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CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT: FEBRUARY 2024 IN REVIEW

CPD Announces Department Efforts, Citywide Crime Statistics for February 2024

Closing out the month of February, Superintendent Larry Snelling joined fellow police leaders from across the nation at the White House to discuss crime reductions in their cities and continued partnerships aimed at violence prevention and community engagement. Since the beginning of the year, Chicago has seen double-digit declines in homicides, shooting victims and shooting incidents compared to the same timeframe in 2023.

February also saw the Chicago Police Department partner with the Cook County Sheriff's Office to launch the 2024 [Vehicle Safety Days](#), which is running now through May. A multifaceted collaborative effort that includes additional private partners, the program continues to provide eligible vehicle owners with steering wheel locks, catalytic converter etchings, and useful theft prevention information. Thanks to Chicago Police officers' hard work and community events like these, motor vehicle thefts are down 29% year to date, and there's an 18% drop compared to February 2023.

This continues CPD's priority of investing in the community to grow trust and reduce violence. This month, Superintendent Snelling and Department members participated in multiple meetings with community members and businesses across the city and joined civic leaders on neighborhood walks, offering an opportunity for law enforcement to listen and learn from Chicagoans. Residents shared their ideas on youth engagement, community trust and working together to build a safer Chicago.

"Everyone in our city must be a stakeholder in public safety," said Superintendent Snelling. "As our officers work to enforce the law and hold offenders responsible, we must work with our community members to address their concerns and increase their sense of safety."



CPD also celebrated Black History Month by recognizing the countless contributions of African Americans to Chicago and the Department. Some of these important figures in Chicago Police Department history include Sgt. Harry L. Anderson, who began his Chicago Police career in 1954 and later became the first African American Sergeant in CPD's Homicide Division. Officer Renault Robinson, who co-founded the Afro-American Patrolmen's League (AAPL) to improve relations between CPD and the Black community. Sadly, both officers passed away last year, at the ages of 100 and 80, respectively, after dedicating their lives to this city. The impact of these brave trailblazers, and so many others, helped pave the way for the Chicago Police Officers who serve today.

FEBRUARY 2024 CRIME STATISTICS

- Citywide, there were 31 murders this month, 20.5% lower than the 28 days of February 2023. Month to date, shooting incidents are down 3.7%.
- Overall, homicides are down 20.9% year to date. There's a 15.9% drop in shooting incidents and a 12.5% decline in number of shooting victims. All of these figures are the lowest since 2019.
- Through February, the homicide clearance rate is 79.37%, the highest, year to date, since 2015.
- Officers recovered 844 firearms this month – an average of more than 29 firearms each day this February – and 1,797 firearms since the beginning of 2024, slightly ahead of last year's pace.
- Since the start of the year, the city has recorded 150 vehicular hijackings, down 34% compared to this time in 2023. Officers have made 302 motor vehicle-related arrests through the first two months of the year, and of the 46 arrests for vehicular hijacking, 46% have been juvenile offenders.
- Through February, overall robberies are down 3.9% year to date. Robberies with a firearm have declined 16% compared to this time last year.
- Based on Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) figures, overall Part I crimes have fallen 9% year to date. Violent crime is down 2% and there's an 11% decline in property crime compared to this time last year.
- Overall transit crime is 16% lower compared to February 2023, while violent crime on the CTA has dropped 33% month to date.

SHOOTINGS – FEBRUARY

2024: 130
2023: 135
2022: 146
2021: 150

SHOOTINGS – JAN. 1 – FEB. 28 or 29

2024: 253
2023: 301
2022: 330
2021: 352

SHOOTING VICTIMS – FEBRUARY

2024: 158
2023: 147
2022: 163
2021: 169

SHOOTING VICTIMS – JAN. 1 – FEB. 28 or 29

2024: 292
2023: 334
2022: 382
2021: 410

MURDERS – FEBRUARY

2024: 31
2023: 39
2022: 43
2021: 36

MURDERS – JAN. 1 – FEB. 28 or 29

2024: 64
2023: 81
2022: 93
2021: 91

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

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