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## Chicago Police Department

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### **CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT: 2022 IN REVIEW**

*Tenth Consecutive Month of Double-Digit Declines in Gun Violence,  
CPD Committed to Community Engagement*



The last month of 2022 marked the 10<sup>th</sup> consecutive month of double-digit declines in gun violence, with shootings down 20.3% for the year and the number of shooting victims down 20.6%. Twenty of the Chicago Police Department's (CPD) 22 districts have recorded less shootings this year than in 2021. Citywide, there is a 13.56% decline in murders compared to last year.

CPD ended 2022 with the sixth lowest year of overall crimes since 1965<sup>i</sup>. Robberies are the fourth lowest since 1965<sup>ii</sup>; burglaries are the second lowest since 1965<sup>iii</sup>; and thefts are the third lowest in 50 years<sup>iv</sup>. Uniform Crime Report (UCR) figures are the national standard relied upon by the federal government for consistent crime reporting

Murders and shootings are also down in the Top 55 beats where more than half of the city's violent crime occurs. After CPD used targeted precision deployments to enhance public safety, shootings dropped 31.08% and murders fell 27.37%. Citywide, the number of murders is lower than in 2020, 2021, and 2016.

This significant progress is built on the diligent efforts of the men and women of the CPD along with the collaboration and support of a diverse public safety coalition from across the city including residents, community groups, the business community, mental health professionals, and faith-based leaders and organizations.

“Over the course of this year, the Chicago Police Department has made great strides in our communities by talking and working with residents to grow trust, build relationships, and enhance public safety,” said CPD Superintendent David O. Brown. “The consistent patterns of reductions in gun violence shows that we’re making a difference but it also serves as a reminder that we can’t let up.”

The year also marked steady progress in the important work not to just reform, but also fundamentally transform the Chicago Police Department. Consent decree compliance increased from 11% in 2020 to 78.4% in 2022. After engaging extensively with community members and the Independent Monitoring Team and Office of the Attorney General, CPD released a permanent foot pursuit policy emphasizing safety for officers and members of the public. The policy, which took effect August 29, strengthens supervisory responsibility, requires new documentation, and improves data collection.

In 2022, 56 Chicago Police officers were shot or shot at in the line of duty, and eight of these brave men and women were struck by gunfire. In 2019, we saw 22 officers shot at or shot. This underscores the difficult and dangerous work officers do every day to enhance safety across Chicago. The Department's six pillars – growing community trust, transformational change through reform, officer wellness, ensuring public safety, strengthening investigations, and recruitment and retention – are helping to create a safer and stronger city. Across each pillar, CPD has noted key milestones in the effort to increase visibility, engagement, and collaboration.

### **GROWING COMMUNITY TRUST**



The Chicago Police Department recognizes that ongoing partnerships with the community is one of its greatest strengths. Over the past year, CPD held more than a dozen community conversations and Town Halls across Chicago and launched the monthly [Conversations with a Commander](#) series. This April saw the first D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) training held in Chicago since 2009, and the revival of the G.R.E.A.T. (Gang Resistance and Education Training) program. Officers also took time to give back, hosting food drives, collecting clothing and other items for those in need, health and wellness fairs, school supply giveaways and youth sports leagues. This month, Department members took part in Operation Santa, Shop with a Cop, toy drives plus the Cops & Kids Invitational Chess Tournament.

Through the Family Liaison Program, the Chicago Police Department continues to connect the families of homicide victims to important resources and assistance. This year, Family Liaison Officers (FLOs) had nearly 3,100 engagements with community members, serving as advocates to help victims' families navigate obtaining case updates and court proceedings and accessing support services.

### **TRANSFORMATIONAL CHANGE THROUGH REFORM**

The Independent Monitoring Team's sixth semiannual report (IMR-6), released this month, detailed the significant work done from January 1, 2022 through June 30, 2022 in both reforming and transforming the Chicago Police Department. During IMR-6, the city achieved a level of compliance in 78.4% of consent decree paragraphs. That marks a 13.9% increase in paragraphs receiving a level of compliance compared to IMR-5. During IMR-6, CPD also finalized its strategic [Roadmap to Operational Compliance](#), which serves as a performance management blueprint for these efforts moving forward. The Department is proud of this progress, but remains focused on making CPD the most professional and transparent police department in the country.

Since 2020, CPD has issued more than 300 policies, with 123 related to consent decree. The Department administered 40 hours of in-service training for all sworn department members this year, up from zero hours just a few years ago. We also expanded the Narcotics Arrest Diversion Program (NADP) to all 22 police districts. The largest program of its kind in the nation, CPD launched NADP in 2018 to steer residents dealing with substance use disorder away from the criminal justice system and into treatment and wraparound support services. The program is an important tool in a whole-of-city approach that addresses systemic factors impacting crime and violence. Additionally, we launched the new Joint Public Safety Training Academy, a collaborative institution that will prepare generations of first responders for careers in public service and public safety.



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### **OFFICER WELLNESS**

Sadly, the Department experienced the devastating loss of seven active police officers to suicide this year. To help officers through these challenging times, CPD is expanding the resources available through the Employee Assistance Program (EAP), which provides free and confidential services for all active & retired department members and their families, and making investments in personnel and facilities to offer more support. Wellness liaisons, consisting of volunteer department members, both sworn and civilian, began training earlier this month. There are 17 licensed clinical therapists on staff and the Department is currently in the process of filling additional positions in all 22 districts. CPD is also working to open two additional off-site EAP facilities on the North and South sides, where officers can seek clinical services, and has added or upgraded fitness facilities and quiet rooms in each district. Ensuring the mental and physical wellbeing of all officers remains a top priority.

