Crime Trends

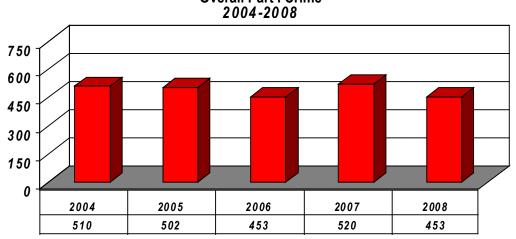
Crime trends are analyzed using two separate methods, crime volume and crime rates. Crime volume is the collective sum of the seven indexed crimes. By comparing the volume of indexed crime from year to year, trends can be evaluated.

Crime rates on the other hand, are compiled to compensate for the changes in population and show the number of people affected by crime in a given population. Crime rates are usually expressed in the number of crimes per 100,000 residents.

Crime Volume

During the calendar year 2008, there were a total of 453 index offenses in the City of Tomball. In 2008, crime index decreased by 12.9% when compared to 2007. The offense of theft accounted for 70.9% of all index crimes.

Tomball Crime Volume by Offense				
Violent Crimes	Offense	2007	2008	% Change
	Murder	2	0	- 200%
Property Crimes	Rape	6	7	+ 16.7%
	Robbery	7	11	+ 57.1%
	Aggravated Assault	15	23	+ 53.3%
	Violent Crime Totals	30	41	+ 36.7%
	Burglary	64	71	+ 10.9%
	Theft	403	321	- 20.3%
	Auto Theft	23	20	- 13%
	Arson	0	0	No Change
	Property Crime Totals	490	412	- 15.9%
Index Crime Totals		520	453	- 12.9%



Overall Part I Crime