

## **Downtown Public Safety Year End Recap**

At the first of the year, Mayor Tom Leppert, the City of Dallas and the Dallas Police Department, in cooperation with **DOWNTOWN**DALLAS and its Downtown Safety Patrol (DSP), implemented a renewed 'zero tolerance' approach to quality of life violations, including panhandling offenses. In addition, 24 new Dallas Police Department officers were assigned to Downtown. We are proud to show that Central Business District crime in 2008 was down 19% compared to 2007, and we believe these renewed DPD strategies will continue to not only address the perception issues of crime but also further post impressive crime reduction numbers for 2009. Throughout 2008, DSP officers interacted with over 390,000 workers, visitors and residents while patrolling seven days a week on foot and bicycles. Be sure to thank our Dallas Police and DSP officers for their efforts when you see them.