The Department also remembers the fallen and supports those who worked alongside these heroes. This August marked one year since the loss of Police Officer Ella Grace French (E.O.W. August 7, 2021). Officer French's service and sacrifice were remembered as her Chicago Police Star #15013 was enshrined in the Superintendent's Honored Star Case. Officer French was also recognized at the Illinois Police Officers Memorial Ceremony in Springfield and at National Police Week in Washington D.C., where her name was engraved on the National Law Enforcement Memorial. The Graphic Arts section was again nominated for a Chicago/Midwest Emmy this year for their video [French Forever](#). The Department also paid tribute to fallen Commander Paul Bauer (E.O.W February 13, 2018) by naming a Mounted Unit horse in his honor. We remember the sacrifices of each of the 595 Chicago Police officers who were killed in the line of duty, and gave their lives in the name of keeping Chicagoans safe.

### **ENSURING PUBLIC SAFETY**

Over the past 365 days, Chicago Police officers took 12,716 guns off Chicago's streets – an average of more than 34 guns recovered every single day this year. This also marked the second consecutive year of more than 12,000 firearms taken off the streets by Chicago's officers. This includes the recovery of 1,073 assault weapons, 54.1% more compared to all of 2021, as well as approximately 760 ghost guns. Each gun recovered is a potential life saved and proof of the dedication and determination of police officers. Community collaboration was also an essential component of this remarkable accomplishment, as the Department teamed up with local organizations to host seven gun-turn in events this year, where 1,050 firearms and 199 replicas were collected, no questions asked.

CPD detectives work day and night to bring justice to victims and their families and hold violent offenders accountable. The Bureau of Detectives cleared 353 homicides this year, bringing the homicide clearance rate to 50.79%. That's 1,106 homicide cases cleared since January 1, 2020. Community members are reminded of the Department's anonymous tip line and urged to share any information they might have. Information leading to charges and/or convictions can get a cash reward of up to \$15,000 in homicide cases. The tip line is available at 833-408-0069. Additionally, tips on any ongoing cases can be submitted anonymously to [CPD Tip.com](#).

The Chicago Police Department continues to partner with the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) to enhance rider safety. This year, CPD and CTA announced new measures to improve security across the transit system, which includes leveraging resources from districts to expand police presence on CTA, along with an increased number of officers dedicated to Mass Transit operations. Additionally, officers are patrolling around the clock while the Strategic Decision Support Center monitors and tracks activity on the rail system in real-time. Month to date, overall transit crime is down 23%, and there's a 43% decline compared to 2019.



## **STRENGTHENING INVESTIGATIONS**

Earlier this year, the Department expanded its Vehicular Hijacking Task Force to all three watches, ensuring around-the-clock manpower, while dedicating resources on the ground and in the air. Altogether, the task force led 32 joint operations in which officers made 150 arrests and recovered 200 vehicles in 2022. These efforts are paying off, as there was a 10.4% decline in vehicular hijackings this year compared to 2021. Officers made 1,697 motor-vehicle related arrests, a 18.9% increase over last year, which includes the arrest of 796 juveniles, up 44.2%. Of the 265 arrests for vehicular hijacking, 56% have been juvenile offenders.

The Organized Retail Crime Task Force (ORCTF) used every resource to investigate cases throughout the city and hold offenders accountable. The ORCTF's tireless efforts remain a part of CPD's overall commitment to addressing the concerns of Chicago's diverse business community as well as its wide-ranging customer base and clientele. This year, the task force cleared more than 100 cases by arrest, including a prolific burglary crew responsible for more than 200 looting-style burglaries. They have also recovered more than \$2 million worth of stolen merchandise, which has been returned to the targeted businesses.

## **RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION**

After establishing the Department's first-ever Recruitment Unit over a year ago, CPD continued doubling down on the effort to find the next generation of officers in 2022. Members in the unit hosted informational events in communities, attended local job fairs at schools and churches, and traveled across the country to military bases and educational institutions including Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs).



We are committed to building a more diverse department reflective of Chicago's communities. This year, the Department waived the 60 semester-hour requirement if a candidate meets one of eight criteria, including 30 semester hours, military experience, work and life experience, or a combination where applicable. Additionally, CPD announced a partnership with the Olive-Harvey College, in which students can complete a criminal justice degree in one year, earning 60 credit hours and fulfilling the initial educational requirement necessary to apply to the Chicago Police Department. Throughout 2022, CPD hosted multiple in-person and online exams and hired 956 police officers, nearly a third of which are women and approximately 70% are people of color.

### **SHOOTINGS – DECEMBER**

2022: 187  
2021: 257  
2020: 228  
2019: 164

### **SHOOTING VICTIMS – DECEMBER**

2022: 221  
2021: 287  
2020: 254  
2019: 195

### **MURDERS – DECEMBER**

2022: 55  
2021: 53  
2020: 51  
2019: 32

### **SHOOTINGS – JAN. 1 – DEC. 31**

2022: 2832  
2021: 3555  
2020: 3259  
2019: 2146

### **SHOOTING VICTIMS – JAN. 1 – DEC. 31**

2022: 3470  
2021: 4368  
2020: 4025  
2019: 2601

### **MURDERS – JAN. 1 – DEC. 31**

2022: 695  
2021: 804  
2020: 776  
2019: 500



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<sup>i</sup> Overall Crime – **2022:** 111,332; **2021:** 85,512; **2020:** 86,558; **2019:** 106,710; **2015:** 105,072; **2014:** 109,259

<sup>ii</sup> Robberies – **2022:** 8,959; **2021:** 7,925; **2020:** 7,854; **2019:** 7,995

<sup>iii</sup> Burglaries – **2022:** 7,528; **2021:** 6,602

<sup>iv</sup> Thefts – **2022:** 54,076; **2021:** 40,244; **2020:** 41,135