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INDIANAPOLIS RANKS AMONG TOP 40 SAFEST CITIES IN THE U.S.

INDIANAPOLIS - Indianapolis ranks among the top 40 safest cities in the country according to a study released by Forbes.com this week. The study took into account metropolitan cities that have the lowest rates of violent crime, workplace deaths, fatal crashes and natural disasters.

"We as a City remain committed to making public safety job one," said Mayor Ballard. "This ranking certainly reflects these efforts, and we will continue to provide our citizens with safer streets and a more livable city."

According to Forbes.com, the top 40 list was determined by looking at the country's 40 largest metropolitan statistical areas across four categories of danger. Violent crime rates from the FBI's 2008 uniform crime report were considered, as well as 2008 workplace death rates from the Bureau of Labor Statistics; 2008 traffic death rates from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration; and natural disaster risk, using rankings from green living site SustainLane.com.

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