after his conviction for armed career criminal and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.
- James Rimmer, a retired resident of Durham, was indicted on a charge of unlicensed firearms dealer. More than 600 firearms were found in his residence after an extensive long-term investigation by ATF. The firearms were returned to a licensed federal firearms licensee for disposal.
- More than two dozen ranking members of MS-13 was taken into custody on numerous charges and face multiple decades in federal prison if convicted.
- Mark Stevons was arrested by the USMS task force on an outstanding murder indictment.
- Willie Paredes was arrested by DEA on a count of trafficking more than one kilo of heroin.
- A long term Title III investigation into the “Face Mob Family” culminated with the sealed indictments of multiple defendants. This organization is believed to be responsible for trafficking more than 100 kilograms of heroin and 300 kilograms of cocaine in Durham. Vehicles seized included a 2008 Maserati, 2008 Mercedes-Benz CLS-550, 2008 BMW 7-series, 2007 Jaguar XK, 2007 BMW 5-series, 2007 Mercedes M-class and two 1971 Chevrolet Chevelles. These vehicles are conservatively estimated to have more than \$600,000 in value. This case was the direct result from the cooperation of the Raleigh PD, Durham PD, FBI, DEA and US Attorney’s Offices for the Middle and Eastern District of North Carolina.
- DEA recovered more than 800 pounds of marijuana from a trailer beside the old Catsburg store on Old Oxford Highway.

2008 Awards

- **Victim Services Award** - The Police Department was honored in November for its efforts to support the victims of crime through strategies and initiatives. The department was honored during the annual International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) conference in San Diego.
- **National Night Out Awards** - The Police Department was also honored in November for its National Night Out events held in August. The Durham Police Department placed 10th nationally for cities with populations of 100,000 to 299,000. Two Durham communities - Azalea Park Apartments and Audubon Park Homeowners Association were named National Night Out All Stars. NNO All-Stars are individuals, organizations or programs honored for outstanding participation, leadership and/or assistance during the NNO campaign, as well as exceptional or innovative accomplishments which might not fit into other award categories.
- **NAMI Award** – The Durham chapter of NAMI (National Alliance of Mental Illness) on November 20 honored two Durham officers – Officer Mark Morais and Investigator Tad Ochman – for their work with the Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) program.
- **Law Enforcement Leadership Award** – Chief Jose L. Lopez Sr. received a National Law Enforcement Leadership Award from the National Latino Peace Officers Association during their annual convention in October.
- **NCAGIO Award** – The Durham Police Department received the North Carolina Association of Government Information Officers' (NCAGIO) 2008 Excellence in Communications Award in the publications category for its 2007 Annual Report "*Service and Sacrifice.*" The publication chronicles the department's achievements, challenges and changes during the report year in an engaging way. The publication also honored Officer Charles Callemyn who was fatally injured in the line of duty while responding to a call in February 2007.
- **National Police Shooting Awards** – Lt. Kevin Cates won first place in the patrol division at Tactical Police Competitions in Fairfax, Va., Albuquerque, New Mexico and Stockton, Missouri.
- **Durham Civitan Club's Louis J. Carver Outstanding Service Award**- Cpl. Dante Ferrell received this award after he spotted a suspect vehicle in numerous armed robberies and chased it to Raleigh. This led to the arrest of two men who are suspects in dozens of armed robberies in Durham. One of the offenders was found to be a suspect in the high-profile January 18, 2008 robbery-related murder of a Duke University graduate student, Abhijit Mahato. It is significant to note that Ferrell demonstrated extreme caution and exceptional radio communication skills when pursuing the suspect vehicle. Ferrell

consistently maintained a calm and confident demeanor as he provided updates on the suspect vehicles' route and speed, as well as traffic conditions. He also was mindful of the movements of other responding patrol cars giving alerts as appropriate to minimize potential harm/hazards to motorists and other responding officers.

- **ASIS (American Society for Industrial Security) Law Enforcement Legion of Excellence Award Finalist** – District 4 Investigator Jason Smith was nominated for his work on a complicated case which solving several armed robberies involving Craigslist. Smith charged Jahid Diggs, Edwin Langolis and two juveniles in these cases.
- **Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association Group Achievement Award** - Durham police investigators Kyle York and Charles Davidson, who were assigned to the DEA Task Force, and ICE Special Agent Leonardo Livreri were honored in 2008 for their work with a major multi-jurisdictional task force that targeted a Vietnamese drug trafficking organization operating in the United States and Canada. This organization was responsible for the distribution of Ecstasy and high-grade marijuana. This operation culminated with the arrest of eight people, including some in Durham, and the seizure of 14,000 dosage units of Ecstasy, 237 pounds of high-grade marijuana and assets and cash worth more than \$1 million. The operation also involved officers from DEA Headquarters, Virginia, Los Angeles, Orlando, Houston, Boston, Canada and Vietnam. (This was the second year in a row that investigators York and Davidson were honored for their work with the DEA task force).

Part 1 Domestic Violence Crimes	2005	2006	2007	2008
Murder	0	1	2	3
Rape	16	12	12	12
Robbery	13	6	7	3
Agg Assault	224	203	216	211
Burglary	53	73	68	66
Larceny	17	18	40	60
Vehicle Theft	4	6	8	7
Total	327	319	353	362

Youth Crimes	2007	2008
Assaults	235	169
B&E	65	41
B&E to Auto	9	3
Drugs	45	12
Larceny	152	108
Larceny of Auto	8	11
Robbery	33	28
Missing Person/Runaway	416	297
Vandalism	96	61
Child Neglect	90	69
Physical Abuse	186	158
Sexual Abuse	74	52
Rape	38	29
Other Sexual Offense	79	48
Miscellaneous	157	94
Total Youth Crimes	1683	1180