



NEWS RELEASE

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CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT: MAY 2022 IN REVIEW

*Citywide Crime Statistics for May 2022 – Declines in Shootings and Homicides;
CPD Launches “Cold Case” Video Series*

As the summer months get underway, visibility, collaboration and engagement remain at the heart of the Chicago Police Department’s efforts to enhance public safety.

For the third consecutive month, the City experienced a decline in homicides compared to that same month in 2021. Citywide, there were 60 murders this month, a 10% decline over May 2021, and 7.7% year to date. There are also double-digit declines in the number of shooting incidents, down 15.6%, and shooting victims, down 14%, year to date. Since January 1, the Bureau of Detectives has cleared 139 murder cases, for a homicide clearance rate of 58%.

In the Top 55 police beats that account for 50% of the city’s violence, there has been a 30.4% reduction in homicides and a 34.8% reduction in shootings since the implementation of a strategic deployment plan to reduce violent crimes in these beats. Crime on the public transportation system has also declined by 11.4% over the past 28 days. This decline follows enhanced deployment and the addition of public safety resources to the Chicago Transit Authority.

Department members have also been taking part in Operation American Hustle. For more than a year, CPD worked alongside federal agents to tackle the drugs, gangs and guns driving violence in Chicago. Thanks to this collaboration, a hot spot for gang activity and illicit drug sales on the West Side of Chicago was shut down. This cross-jurisdictional effort has already taken 31 offenders off the streets, 10 of whom are facing federal charges.

This Operation was successful not only because of the officers’ hard work, but also thanks to community members who stepped up to help improve safety in our city. CPD is continuing to work closely with the Community Safety Coordination Center (CSCC) and other local partners to provide comprehensive support services and to put resources in place resources to create a sustainable future that helps neighborhoods and residents thrive.

“We will always hold offenders accountable when crime occurs but we will never stop working to deter crime through community partnership,” said Superintendent David O. Brown. “Every day the men and women of the Chicago Police Department work tirelessly to make every neighborhood safer. One of our greatest priorities is enhancing public safety through public engagement.”

CPD also remains committed to getting deadly weapons off the streets and out of our neighborhoods. So far this year, officers have recovered 4,664 guns – an average of more than 30 guns taken off the street every single day since the year began. This also includes the recovery of 404 assault weapons, an 80% increase compared to this time last year, as well as 326 ghost guns.

Of the 110 arrests for vehicular hijacking so far this year, 56% have been juvenile offenders. Overall, members of the Department and the Vehicular Hijacking Task Force have made 574 motor vehicle-related arrests, including 217 juveniles. The city has recorded 670 vehicular hijackings this year.

Year to date, Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Part I crimes are up 26% and the violent crime subtotal is up 4%. Property crimes, while up 37% year to date, are down 14% compared to the same period in 2019 before the COVID-19 pandemic.

May also saw the Chicago Police Department launch a new video series to tell the stories of homicide victims in hopes of solving their cases. The "[CPD Cold Case](#)" series is entirely produced by CPD's Video Services section and highlights cold cases ranging from decades past to just a few years ago. Each episode focuses on a different case, with the goal of generating tips that could possibly lead to a break in the case, and in turn, an arrest. Impactful interviews with family members of the victims are also featured in the episodes, which speak not only to the character of their loved ones, but the traumatic aftermath of losing someone to senseless violence.

May is Law Enforcement Appreciation month, with many ceremonies and events to remember officers who have been killed in the line of duty. Thousands of CPD members gathered for the 90th anniversary of the St. Jude Memorial March. This marked the first memorial march in two years due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Members from our local and state agencies joined CPD in paying tribute to our fallen. The 18th Annual Run to Remember also returned, raising money to support families of fallen and catastrophically injured Chicago Police Officers.

National Police Week 2022 was especially humbling for the Chicago Police Department this year, as Officer Ella French (E.O.W August 7, 2021) was remembered in Washington D.C. for her ultimate sacrifice in service to the city of Chicago. Officer French was honored in several ceremonies and her name was engraved on the wall of the National Law Enforcement Memorial. Superintendent Brown and members of the Department also traveled to Springfield to commemorate Officer French and all our fallen heroes at the Illinois Police Officers Memorial Ceremony. We remember Officer French's sacrifice every day, as well as each of the 595 Chicago Police officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty. We will never forget each and every one of these brave men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice in the name of keeping Chicagoans safe.



Back here at home, dozens of officers were honored for their bravery and commitment to service at the 61st Annual Recognition Ceremony. CPD also held a graduation ceremony to celebrate the city's 46 newest police officers from Recruit Class 21-5. More than 78% of this class are people of color and 26% are women. Recently promoted command staff, lieutenants and sergeants were also honored during the ceremony.

As we commemorate and celebrate the officers of yesterday and today, the Department is also looking to the future generation of CPD officers. Furthering recruitment efforts, the Department held in-person entry exams over several days this month, with approximately 650 applicants taking the first step in their journey toward becoming a Chicago police officer. More information is available [HERE](#).

As the summer season kicked off, officers spent time outside, planting neighborhood gardens and cleaning up the community with projects like Operation Broom and Bloom and Operation Clean Slate. Many also took part in the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics, Friday Night Prayer services across the city, youth sports tournaments and clinics and collecting donations for people and pets. The Department also celebrated the important women in our lives this Mother's Day and honored Memorial Day by paying tribute to the men and women of the armed services who died protecting our country.



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SHOOTINGS – MAY

2022: 254
2021: 321
2020: 338
2019: 198

SHOOTINGS – JAN. 1 – MAY 31

2022: 971
2021: 1151
2020: 961
2019: 736

SHOOTING VICTIMS – MAY

2022: 344
2021: 386
2020: 398
2019: 239

SHOOTING VICTIMS – JAN. 1 – MAY 31

2022: 1184
2021: 1378
2020: 1116
2019: 868

MURDERS – MAY

2022: 60
2021: 67
2020: 86
2019: 53

MURDERS – JAN. 1 – MAY 31

2022: 239
2021: 259
2020: 242
2019: 197

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