



NEWS RELEASE

Chicago Police Department

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CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT: JULY 2022 IN REVIEW

City records a nearly 38% decline in homicides compared to July 2021

In July 2022, the city saw a nearly 38% decline in homicides compared to July 2021 – the fifth consecutive month with a decline in homicides from the same time the year before. There were 67 murders this month, down 37.9% from July 2021 and a 16% drop year to date. In the Top 55 police beats, which account for more than half of the city's violence, there has been a 25.86% reduction in homicides and a 33% reduction in shootings since the implementation of a strategic deployment plan to reduce violent crimes in these locations. Across the city, there are also double-digit declines in the number of shooting incidents, down 19%, and shooting victims, down 20% year to date.

Chicago's police officers recovered 1,154 firearms – an average of more than 37 firearms per day – during the month of July, and have taken 7,369 firearms off the streets year to date. This includes the recovery of 617 assault weapons, a 67% increase compared to this time last year, as well as at least 469 ghost guns.

Reducing gun violence requires partnership and support across all levels of government. This month, Superintendent David O. Brown and First Deputy Superintendent Eric Carter traveled to Washington, D.C. There, they joined President Joe Biden and leaders from across the country to commemorate the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act, one of the most significant pieces of gun legislation in the last 30 years. The act mandates penalties for straw purchases and more funding for children & family mental health services as well as community-based violence prevention initiatives and more, all of which are key tools in fighting gun violence in Chicago.

"We are focused on working with community, city, and federal partners to end gun violence and put resources where they're needed," said Superintendent Brown. "Enhancing public safety and engaging every community is an all-in effort and remains a priority for the Chicago Police Department."

Of the 157 arrests for vehicular hijacking so far this year, 55% have been juvenile offenders. Overall, members of the Department and the Vehicular Hijacking Task Force have made 808 motor vehicle-related arrests, including 312 juvenile arrests. The city has recorded 981 vehicular hijackings this year.

Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Part I crimes are 7% below 2019 levels. They are up 26% year to date. Violent crimes for July, however, are down 11% for the month compared to the same time in 2021. Since January 1, the Bureau of Detectives has cleared 184 murder cases.

Police work is difficult and dangerous, and does not come without extreme risk. Once again this month, a Chicago Police officer was shot and wounded in the line of duty. We are thankful this dedicated officer is out of the hospital and recovering. So far this year, 38 Chicago Police officers have been shot at or shot, and seven of these brave men and women have been struck by gunfire.

On July 26, Chief Angel Novalez of the Office of Constitutional Policing and Reform, represented the Chicago Police Department on Capitol Hill, testifying before the U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary. In the Committee's hearing on "Law Enforcement Officer Safety: Protecting Those Who Protect and Serve," Chief Novalez shared his own experience of being shot in the line of duty, along with the story of fallen Officer Ella Grace French who was shot and killed in the line of duty almost one year ago. He spoke about the national surge

in gun violence and the dangers officers face every day amid calling for increased officer advocacy and legislative action, remarking, “Protecting those who protect us has to be a priority.”

Sadly, the Department also experienced the devastating loss of two officers and a sergeant this July. To help officers through these challenging times, CPD is working to increase the resources available through the Employee Assistance Program (EAP), which provides free and confidential support for all active and retired department members and their families. To maintain privacy, EAP services are located in a standalone building in the downtown area. CPD has expanded clinical services and staff with a temporary South Side location and is finalizing permanent locations on both the South and North Sides. Each site will house eight clinicians, one substance & alcohol use counselor and one peer support leader. For faith-based counseling services, the Chaplains Ministry provides direct support, with police chaplains representing diverse cultural backgrounds and faith traditions.

This month, CPD was proud to serve as the host agency for the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) Conference. Representatives from agencies from across the country took part in training and workshops in an effort to collaborate with each other and strengthen public safety practices across the country. The Chicago Police Department has more than six years in CALEA programs and remains the largest law enforcement agency to receive the gold standard for accreditation.

CPD also hosted the Superintendent’s Department Commendation Ceremony, with more than 200 officers recognized for their extraordinary work. This ceremony is a reminder of our officers’ bravery, dedication, and commitment to the people of Chicago.

The Department continues to look for the next generation of officers who will follow in their footsteps. Thanks to the recently expanded criteria, even more candidates qualify for the opportunity to serve and protect Chicago and its residents. Furthering these recruitment efforts, the Department held in-person entry exams over several days this month, with more than 450 applicants taking the first step in their journey toward becoming a Chicago police officer. More information is available [HERE](#).

Many summer festivities continued across Chicago, and CPD remained ready to serve as the city hosted Independence Day parades and firework shows, the Taste of Chicago and neighborhood festivals, and the 5th Annual Garfield Ridge Stars and Stripes 5K, honoring fallen Commander Paul Bauer. Officers representing several districts came together to plant new flowers and trees in the Ella French Garden in the 10th (Ogden) District. In addition, many officers continued to take part in weekly Operation Clean events, the “Together We Can” Resource Fair, and Neighborhood Walk and Talks.

Department members also dedicated their time to keeping kids active and safe in their community, volunteering to help run youth sports leagues and tournaments. In the 15th (Austin) District, officers took Youth Explorers on a camping trip at Woodhaven Lakes, while the Explorers in the 20th (Lincoln) District had the chance to tour the CPD helicopter and the 22nd (Morgan Park) District got a special demonstration of K-9 officers in action.





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SHOOTINGS – JULY

2022: 345
2021: 459
2020: 402
2019: 232

SHOOTINGS – JAN. 1 – JULY 31

2022: 1598
2021: 1969
2020: 1779
2019: 1210

SHOOTING VICTIMS – JULY

2022: 447
2021: 595
2020: 561
2019: 309

SHOOTING VICTIMS – JAN. 1 – JULY 31

2022: 1969
2021: 2455
2020: 2217
2019: 1481

MURDERS – JULY

2022: 67
2021: 108
2020: 107
2019: 45

MURDERS – JAN. 1 – JULY 31

2022: 379
2021: 452
2020: 448
2019: 292

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