



# NEWS RELEASE

## Chicago Police Department

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### **CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT: 2023 IN REVIEW**

*CPD Announces Department Efforts, Citywide Crime Statistics for 2023*

The Chicago Police Department brought 2023 to a close with double-digit reductions in homicides, shootings and the number of victims of gunfire, all marking the lowest levels since 2019. Overall, homicides are down 12.9% year to date. There's a 13% drop in shooting incidents and a 17% decline in the number of shooting victims. Seventeen of the city's 22 police districts recorded fewer homicides compared to 2022, including decreases in each of the ten Districts that make up Areas Two and Three.



This significant progress is thanks in part to the hardworking men and women of the Chicago Police Department, as well as collaboration across the city with residents, community groups and faith-based organizations. The building and growth of these partnerships is a top priority of Superintendent Larry Snelling, who was [sworn in as the 64<sup>th</sup> Superintendent](#) of the Chicago Police Department this September.

"During 2023, CPD worked alongside community partners from across the city to reduce violence and build trust throughout our neighborhoods," said Superintendent Snelling. "As we head into the new year, we will continue our efforts to build stronger bonds amongst our residents, support the victims of crime and protect all Chicagoans."

### **MORE THAN 12,000 WEAPONS RECOVERED**

Over the past 365 days, Chicago Police officers took 12,452 guns off Chicago's streets – an average of more than 34 guns recovered every single day this year. This marks the third consecutive year of more than 12,000 firearms taken off the streets by Chicago's officers. The total also includes the recovery of 1,230 assault weapons, 14.7% more compared to all of 2022. Throughout the year, the Department teamed up with local organizations to host eight gun turn-in events across the city, where 1,003 firearms and 221 replicas were collected, no questions asked.

### **DETECTIVES CLEAR HUNDREDS OF HOMICIDE CASES**

CPD detectives work diligently to hold violent offenders accountable and bring justice to victims and their families. The Bureau of Detectives cleared 319 homicides this year, bringing the homicide clearance rate to 51.70%. – the highest since 2019. CPD's Family Liaison Office (FLO) also offers support by working solely to connect with victims' family members and loved ones. For the first time, the FLO hosted a community peace walk and resource fair for those affected by violence as a way to stand alongside the families who are healing from the trauma of losing a loved one.

### **TASK FORCES MAKING AN IMPACT**

This April, the Vehicular Hijacking Task Force was awarded the 2023 Mayor's Medal of Honor, honoring the work of CPD officers, the Cook County Sheriff's Office and Illinois State Police to combat carjackings. Since the start of the year, there were 1,308 vehicular hijackings, down 21% compared to 2022. Officers made 2,017 motor vehicle-related arrests, an 18.8% increase over last year. Of the 237 arrests for vehicular hijacking, 50% are juvenile offenders. Meanwhile, the Organized Retail Crime Task Force remains committed to working alongside law enforcement partners to investigate large-scale retail theft and seek justice for victimized businesses. In 2023, the Task Force cleared 263 case reports and recovered more than \$1 million in stolen merchandise.

### **PROGRESS ON THE ROAD TO REFORM**

CPD continued its work to implement substantive reforms across the Department as part of its consent decree efforts. During the eighth Independent Monitoring Period, which ran from January 1, 2023 through June 30, 2023, CPD achieved some level of compliance in 85% of monitorable paragraphs. This sets the foundation of reform through policy improvements and updates.

### **HONORING FALLEN HEROES**

The Chicago Police Department continues to mourn the loss of two heroes who were killed in the line of duty, Officer Andrés Mauricio Vásquez Lasso (*E.O.W. March 1, 2023*) and Officer Arèanah M. Preston (*E.O.W. May 6, 2023*). We will never forget the sacrifice these officers made and will ensure their legacies live on. Throughout the year, the names of Officers Vásquez Lasso and Officer Preston, as well as Officer Joey Huerta, Officer James R. Svec, Jr. and Detective Joseph A. Tripoli were added to the Memorial Wall at Gold Star Families Memorial and Park. We remember each of the 600 Chicago Police officers on this Memorial who gave their lives in the name of keeping Chicagoans safe.



### **EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM EXPANDS**

Ensuring the mental and physical well-being of officers remains a top priority. CPD is committed to expanding resources available through the Employee Assistance Program (EAP), which provides free and confidential services for all active and retired department members and their families. This year, the Department opened two additional EAP offices – one on the North Side and one on the South Side – to bring EAP services closer to where members and their families live and work.

### **NEW PUBLIC SAFETY TRAINING CENTER OPENS**

In January, city leaders and community partners cut the ribbon on the brand-new Public Safety Training Center (PSTC). Spanning 30.4 acres on the city's West Side, this state-of-the-art facility is home to cutting-edge training, resources, and programming for CPD officers and Chicago Fire Department firefighters.

### **RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION EFFORTS PAYING OFF**

The Chicago Police Department is committed to employing applicants of different backgrounds to reflect the diversity of our City, and since January, has hired 698 recruits. Throughout the year, [the Department hosted in-person exams each month at city colleges](#), with 228 people taking the test this December. CPD, in collaboration with Olive-Harvey College, celebrated the first graduating class of the Pathway to Policing Program. More than 100 students have enrolled in this initiative that allows them to earn a Criminal Justice degree in one year, and then have the written portion of the Department's entrance exam waived.



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### DECEMBER 2023 CRIME STATISTICS

- Citywide, there were 37 murders this month, 37% lower than December 2022.
- Month to date, shooting incidents are down 18%, and there's a 25% drop in the number of victims of gunfire.
- Officers recovered 1,330 firearms this month – an average of 42 firearms each day this December.
- Based on Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) figures, overall Part I crimes are down 5% compared to December 2022. Month to date, property crimes declined 9%.
- Violent crime on the CTA is down 2%, while property crimes dropped 7% and there was a 5% decline in overall transit compared to 2022

#### SHOOTINGS – DECEMBER

2023: 154  
 2022: 188  
 2021: 256  
 2020: 229

#### SHOOTINGS – JAN. 1 – DEC. 31

2023: 2,450  
 2022: 2,829  
 2021: 3,554  
 2020: 3,260

#### SHOOTING VICTIMS – DECEMBER

2023: 166  
 2022: 222  
 2021: 288  
 2020: 256

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

2023: 2,880  
 2022: 3,484  
 2021: 4,384  
 2020: 4,057

#### MURDERS – DECEMBER

2023: 37  
 2022: 59  
 2021: 53  
 2020: 51

#### MURDERS – JAN. 1 – DEC. 31

2023: 617  
 2022: 709  
 2021: 804  
 2020: 778

*\* All crime statistics are preliminary and subject to further analysis or change. \**

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