



NEWS RELEASE

Chicago Police Department

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CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT: 2021 IN REVIEW

CPD Announces Department Efforts, Citywide Crime Statistics for 2021



The Chicago Police Department ended 2021 with 400 homicides cleared, the most cases cleared in nearly two decades. Additionally, dedicated police officers recovered 12,088 guns, a heroic achievement. Each recovered gun is a potential deadly force encounter prevented and a potential life saved. CPD also marked a 55-year low in burglaries, which is the fifth consecutive year of such reductions. We also saw the second fewest robberies on record.

In response to a citywide increase in vehicular hijackings, CPD worked to implement a comprehensive approach to address this problem. The department doubled the number of officers and added four sergeants to the Vehicular Hijacking Task Force while placing dedicated teams across all of the city's detective areas. CPD continues to work closely with federal, state, and county partners, and engage youth outreach workers and community members, to identify alternative strategies for reducing violence in our neighborhoods.

The work done daily by CPD members, within every unit, reflects an unwavering commitment to serving and protecting the people of Chicago. From strengthening vital community relationships to working around the clock to combat crime, CPD officers performed their duties with courage, integrity, and respect throughout 2021.

"This has been a difficult year for everyone and there has never been a tougher time to be a police officer in this country but the men and women of the Chicago Police Department have tirelessly served every

neighborhood every day,” said Superintendent David O. Brown. “We’ve made progress in many areas with record lows in burglaries and robberies while clearing more murder cases than before. We must keep working together because keeping our streets safe will always be an all-in effort.”

More than 12,000 Weapon Recoveries

In just 365 days, Chicago Police took a record 12,088 guns off our city streets. This historic effort also includes the recovery of at least 706 assault weapons, 61.55% more compared to all of 2020. Officers were aided in this endeavor with the creation of the Gun Investigations Team (GIT). The GIT focuses on interrupting the illegal flow of guns into the city and strengthens CPD’s comprehensive strategy to curb gun violence by addressing the pipeline of dangerous weapons. This effort does not come without extreme risk. Over the last 12 months, 76 Chicago Police officers have been shot or shot at, with 14 of those officers struck by gunfire.

Encouraging Community Collaboration with Gun Trafficking and Homicide Tip Line

Earlier this year, the Department activated a new crime fighting program powered by community collaboration. The Gun Trafficking and Homicide Tip Line is now live, offering rewards in homicide and gun trafficking cases. Anonymous callers whose tips lead to charges and/or convictions will get a cash reward of up to \$5,000 for gun trafficking cases and up to \$15,000 in homicide cases. The tip line is available at 833-408-0069.

Detectives Clear Hundreds of Homicide Cases

CPD detectives work hard to hold violent offenders accountable and continued their record-setting pace for clearing homicide cases. The Bureau of Detectives cleared 400 homicides this year – the most in 19 years. Across the city, homicide clearance rates range from 42.26% to 72.31%, with an overall total clearance rate of 50.19%.

Honoring Fallen Heroes

The Department continues to mourn the loss of fallen hero Officer Ella French (*E.O.W. August 7, 2021*). We will never forget Officer French’s kindness, service, and ultimate sacrifice to protect Chicago’s residents. In September, Officer French’s name became the 595th added to the city’s Memorial Wall, which pays tribute to every Chicago Police Officer killed in the line of duty. The stars of four officers who passed away in 2020 were also retired and enshrined in the Superintendent’s Honored Star Case. Officer Marco DiFranco, Sgt. Clifford Martin, Officer Ronald Newman and Field Training Officer Titus Moore lost their lives while courageously serving this city during the COVID-19 pandemic. These heroes gave their lives in service of others, and we will carry on the legacies of bravery, commitment every one of these officers have left behind.



CPD’s Graphic Arts section was nominated for an Emmy for their video [“Honoring Canine Domi”](#)

LEMART Training

Officers continued to save lives this year using their Law Enforcement Medical and Rescue Training (LEMART). As of this year, more than 11,000 Chicago Police officers have received this training, which they use in emergency situations involving critical injuries. There have been 70 instances of officers utilizing LEMART in 2021 alone. Stories like that of late CPD Officer Israel Martinez show the importance of having this training. Officer Martinez, who worked in the 18th (Near North) District, used his LEMART training and Individual First Aid Kit (IFAK) to save the life of a stabbing victim in March. He has also used the training to save multiple lives in other critical situations during his 3-year career at CPD before his untimely death in April.



