



# NEWS RELEASE

## Chicago Police Department

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

*CPD Announces Department Efforts, Citywide Crime Statistics for April 2022*

In April, the Chicago Police Department was invited to take part in a historic public safety announcement in the nation's capital. Superintendent David O. Brown joined President Joe Biden at the White House, as the President announced new key measures in his gun crime reduction strategy to protect Americans. The newly announced rule bans the sale of ghost guns – untraceable firearms that don't have serial numbers – and makes serializing existing ghost guns and assembly kits a federal requirement.

"The proliferation of ghost guns has become a major issue for communities in the City of Chicago and across the country," said Superintendent David O. Brown. "This important legislation doubles down on the Chicago Police Department's hard-fought efforts targeting gun trafficking and taking down the gang and narcotic criminal networks driving crime in our city."

CPD recovered 139 ghost guns in 2020 and 458 in 2021. Four months into this year, officers have already recovered 223 ghost guns, and 3,399 guns overall. That's an average of more than 28 guns taken off the street every single day since the year began. This also includes the recovery of 295 assault weapons, a 87.89% increase compared to this time last year.

For the second consecutive month, the City experienced a decline in homicides. Citywide, there were 49 murders during the month of April, a 9.26% decline over April 2021, and 7.29% year to date. The Bureau of Detectives has cleared 111 murder cases so far this year, ahead of last year's pace when detectives cleared the most homicides in 19 years. There are also double-digit declines in the number of shooting incidents, down 13.97%, and shooting victims, down 15.82%, year to date.

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**UP TO \$5,000**  
For tips leading to **GUN TRAFFICKING**  
charges or convictions

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charges or convictions

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ANONYMOUSLY**

In addition to focusing on gun crimes, CPD conducted an analysis of all shootings and homicides and found that 55 of 277 police beats accounted for 50% of all shootings and homicides. In response, CPD saturated those beats with resources and precision deployments while working with the Community Safety Coordination Center (CSCC) to address the root causes of violence. Overall, there was a 29% decline in homicides and a 41% decrease in shootings across those 55 beats.

Of the 90 arrests for vehicular hijacking so far this year, 56% are juvenile offenders. Members of the Department and the Vehicular Hijacking Task Force have made 472 motor vehicle-related arrests, including 178 juveniles. The city has recorded 558 vehicular hijackings this year.

For the first four months of the year, total Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Part I crimes are up 26% year to date. Overall crime is 10% lower than it was two years ago in 2019.

The Chicago Police Department encourages community collaboration with the Gun Trafficking and Homicide Tip Line. Anonymous callers who have information leading 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. This month, the tip line paid out its first reward of \$10,000. The tip line is available at 833-408-0069 and is completely anonymous.

The Department is also strengthened by ongoing partnerships with the public. One example is the gun turn-in program which helps get firearms out of the wrong hands and off the streets. The city is teaming up with businesses and philanthropic leaders to raise \$1 million for CPD to host what will be the largest gun turn-in program in Chicago's history.

The Chicago Police Department continues to collaborate with the CSCC for additional community-based solutions and programming addressing the root causes of violence. As the Department responds to incidents in real time, remaining focused on methods to better investigate and prevent crime, CSCC focuses on identifying and evaluating crime and violence metrics, building coalition, and coordinating comprehensive services for beneficial community outcomes. Together, CPD and CSCC form key parts of the City's whole-of-government approach to public safety hinged on proactive community engagement, data analysis, and ongoing support services.

CPD and CSCC also recently worked with City partners to unveil a camera registration program, another important tool in the effort to enhance public safety. Businesses and residents can voluntarily register their home security cameras to share footage when requested – something that could be crucial in helping solve crimes. This partnership between the community and law enforcement strengthens investigations and could be the difference between offenders being held accountable or walking free.

Recruitment efforts continue as CPD looks to build a more diverse department with the next generation of Chicago Police officers. The next round of entry exams will be offered on May 19-21 at all City colleges. Anyone interested can register online now or in person on exam dates. More information is available [HERE](#).



Investing in the community remains a top priority at the Chicago Police Department. Throughout April, officials participated in six Town Halls, providing a chance for city leaders and law enforcement to listen and learn from Chicagoans from all walks of life. Residents shared their ideas on youth engagement, the future of public safety, community trust and working together to build a better Chicago for everyone.

April also marked the first D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) training held in Chicago since 2009. A group consisting of 47 members was certified to teach new curricula to students focusing on good decision-making and building trust between the community and law enforcement. In addition, CPD revived its G.R.E.A.T. (Gang Resistance and Education Training) initiative with 42 officers becoming certified in the violence prevention program. G.R.E.A.T. aims to equip students with life skills and resources to navigate peer pressure through leadership development, mentorship, and regular dialogue with police officers.

CPD partnered with Chicago Parks and the Police Athletic League this month to establish a youth boxing program at Taylor Park. This sports mentorship program teaches discipline, leadership, & responsibility through boxing & physical fitness. Officers in the 6<sup>th</sup> (Gresham) District also volunteered their time to take part in the *Hoop Hard or Get Off the Court* youth basketball tournament at St. Sabina. Over in the 8<sup>th</sup> (Chicago Lawn) District, preparations are now in full swing for a new community garden on police station grounds.

Members of the Department also raised awareness for Child Abuse Prevention Month; took part in the "Start By Believing" campaign for Sexual Assault Awareness Month; donated supplies to Finish Strong, an initiative to help students end the school year on a high note; organized Easter egg hunts and food drives and volunteered their time for community clean-ups in honor of Earth Day.



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### SHOOTINGS – APRIL

2022: 207  
2021: 248  
2020: 204  
2019: 194

### SHOOTINGS – JAN. 1 – APRIL 30

2022: 714  
2021: 830  
2020: 623  
2019: 538

### SHOOTING VICTIMS – APRIL

2022: 242  
2021: 294  
2020: 225  
2019: 228

### SHOOTING VICTIMS – JAN. 1 – APRIL 30

2022: 835  
2021: 992  
2020: 718  
2019: 629

### MURDERS – APRIL

2022: 49  
2021: 54  
2020: 58  
2019: 62

### MURDERS – JAN. 1 – APRIL 30

2022: 178  
2021: 192  
2020: 156  
2019: 144

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