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CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT: JANUARY 2024 IN REVIEW

CPD Announces Department Efforts, Citywide Crime Statistics for January 2024



This January, Chicago Police Superintendent Larry Snelling met with residents to for start of the Community Commission for Public Safety and Accountability (CCPSA) Superintendent Forums. The first two of four public hearings were held this month, providing a platform for the public to share their comments, questions and recommendations, while also giving Superintendent Snelling a chance to address the community and share goals for the future.

"We are continuing to build on the progress we made in 2023, which included reductions in shootings and homicides," said Superintendent Snelling. "Our focus this year remains on giving the people of Chicago a stronger sense of

safety and supporting those who have been affected by crime."

That also includes the Chicago Police Department, as already this year, seven CPD officers have been shot at or shot in the line of duty, with one officer struck by gunfire. That officer was injured during an exchange of gunfire as an offender was fleeing a "crash and grab" attempted burglary in the 18th (Near North) District. The offender was also struck, and responding officers immediately rendered aid to both injured officer as well as the offender, showing courage and compassion in the face of danger.

Officers are also working to address robberies and burglaries across the city. So far this year, the number of armed robberies has dropped 28% compared to January 2023. The Department is continually improving coordination internally between bureaus and is leveraging technology to strengthen investigations into these crimes.

Following the hiring of nearly 700 recruits last year, efforts continue to find the next generation of Chicago Police officers. The Department is hosting prep sessions ahead of the written exam, which will be held this March at several City College locations. More information is [available here](#).

Officers kicked off 2024 by ensuring safety as thousands rang in the New Year with fireworks along the Chicago River and at other celebrations around the city. The Department also continued its commitment to community and service in commemoration of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. CPD members honored Dr. King's legacy by taking part in the 38th Annual Interfaith Breakfast, as well as celebrating 10 years of the MLK Hoop Hard or Get Off the Court tournament, which, for the first time, took place at the Chicago Police Training Academy.

JANUARY 2024 CRIME STATISTICS

- Citywide, there were 31 murders this month, 26% lower than January 2023.
- Among other major cities, Chicago has seen the greatest percentage decrease in homicide incidents compared to New York, Los Angeles, Houston and Philadelphia.
- Shooting incidents are down 25%, and there's a 27% drop in the number of victims of gunfire. All of these figures are the lowest since 2019.
- Through January, the homicide clearance rate is 64.5%, the highest, year to date, since 2019.
- Last year marked the third consecutive year of more than 12,000 firearms recovered from Chicago's streets, and this effort is not slowing down. Officers recovered 948 firearms this month, an average of more than 30 firearms each day this year.
- Based on Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) figures, overall Part I crimes fell 21% compared to January 2023. Violent crime is down 16% and there's a 22% decline in property crime. Motor vehicles thefts dropped 41%.
- Overall transit crime is 2% lower compared to this time last year, while violent crime on the CTA dropped 3% year to date.
- Since the start of the year, the city has recorded 72 vehicular hijackings, down 52% compared to 2023. Officers have made 146 motor vehicle-related arrests already this year, and of the 35 arrests for vehicular hijacking, 49% have been juvenile offenders.

SHOOTINGS – JANUARY 1-31

2024: 124
2023: 166
2022: 184
2021: 202

SHOOTING VICTIMS – JANUARY 1-31

2024: 136
2023: 187
2022: 219
2021: 241

MURDERS – JANUARY 1-31

2024: 31
2023: 42
2022: 50
2021: 55

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

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