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CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT: JUNE 2022 IN REVIEW Declines in Shootings and Homicides Continue; CPD Finalizes Foot Pursuit Policy

For the fourth consecutive month, Chicago recorded a decline in homicides and shootings in June compared to the same month in 2021. Citywide, there were 67 murders this month, down 21% from June 2021 and also down 9.8% year to date. There are also double-digit declines in the number of shooting incidents, down 16.8%, and shooting victims, down 18%, year to date. Since January 1, the Bureau of Detectives has cleared 159 murder cases.

In the Top 55 police beats, which account for more than half of the city's violence, there has been a 25.5% reduction in homicides and a 33% reduction in shootings since the implementation of a strategic deployment plan to reduce violent crimes in these locations.

"The reduction in violence is due to the dedicated work of the men and women of the Chicago Police Department," said CPD Superintendent David O. Brown. "Our brave officers, at great risk to themselves, continue working on behalf of the people of Chicago to make every neighborhood safer."

Of the 129 arrests for vehicular hijacking so far this year, 57% have been juvenile offenders. Overall, members of the Department and the Vehicular Hijacking Task Force have made 682 motor vehicle-related arrests, including 253 juveniles. The city has recorded 814 vehicular hijackings this year. Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Part I crimes are up 26% year to date, but 8% below 2019 UCR crimes. Violent crimes are down 5% for the month of June compared to the same time in 2021.

Across Chicago, June marked the official start of summer and kicked off a number of activities and festivals, many returning for the first time since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Chicago Police Department remained ready to serve and committed to visibility, engagement, and collaboration as the city hosted the Chicago Blues Festival, the 43rd Annual Puerto Rican Day Parade, ongoing Taste of Chicago neighborhood pop-ups, plus many other events. The city also welcomed hundreds of thousands of spectators and visitors for the 51st Annual Pride Parade's highly anticipated return. CPD collaborated with community members, local organizations, and businesses months in advance to keep parade-goers safe.

The start of summer also saw the return of Operation Clean, a weekly initiative where officers work with other city services and community partners to clean up areas that have seen increased violence. June also included Friday night prayer circles and Saturday prayer walks. Department members took part in Wear Orange Day for Gun Violence Awareness, peace rallies and prayer walks, Juneteenth festivities, and celebrations honoring all the dads and father figures this Father's Day.

The Department also announced the newly finalized foot pursuit policy this month. The policy will be implemented by the end of this summer and strengthens supervisory responsibility by improving foot pursuit data collection through new documentation that must be completed following a pursuit. This policy was guided by input from the community, the Office of the Attorney General, the Independent Monitoring Team and Department members.

CPD continues to partner with the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) to enhance rider safety for all riders. CPD's Public Transportation Section regularly conducts drills and outdoor roll calls to increase officer visibility and supplement strategic deployments throughout the transit system. CPD's Strategic Decision Support Center also supplements enforcement efforts by monitoring and tracking activity on the rail system in real-time.

June was also Gun Violence Awareness Month and the CPD remained committed to raising awareness, promoting partnerships, and getting deadly weapons off the streets and out of our neighborhoods. In June alone, CPD officers recovered 1,531 weapons. That's an average of more than 51 weapons each day this month. Community collaboration also aided this effort as the Department teamed up with St. Sabina to host the first gun turn-in of the year, where 421 firearms and assault weapons were collected. Over these first six months of the year, officers have recovered 6,205 weapons, 5% ahead of last year's pace. This includes the recovery of 523 assault weapons, a 78% increase compared to this time last year, and 399 ghost guns.

Each gun recovered is a potential life saved and results from difficult, dangerous work done by police officers. In a matter of days this month, two Chicago Police officers were shot in the line of duty while working to serve and protect the city of Chicago. We are grateful that both of these dedicated officers are out of the hospital and recovering from their injuries. So far this year, 31 Chicago Police officers have been shot or shot at, and five of these brave men and women have been struck by gunfire.

This month also saw the expansion of the Narcotics Arrest Diversion Program, a collaborative effort between the CPD, the City of Chicago, and the Chicago Department of Public Health. The program, which directs eligible arrestees to treatment services or social service resources in lieu of criminal charges, now has expanded the eligibility. This initiative is a part of a whole-of-government approach to public safety seeking to address the root causes of violence. By directing these individuals to treatment, we can disrupt the cycle of addiction that can often escalate into more serious crimes. Partners in this important effort include the Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH) and community-based agencies like Thresholds.

Season 1 of the <u>Chicago Police Cold Case video series</u> concluded this month. The series, which is available on CPD's social media channels, highlights open homicide and missing persons cases. The episodes tell the stories of homicide victims in hopes of garnering information that could solve their cases. Family members also participated in the series and gave emotional interviews about their loved ones and the grief they still face daily. All eight episodes of this season were entirely produced by CPD's Video Services section. Anyone with information on the cases featured in the video series, or any open investigation, can send a tip to CPDTIP.com.

Recruitment efforts continue, both here at home and across the country, to find the next generation of Chicago Police officers. Thanks to the recently expanded criteria, even more candidates qualify for the opportunity to serve and protect the city. Applications are being accepted online. More information is available <u>HERE</u>.

This June, officers – including the Mounted Unit – helped students celebrate the end of another successful school year, including the dozens who completed the recently returned D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) and G.R.E.A.T. (Gang Resistance and Education Training) programs. More than 250 youth hit the field as the Westside Police & Youth Baseball opened its fourth season, a sports-based mentorship league that not only gets kids involved and active, but keeps them safe and out of trouble, and promotes good health. In the 15th District, the Building Bridges Basketball league teamed up with Circle Urban Ministries for a new location to host games between youth and officers, as well as community conversations. All year long, and especially over the summer, the Community Policing offices in each of the Department's 22 districts have a host of activities planned for residents of all ages across the city.





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<u>SHOOTINGS – JAN. 1 – JUNE 30</u>

2022: 1255 2021: 1510 2020: 1377 2019: 978

SHOOTING VICTIMS - JAN. 1 - JUNE 30

2022: 1525 2021: 1860 2020: 1656 2019: 1172

MURDERS – JAN. 1 – JUNE 30

2022: 310 2021: 344 2020: 341 2019: 247

SHOOTINGS - JUNE

2022: 284 2021: 359 2020: 416 2019: 242

SHOOTING VICTIMS – JUNE

2022: 355 2021: 482 2020: 540 2019: 304

MURDERS - JUNE

2022:	67
2021:	85
2020:	99
2019:	50

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