

Memorandum

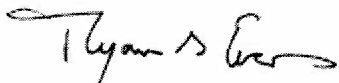


DATE: January 15, 2010

TO: Members of the Public Safety Committee

SUBJECT: **2009 Dallas Police Department Preliminary Murder Summary**

Attached is briefing material on the "2009 Dallas Police Department Preliminary Murder Summary" to be presented to the Members of the Public Safety Committee on Tuesday, January 19, 2010.



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2009 Dallas Police Department Preliminary Murder Summary

- 166 Murders in 2009 – 2.4% reduction from 2008
- Lowest number of murders in the last 42 years – since 133 in 1967
- 0.129 murders per 1000 population is the lowest in 51 years
- Two consecutive years of murder rates per 1000 that are similar to 1950's era murder rates
- Number of murders in 2009 was 33% lower than 2004
- Murder rate per 1000 in 2009 was 36% lower than 2004
- Number of murders in 2009 was 67% lower than the peak year of 1991
- Murder rate per 1000 in 2009 was 73% lower than the peak year of 1991