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SAN JOSE STILL "SAFEST BIG CITY" IN U.S.

FBI Statistics Place City on Top for 4th Year in a Row

SAN JOSE, CALIF. – November 24, 2004 – San José remains the safest large city in America, according to a recently released study based on statistics from the FBI.

In the 11th annual report released by Morgan-Quitno Press, San José was listed as the safest city in the United States with a population over 500,000. The capital of Silicon Valley has held on to the top spot in every report released since 2001.

"The fact that we have been named the safest city in the United States for the fourth year in a row speaks volumes not only for the city and its police, but also for the citizens of San Jose," said Dan Fenton, President and CEO of the San Jose Convention and Visitors Bureau. "Our neighbors clearly are part of what makes San Jose a great place to live, work, and visit."

The annual rankings are compiled based on the 2003 edition of the FBI's yearly publication, *Crime in the United States*. Rates are examined for six basic crime categories: murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary and motor vehicle theft. All cities of populations greater than 75,000 that reported crime data to the FBI for the six crime categories were included in the rankings.

More detailed information on this year's rankings as well as a more in-depth explanation of the methodology used is available at <http://www.morganquitno.com/safecity.htm>.

About The San José Convention & Visitors Bureau (SJCVB)

The San José Convention & Visitors Bureau's (SJCVB) mission is to enhance the image and economic well being of San José by taking the leadership role in marketing San José as a globally recognized destination. The SJCVB offers meeting planners, tour operators, and individual visitors a team of professionals who can assist with their destination planning process from beginning to end. To receive a copy of the Bureau's *Meeting Planning Guide* or *Official Visitors Guide*, please contact the SJCVB at 1.800.SAN.JOSE (1.800.726.5673) or visit <http://www.sanjose.org>.

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