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CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT: FEBRUARY 2022 IN REVIEW

CPD Announces Department Efforts, Citywide Crime Statistics for February 2022

In February, the Department's Vehicular Hijacking Task Force expanded to all three watches, ensuring around-the-clock resources and manpower to bring offenders to justice. The Department is also utilizing dedicated resources on the ground and in the air, and growing the citywide network of POD cameras and license plate reader technology to aid these efforts. In February, the Task Force conducted its largest operation – the 21st mission in 11 months. More than 100 law enforcement officers took part, with resources from nearly two dozen law enforcement agencies – including a helicopter from Homeland Security and an Illinois State Police airplane.

Through February 28, the city has recorded 306 vehicular hijackings, an 11% decrease compared to this time last year. Officers have made 238 motor vehicle-related arrests so far this year, including 47 for vehicular hijacking.

“Officers and detectives across the Department are working hand-in-hand with our fellow law enforcement and prosecutorial partners to prevent crime in communities across the city,” said Superintendent David O. Brown. “Together, we are addressing public safety concerns in areas such as vehicular hijackings and retail theft through increased coordination and collaboration.”

CPD's Organized Retail Crime Task Force continues to investigate thefts and burglaries targeting local businesses. This month, an offender was charged in connection to a burglary in the 800 block of N. Rush, where five watches, worth an estimated \$1 million, were taken. Another offender was arrested and charged with nine counts of felony burglary for incidents at stores citywide, with an estimated loss of \$175,000. The Task Force also arrested an offender for robbing a high-end retail store of \$46,000 worth of merchandise, while another offender was charged with five felony counts of retail theft for entering several stores and taking more than \$20,000 in merchandise.

Year to date, officers have taken 1,618 guns off our city's streets, an average of more than 27 weapons each day. This also includes the recovery of 131 assault weapons, a 111% increase compared to February 2021.

Citywide, there were 43 murders this month. The Bureau of Detectives has cleared 51 murder cases so far this year, which is already 13% ahead of last year's pace, when detectives cleared the most homicides in 19 years. The homicide clearance rate is currently 55%.

This February, the Department again solicited community input by opening up revised foot pursuit policy draft for public comment. The feedback received will be used to inform the final policy, which is intended to be effective this summer, following officer training. The revised policy builds on the temporary foot pursuit policy that was implemented last year and follows input from the Office of the Attorney General and the Independent Monitoring Team.

Based on Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) figures, the national standard relied upon by the federal government for consistent crime reporting, Part I crimes are up 22% year to date, while the violent crime subtotal is up 4%. Additionally, following a consecutive four-year decline that began in 2018, the city has experienced a 31% increase in overall property crime year to date. Despite this uptick, we still see a reduction in property crimes compared to the same time period in 2019, before the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. CompStat figures are still [available online](#).



This month, the Department honored fallen Commander Paul Bauer (E.O.W February 13, 2018), who was killed in the line of duty four years ago. He leaves a legacy that will never be forgotten. In remembrance of his service and sacrifice, a Mounted Unit horse was named in honor of Commander Bauer.

CPD also celebrated Black History Month by recognizing the countless contributions of African Americans in Chicago. Some of these important figures in Chicago Police Department history include Fred Rice, who became the city's first Black Superintendent in 1983; Patrolwoman Dorelle C. Brandon (E.O.W. January 25, 1984), the first female and first Black woman killed in the line of duty in the history of Chicago; and Rev. Stephen J. Thurston, Bishop George W. Walker, and Dr. Arthur Griffin, founding members of the Chicago Police Department's Chaplains Unit in 1981.

Recruitment efforts continue, as the Department announced in-person entry exams for the next generation of Chicago Police officers. Individuals 18 to 39 years old are eligible to apply for the exam, which will be offered at all City Colleges on select dates in March. Anyone interested can register in advance online [HERE](#) or in-person on exam dates.

CPD members teamed up with the Cook County Regional Organized Crime Task Force (CCROC) for the second annual Winter Smiles Event, fulfilling the wish lists of more than 60 members of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Chicago with items like coats, hats, art supplies and toys. Officers also took part in youth sports tournaments, food donations and talking to youth for Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month.

SHOOTINGS – FEBRUARY

2022: 147
 2021: 150
 2020: 136
 2019: 108

SHOOTINGS – JAN. 1 – FEB. 28

2022: 331
 2021: 352
 2020: 273
 2019: 208

SHOOTING VICTIMS – FEBRUARY

2022: 167
 2021: 169
 2020: 160
 2019: 117

SHOOTING VICTIMS – JAN. 1 – FEB. 28

2022: 386
 2021: 410
 2020: 318
 2019: 236

MURDERS – FEBRUARY

2022: 43
 2021: 36
 2020: 35
 2019: 24

MURDERS – JAN. 1- FEB. 28

2022: 92
 2021: 91
 2020: 70
 2019: 47