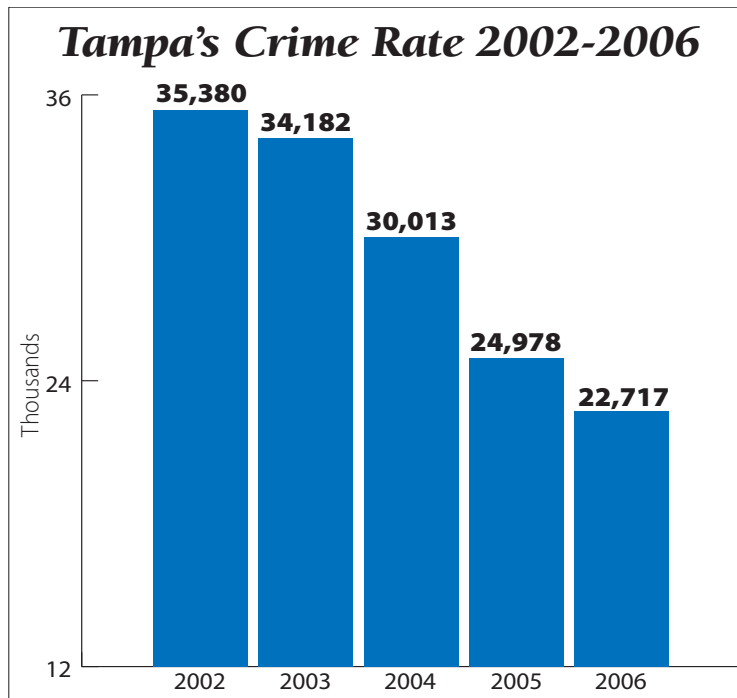


Public Safety

Tampa is fortunate to be home to police officers and firefighters that are dedicated to the protection of our residents and visitors. The safety and security of our citizens is our number one priority and this year our on-going commitment to police and fire rescue continues.

Police Department

Tampa Police Officers are working with the community to continue to reduce crime in all of Tampa's neighborhoods. Utilizing targeted community policing efforts and well planned police operations, Tampa's officers are reducing crime at an unprecedented level. Over the last four years we have realized a 36 percent decrease in Part I Crimes.



**Tampa
has seen
12,663
fewer Part
I Crimes.**

National Standard: Uniform Crime Report (Part I Crimes)

Throughout the budget process we worked hard to maintain the level of public safety our citizens are accustomed to and we were able to balance the budget without any reduction in street-level sworn personnel for both police and fire.

Fire Rescue

The world of public safety is changing and Tampa Fire Rescue (TFR) is rising to meet the new challenges by providing quality emergency response services. With a highly trained, skilled and talented rescue force, the department has invested resources in specialty teams to help ensure the continued safety of the public. Recently, five dogs passed the FEMA Certification for K-9s which makes TFR one of the departments with the

Tampa Fire Rescue responded to 55,398 medical calls in 2006.

most certified K-9s for search and rescue in the nation. Tampa Fire is also one of the only departments in the nation with an offshore firefighting team certified by the U.S. Coast Guard to fly over 190 miles offshore for firefighting and rescue of ships in distress.

