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CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT: JULY 2023 IN REVIEW

CPD Announces Department Efforts, Citywide Crime Statistics for July 2023

Summer safety was a top priority this month as Chicago welcomed dozens of events. The Chicago Police Department worked around the clock to keep residents and visitors safe at numerous festivities including the inaugural NASCAR Street Race in Grant Park, the 10th anniversary of Windy City Smokeout, and the world's largest house music event – The Chosen Few Picnic & Festival. Police officers and other Department personnel were also on hand at Independence Day celebrations and neighborhood gatherings citywide. CPD led months of public safety planning while building relationships and collaborating with city partners, community members, and local organizations in an effort to make sure everyone was able to celebrate safely.

"We've been grateful to have community members welcome us into their neighborhoods this summer at engagements across the city," said Interim Superintendent Fred L. Waller. "Seeing our residents and officers come together to build safer communities fills me with pride."



This month, the City of Chicago also hosted the 2023 National Homeland Security Conference. CPD, law enforcement and emergency management from all over the country participated in sessions where they learned best practices and discussed ways to collaborate on public safety.

More than 75 One Summer Chicago participants are working with CPD's Youth District Advisory Council as part of its Summer Leadership Institute. Interim Superintendent Waller met with these young leaders from neighborhoods across the city as they attended scenario-based training in July. This leadership institute serves as an opportunity for youth and CPD officers to learn from each other and collaborate on public safety initiatives.

Ensuring the mental and physical well-being of officers remains a top priority for the Chicago Police Department. CPD is committed to expanding resources available through the Employee Assistance Program (EAP), which provides free and confidential services for all active and retired department members and their families. This month, the Department opened two additional EAP offices – one on the North Side and one on the South Side – to bring EAP services closer to where members and their families live and work.

The Department hosted another round of in-person entry exams at several City Colleges this month, and 177 applicants took the test. Additional entrance exam opportunities will still be available throughout the second half of the year, and more information is [available here](#).

JULY 2023 CRIME STATISTICS

- Citywide, there were 59 murders this month, 11.9% lower than July 2022. Month to date, shooting incidents are down 18.5%
- Overall, homicides are down 6% year to date, and there's a 9% decline in shooting incidents. Nine of the city's 22 police districts have recorded a decline in homicides since January 1.
- The homicide clearance rate is 52.49%, the highest, year to date since 2015.
- Officers recovered 1,165 firearms this month and 7,255 firearms since the beginning of 2023. That includes the recovery of 686 assault weapons, an 11% increase year to date.
- Violent crime on the CTA is down 21% month to date and 13% year to date, while overall transit crime is down 9% year to date and 21% compared to July 2022.
- Since the start of the year, the city has recorded 707 vehicular hijackings, down 26.7% compared to 2022. Officers have made 1,167 motor vehicle-related arrests, a 44% increase over this time last year. Of the 126 arrests for vehicular hijacking, 60% have been juvenile offenders.

SHOOTINGS – JULY

2023: 276
2022: 339
2021: 459
2020: 402

SHOOTINGS – JAN. 1 – JULY 31

2023: 1448
2022: 1592
2021: 1969
2020: 1779

SHOOTING VICTIMS – JULY

2023: 352
2022: 441
2021: 601
2020: 571

SHOOTING VICTIMS – JAN. 1 – JULY 31

2023: 1722
2022: 1964
2021: 2465
2020: 2241

MURDERS – JULY

2023: 59
2022: 67
2021: 108
2020: 107

MURDERS – JAN. 1 – JULY 31

2023: 363
2022: 387
2021: 453
2020: 448

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

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