



# NEWS RELEASE

## Chicago Police Department

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

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

The Chicago Police Department is dedicated to enhancing public safety, increasing visibility and growing community trust. April 2023 marked another month of declines in gun violence going back more than a year. Overall, homicides are down 10.27% year to date, and there's a 10.34% decline in shooting incidents. Half of the city's 22 police districts have recorded a decline in homicides. The Department's Bureau of Detectives' homicide clearance rate is 63.25%, the highest, year to date, since 2015.

This comes as the Department spent time this month increasing police and command staff presence in the downtown area to ensure residents and visitors can enjoy our city safely. CPD is also collaborating with community members and groups downtown to strengthen safety, while outreach workers spent time connecting with the city's young people.

"Our community members, outreach workers and faith communities continue stepping up to show that by working together, we can make Chicago safer for everyone," said Interim Superintendent Eric M. Carter. "We will continue collaborating and engaging with youth and families to ensure residents and visitors feel safe in every part of the city."



Officers continue to get guns off the streets at a strong pace. Since the start of the year, officers have recovered 3,419 weapons, an average of more than 28 weapons every single day. This also includes the recovery of 362 assault weapons, up 23% over this time last year. Diligent officers achieved this feat despite a 52.6% increase in officers being fired upon. So far this year, 29 Chicago Police officers have been shot or shot at in the line of duty.

This April, the Chicago Police Department's Vehicular Hijacking Task Force was awarded the 2023 Mayor's Medal of Honor, honoring the collaborative work of CPD officers, the Cook County Sheriff's Office and Illinois State Police to combat carjackings across the city. Compared to this time last year, vehicular hijackings are down 25.5%. Officers have made 705 motor vehicle-related arrests, a 49% increase year to date. Of the 80 arrests for vehicular hijacking, 69% have been juvenile offenders.

CPD remains committed to working with the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) and providing a safe experience across the city's public transit system. Violent crime on the CTA is down 14% month to date and 6% year to date, while overall transit crime is down 9% year to date and 15% compared to April 2022.

The Department filed its Independent Monitoring Report period (IMR-7) status update in April. This report highlights the substantial work that was done between January 1, 2022 through June 30, 2022 to transform the Department on its path to excellence.

CPD recently extended the public comment period for its draft [search warrant directives](#) through May 31, 2023. The public comment period on the Department's draft directives is an opportunity for community members to review and provide feedback on policies as they are being developed. Once the comment period closes, the input gathered will be used to inform the final policies. This month, the Department closed public comment on policies regarding [People with Disabilities](#) and [Interactions with Youth and Children](#).

April began on a somber note as the Chicago Police Department stood with and supported our brothers and sisters from the Chicago Fire Department, as two fallen heroes, Firefighter EMT Jermaine A. Pelt and Lieutenant EMT Jan Tchoryk were laid to rest. This month, CPD also paid tribute to officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty, as the names of Officer Joey Huerta, Officer James R. Svec, Jr., Detective Joseph A. Tripoli and Officer Andrés Mauricio Vásquez Lasso were added to the Memorial Wall at Gold Star Families Memorial and Park. We will never forget their service and sacrifice.

While we continue to mourn these losses, CPD also celebrates the impact these officers and others continue to make, both in the Department and across this city. This month, CPD hosted the Superintendent's Department Commendation Ceremony where more than 200 officers were recognized for their extraordinary work. This ceremony is a reminder of our officers' bravery, dedication and commitment to the people of Chicago. Those attributes have certainly been on display throughout the 30-year career of Interim Superintendent Eric M. Carter, who recently announced his retirement, effective May 15. As a dedicated public servant and decorated veteran, he served Chicago and its people for more than three decades after serving our country with the United States Marine Corps. We thank Interim Superintendent Carter for all he has done for the Department and this city as we congratulate him on his next endeavor.

CPD is also looking toward the future, with an ongoing commitment to building a stronger, more diverse department. Recruitment efforts continue, both here at home and across the country, to find the next generation of Chicago Police Officers. The fourth round of in-person exams were held this month at several City College locations, with more than 190 applicants taking the exam. Additional entrance exams opportunities will be available all year long, and more information is [available here](#).



Earlier this month, the Chicago Police Department recognized National Crime Victims' Rights Week. CPD is committed to supporting and advocating for survivors of crime and teaming up with the community to spread awareness and amplify the voices of victims. CPD vehicles featured magnets while officers donned special pins, all encouraging people to ask about victims' rights and make every effort to ensure victims can be heard, believed, and supported. More information is [available here](#). Officers also raised awareness and hosted meetings and events in support of Child Abuse Awareness Month.

April also saw the continuation of the citywide [Conversations with a Commander](#) series, Officer Wellness Days, saying thank you to the hardworking dispatchers at Office of Emergency Management Communications (OEMC) in recognition of National

Public Safety Telecommunicators Week, and teaming up with the Cook County Regional Organized Crime Task Force for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Smiles Event, benefiting Chicago youth. In addition, Chicago officers hosted computer classes for seniors and vehicle safety seminars, coached youth sports, organized Easter egg hunts and food drives, and volunteered for community clean-ups in honor of Earth Day.



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### **SHOOTINGS – APRIL**

2023: 199  
2022: 208  
2021: 248  
2020: 204

### **SHOOTING VICTIMS – APRIL**

2023: 234  
2022: 244  
2021: 295  
2020: 225

### **MURDERS – APRIL**

2023: 52  
2022: 51  
2021: 54  
2020: 58

### **SHOOTINGS – JAN. 1 – APRIL 30**

2023: 641  
2022: 715  
2021: 830  
2020: 623

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

2023: 725  
2022: 838  
2021: 996  
2020: 719

### **MURDERS – JAN. 1 – APRIL 30**

2023: 166  
2022: 185  
2021: 192  
2020: 156

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