

## CITY OF PACIFICA

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## PACIFICA RECEIVES ACCOLADE AS ONE OF CALIFORNIA'S SAFEST CITIES

Pacifica, CA- Pacifica is once again the recipient of recognition as a safe city. Safewise, a private home security provider, analyzed data from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) to rank the 50 safest cities in California. In this study, Pacifica was ranked 48<sup>th</sup> safest city in California with a population greater than 10,000. The report proclaimed that Pacifica attracts "beach goers and nature lovers to its coastal location between San Francisco and Half Moon Bay, while its friendly atmosphere and safe streets get them to stay."

According to the report, Pacifica's violent crime rate is 55 percent lower than most cities in the United States, and its property crime rate is 50 percent lower than the national average.

Regarding this recognition, Interim Pacifica Police Chief Dan Steidle stated, "I am pleased with the recognition of our city as a safe place for residents and tourists alike. This distinction is a result of the collaboration between city departments that work to make Pacifica the fine community it is, as well as the efforts of our community members who work with us to prevent crime."

Pacifica was the recipient of this award in 2013 when ranked in the top 50 safest cities in California by Safewise. Also in 2013, Pacifica received recognition for being the 90<sup>th</sup> safest city in America with a population of greater than 25,000.

City Manager Lorie Tinfow added, "This recognition is a wonderful validation that we are doing things right and makes me proud to lead the city organization and be part of this special community."

The Pacifica Police Department submits crime data to the California Department of Justice (DOJ) via the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) program. This data is the accessed by the FBI for statistical analysis. This data is public information and is commonly accessed for the purpose of rating jurisdictions in terms of safety and quality of life.

http://www.safewise.com/blog/safest-cities-California-2015/

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