



# NEWS RELEASE

## Chicago Police Department

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

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

Following a tremendous effort to recover more than 12,000 guns in 2021, Chicago Police officers are not slowing down. During this first month of the year, officers have already taken 791 guns off our city's streets. That's an average of more than 25 weapons each day. This also includes the recovery of 65 assault weapons, a 76% increase compared to January 2021.

The Chicago Police Department has made visibility, engagement, and collaboration integral parts of every effort in neighborhoods and across the department. From community meetings to officer trainings to interagency task forces, the Department is working to make Chicago safer every day.

The Chicago Police Department continues to investigate thefts targeting local businesses and major retailers citywide. This month, a long-term investigation into several burglaries concluded with the arrest of a juvenile offender, who was charged with 21 counts of Retail Theft, Burglary, and Continuing Financial Crime Enterprises. Days prior, an 18-year-old was arrested and charged with four felonies in connection to a string of robberies at major retail stores, which resulted in losses of more than \$10,000 in merchandise. The Department's collaboration with the Illinois Attorney General's Organized Retail Theft Task Force has proven key in monitoring and preventing crime in both popular retail corridors and smaller businesses across neighborhoods.

"Our officers and detectives have been relentless in the Department's steadfast efforts to bring justice to crime victims," said Superintendent David O. Brown. "The Chicago Police Department is sending a clear message that we will not tolerate violence on our streets and hold accountable all those who engage in criminal acts."

Citywide, there were 48 murders this month, a 13% decline compared to January 2021. The Bureau of Detectives has cleared 27 murder cases in this first month of the year, with a homicide clearance rate of 56%.

The Vehicular Hijacking Task Force continues to perform Joint Vehicular Hijacking Operations with local, county, state, and federal partners. Overall, vehicular hijackings are down 23% compared to January 2021. Since the start of the year, the Task Force has made 142 carjacking related arrests, including 27 for vehicular hijacking.

CPD's Criminal Networks Group continues to investigate the organizations that are driving crime and violence in the city's communities through illegal gun and drug trade. Following a three-month investigation, the Gang Investigation Unit served two search warrants, which led to the seizure of 31 handguns, 4 rifle caliber pistols, over a dozen magazines and numerous live rounds of ammunition, plus 2 polymer molds, capable of producing 80 ghost guns. Two offenders – including a juvenile – were arrested and charged in connection to this search.

The Narcotics Investigation Unit has also been working long and short-term investigations to take illegal drugs off the streets of Chicago. As part of these investigations, CPD has recovered an estimated street value of

\$17,572,511 worth of narcotics. The Narcotics Investigations Unit has seized \$1,899,1000 in United States currency in January alone.

CPD's Office of Community Policing continues to collaborate closely with Chicago's diverse communities to ensure the voices of the city's residents are reflected in Department policies. This month, CPD held more than a dozen community conversations across Chicago to seek input on its Human Rights and Prohibition of Profiling policies. This follows more than two months of making the policies available for public comment online.

Based on Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) figures, the national standard relied upon by the federal government for consistent crime reporting, the violent crime subtotal is down 6% from this time last year. Part I crimes are up 9%. CompStat figures are still [available online](#).

## **JANUARY 2022 HIGHLIGHTS**



Officers took to the streets to promote safety and raise awareness. Community members are reminded of the Department's tip line, where anonymous tips 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. The anonymous tip line is available at 833-408-0069.

This month, 99 Sergeants and 44 Lieutenants were sworn into their new roles. These leaders will be placed in districts where they will make the greatest impact for CPD and the community. Recruitment efforts continue, as we encourage individuals to accept the challenge and join the next generation of the Chicago Police Department. More information is [available online](#).

The spirit of giving back continued this month as CPD members spent time taking part in a Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Peace March and the "I Have a Dream" youth basketball tournament. Community events also included coat and glove giveaways, food drives, and toy donations to a community day care and family center.

### **SHOOTINGS – JANUARY**

2022: 182  
2021: 202  
2020: 137  
2019: 100

### **SHOOTING VICTIMS – JANUARY**

2022: 219  
2021: 241  
2020: 158  
2019: 119

### **MURDERS – JANUARY**

2022: 48  
2021: 55  
2020: 35  
2019: 23

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