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MPD ANNOUNCES HOMICIDES AT 20 YEAR LOW

As of August 31, the number of homicides is the lowest it's been in 22 years. The City of Milwaukee Police Department has released the homicide numbers for the first two-thirds of the year, Milwaukee Police Chief Edward A. Flynn announced today. Not since 1986 has the city recorded 49 homicides in the first eight months of the year, as it has this year.

In the first eight months of 2008, Flynn reported a 25 percent decrease in the number of homicides compared to the same time period in 2007. Additionally, he announced a 45 percent decrease in total firearm-related homicides in 2008 compared to 2007.

MPD also reported decreases this year in the number of victims between the ages of 17 and 24, the number of robbery-related homicides, drug-related homicides and homicides precipitated by argument.

“We have made a commitment in the MPD to lower the violence,” Flynn said. “We know good police work is not the only variable in controlling homicide. Some of the factors that contribute to our homicide rate are out of our control. But just as we know for a fact that first-rate emergency room doctors have saved lives, so has first-rate police work.”

HOMICIDES IN MILWAUKEE BY THE NUMBERS JANUARY 1 – AUGUST 31, 1985-2008

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>THROUGH 8/31</u>	<u>YEAR-END TOTAL</u>
1985	39	70
1986	49	82
1987	58	91
1988	54	82
1989	78	115
1990	101	165
1991	117	168
1992	97	153
1993	100	164
1994	91	114
1995	77	142
1996	85	138
1997	84	122
1998	71	107
1999	88	124
2000	81	121
2001	86	127
2002	71	108
2003	69	107
2004	58	88
2005	88	122
2006	71	103
2007	65	105
2008	49	

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