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Employee Assistance Program Expands

Ensuring the mental and physical wellbeing of our officers is a top priority for the Department. This year, CPD's Employee Assistance Program (EAP) continued its expansion with 11 new licensed clinicians. Dr. Robert Sobo serves as director of the program that now includes an assistant director. CPD's EAP program is considered one of the most comprehensive mental health initiatives in the nation, and its utility and importance is illustrated by the fact that Chicago police officers utilize the help of mental health professionals more than any other law enforcement agency in the country. In 2022, the Department will increase to 22 clinicians – one for each district.

New LGBTQ+ Liaison Officers, District Coordination Officers Make Their Mark

In June, the Chicago Police Department welcomed our new LGBTQ+ Liaison Officers. These officers, one for each Area and another citywide, work to amplify the voices of this diverse community. They foster relationships, engage in dialogue, and ensure residents and CPD maintain connected and aligned on any community issues. Meanwhile, the Department's Neighborhood Policing Initiative, which also emphasizes problem solving and relationship building, is reaching more communities as District Coordination Officers (DCOs) are now embedded in 10 districts across the city.

Narcotics Arrest Diversion Program Goes Citywide

The Narcotics Arrest Diversion Program (NADP), an initiative to divert those struggling with substance use disorder away from the criminal justice system and into treatment, is now operating in all 22 police districts. With this historic expansion, Chicago now operates the largest arrest diversion program in the nation. Since its launch in 2018, in collaboration with the Chicago Department of Health, Thresholds, the University of Chicago Crime Lab, NADP has helped more than 830 people gain access to comprehensive treatment and recovery services. A study by the University of Chicago's Crime Lab shows that participants have a 44% lower likelihood of re-arrest and 80% of those diverted into treatment remain engaged in their treatment.

Progress on the Road to Reform

The Independent Monitoring Team's fourth semiannual report, released in October, detailed the significant progress CPD has made to accelerate consent decree compliance and implement meaningful reform. During the IMR-4 monitoring period, CPD achieved the highest increase in consent decree compliance compared to previous monitoring periods. The City and CPD remain committed to fulfilling the requirements of the consent decree and aim to go above and beyond what is outlined in order to create transformative and lasting reform.



CRIME STATISTICS: DECEMBER 2021

Citywide, there were 52 murders in December and 797 murders in 2021 total. Overall, homicides are up 3.23% over last year. The Vehicular Hijacking Task Force has doubled in size since January as it works to combat the 1,836 carjackings reported this year. The team continues to perform Joint Vehicular Hijacking Operations with local, county, state, and federal partners. Since January 1, 2021, the Task Force has made 1,421 carjacking related arrests, including 313 for vehicular hijacking – a 66.48% increase over 2020.

Chicago recorded historic lows in burglaries citywide – the fifth consecutive year of such reductions. This is the fewest number of burglaries, and the second fewest reported robberies dating back to the mid-1960s. Year to date, six police districts have seen 20-year lows in motor vehicle thefts.

Based on Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) figures, the national standard relied upon by the federal government for consistent crime reporting, Part I crimes are down 2% compared to 2020. The UCR property crime subtotal is down 5% from this time last year. CompStat figures are still [available online](#).

SHOOTINGS – DECEMBER 2021

2021: 262
 2020: 227
 2019: 164
 2018: 190

SHOOTINGS – JAN. 1 – DEC. 31

2021: 3561
 2020: 3258
 2019: 2146
 2018: 2376

SHOOTING VICTIMS – DECEMBER 2021

2021: 290
 2020: 253
 2019: 195
 2018: 207

SHOOTING VICTIMS – JAN. 1 – DEC. 31

2021: 4375
 2020: 4027
 2019: 2598
 2018: 2833

MURDERS – DECEMBER 2021

2021: 52
 2020: 51
 2019: 32
 2018: 44

MURDERS – JAN. 1 – DEC. 31

2021: 797
 2020: 772
 2019: 498
 2018: 578

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