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2008 WELD COUNTY CRIME STATISTICS

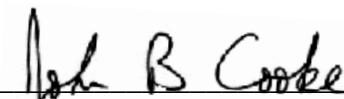
GREELEY, Colo. – Sheriff John Cooke announced today the major crime rate in Weld County has dropped for a third consecutive year.

The preliminary statistics for reported major crimes, which includes murder, forcible rape, aggravated assault, robbery, arson, burglary, theft, and motor vehicle theft, dropped 4.6% between 2007 and 2008. The total number of major crimes reported dropped from 1597 in 2005 to 1036 in 2008, a reduction of 35.13% over a three year period.

“Thanks to better cooperation between law enforcement, other government agencies, and the citizens of Weld County the rates have dropped. Advances in technology and evidence collection techniques have improved the likelihood of an arrest. The Sheriff’s mission statement to improve the quality of life in Weld County has been successful from 2005 through 2008 with fewer major crimes reported each year”, said Sheriff Cooke.

<u>Major Crimes</u>	2007 Reported	2008 Reported	% change
Murder	0	1	+100%
Forcible Rape	20	10	-50%
Aggravated Assault	130	93	-28%
Robbery	5	4	-20%
Arson	6	7	+15%
Burglary	326	320	-2%
Larceny/ Theft	483	509	+18%
Motor Vehicle Theft	116	92	-21%
Total	1086	1036	-4.6%

For more information call the sheriff's office at 970-356-4015 or listen to Sheriff Cooke Friday at 9 am on 1310 KFKA AM.



John B. Cooke – Sheriff

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