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TO: Interested Individuals

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SUBJECT: Thirty Years of Crime in the San Diego Region: 1983 through 2012

The SANDAG bulletin "*Thirty Years of Crime in the San Diego Region: 1983 through 2012*" is enclosed for your information. This bulletin presents comparisons of crime incidents and crime rates reported in the San Diego region over the past 30 years.

As presented in the bulletin, the region's violent (3.77) and property (22.15) crime rates (per 1,000 residents) increased for the first time since 2001 and 2003, respectively. All Part I violent crimes and property crimes increased over the past year, with the greatest rise seen in homicides (30%) between 2011 (82) and 2012 (107). Preliminary motive information suggests this was due in part to gang-related crime. Despite these increases, the 2012 rates are still among the lowest in the past 30 years. SANDAG will continue to closely monitor the upswing and possible contributing factors, such as significant cuts in resources for crime prevention and other law enforcement efforts, as well as recent legislation that shifted responsibility for supervising offenders to local law enforcement agencies.

The bulletin is also available at www.sandag.org/cjc. If you need assistance accessing the report or wish to receive an e-mail notification rather than a hard copy, please contact Liz Doroski at (619) 699-6921 or Liz.Doroski@sandag.org.

We welcome your comments about how you have used these data and how to make this bulletin more useful. We invite you to visit our Web site and review the numerous reports and projects pertaining to public safety. Thank you for your interest.

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