



# NEWS RELEASE

## Chicago Police Department

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### **CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT: OCTOBER 2022 IN REVIEW**

*Eight consecutive months of double-digit declines in shootings*

In October, Chicago's police officers recovered 940 firearms – an average of more than 30 illegal firearms each day this month – underscoring the city's eighth consecutive month of double-digit declines in shootings. Because of officers' hard-fought efforts in every community, shooting incidents are down 19% and the number of shooting victims has seen a 19.9% decline. The city of Chicago also recorded sustained decreases in homicides, with a 16% drop in homicides year to date.

Officers have taken 10,778 firearms off the streets this year, 5% more than this time last year, and on pace to again recover more than 12,000 guns for the second consecutive year. This includes the recovery of 904 assault weapons, a 51.9% increase year to date, as well as 678 ghost guns. This work does not come without extreme risk. This year, 49 Chicago police officers have been shot or shot at, with eight of those officers struck by gunfire.

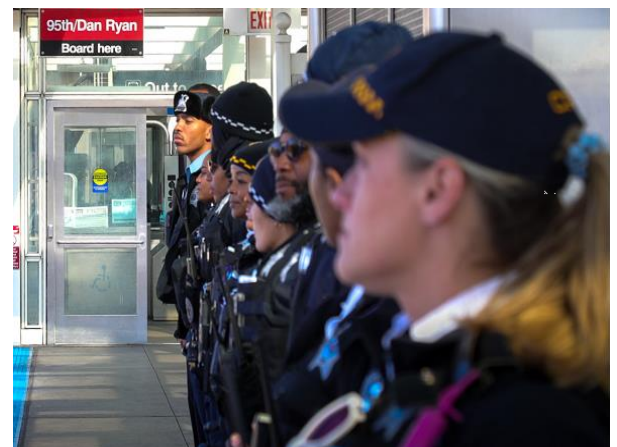
In the Top 55 police beats, which account for more than half of the city's violence, CPD implemented a strategic deployment plan to reduce violent crimes in these areas. Homicides have dropped 26.9%, while shootings have fallen 30% in these beats as a result of this strategy.

As the number of homicides and shootings fell compared to 2021, the city has experienced increases in motor vehicular thefts and robberies. In response, the Department deepened its "team of teams" approach rooted in inter-bureau collaboration. This strategy aims to reduce motor vehicular thefts and robberies by utilizing data to make precision deployments in high-risk areas or hotspots, working collaboratively to identify patterns and sharing information between local and federal law enforcement agencies, and emphasizing community engagement to focus on prevention.

"Enhancing every aspect of public safety is the Chicago Police Department's priority," said Superintendent David O. Brown. "One of the most important keys to making and sustaining progress is in coordinating our efforts across every level of government and each of our communities."

The number of vehicular hijackings is on the decline while related arrests are rising. The city has recorded 1,409 vehicular hijackings thus far in 2022, a 2% decrease compared to 2021. So far this year, Chicago Police officers and the Vehicular Hijacking Task Force have made 1,374 motor vehicle-related arrests, an 18% increase year to date. This includes the arrests of 622 juveniles, 42.6% more compared to this time last year. Of the 224 arrests for vehicular hijacking, 54% have been juvenile offenders.

Visibility and enforcement remains strong on the CTA. Districts and units regularly conduct roll calls in transit terminals and on train platforms. Recently, several districts assembled for a public safety drill at a Red Line station to demonstrate preparedness. Overall transit crime is down 17% month to date, and there's a



40% decrease compared to this time in 2019. Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Part I crimes are up 28% year to date. The violent crime subtotal is down 4% compared to October 2021. The Bureau of Detectives has cleared 285 murder cases since January 1.

This month, CPD leadership traveled to Dallas to join other leaders in law enforcement from across the country at the Major Cities Chiefs Association's (MCCA) Annual Meeting and International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) Annual Conference. Both organizations provide opportunities for law enforcement agencies to come together and share ideas on enhancing public safety, exploring key topics such as police reform, community policing, officer wellness, and more.

Officer wellness remains a top priority for the Chicago Police Department. This month, CPD hosted an EAP (Employee Assistance Program) Open House for department members and their families to learn about ongoing programs and services. Wellness liaisons, consisting of volunteer department members, both sworn and civilian, have also began training this month. While there are currently 13 licensed clinical therapists on staff, the Department is currently in the process of filling additional positions in all 22 districts.

CPD's Recruitment & Retention Unit's ongoing work to attract and hire applicants that reflect the diversity of this city is showing promising results. Already this year, the Department has hired 693 recruits. That number of incoming officers is more at this point than the last three years combined, and the most since 2018. The Department has also streamlined the application and hiring process to make it simpler for qualified applicants to join the Department. Hundreds of applicants were invited to take the entrance exam online. This is in addition to the more than 300 applicants who took the in-person exams at City Colleges of Chicago locations this month. Another round of testing is scheduled for December.



Honorary Chicago Police Officer Khalil became the newest (and youngest) member of the Department when he earned his CPD star this month. The Chicago Police Department was honored to partner with Make-A-Wish Illinois to grant 4-year-old Khalil's wish of being a police officer. Khalil, who is diagnosed with sickle cell disease, got a behind-the-scenes look at CPD with officers from several specialized units. It was a privilege to share in Khalil and his family's special day.

The Department's Graphic Arts Unit was nominated for a Chicago/Midwest Emmy for their video *French Forever: Honoring Our Fallen Hero*. The video, which pays tribute to Officer Ella Grace French, is in the running for Outstanding Achievement for Human Interest (Short Form Content) and

is available to watch [HERE](#). Winners will be announced December 3.

Police districts citywide celebrated Halloween with "Trunk-or-Treat" parties and other fall festivities for community members. Many districts also took part in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual "Fish with a First Responder" field trip and sponsored other activities for youth explorers and senior citizens alike. Additionally, the Department continued its monthly [Conversations with a Commander](#) series and ensured CPD was represented at local job fairs.

CPD officers helped facilitate the safety and success of the 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Chicago Marathon and the return of the city's Columbus Day Parade as well as numerous events celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month and the UniverSoul Circus. Department members also spent much of October volunteering for worthy causes like walks to raise awareness for Breast Cancer Month and Domestic Violence Awareness Months, and giving back by holding food drives and collecting winter coats. In addition, they took part in National Faith and Blue weekend – four days of locally organized community-officer engagement – an initiative of the U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office).



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### SHOOTINGS – OCTOBER

2022: 250  
2021: 305  
2020: 298  
2019: 195

### SHOOTINGS – JAN. 1 – OCT. 31

2022: 2441  
2021: 3030  
2020: 2764  
2019: 1828

### SHOOTING VICTIMS – OCTOBER

2022: 298  
2021: 358  
2020: 341  
2019: 222

### SHOOTING VICTIMS – JAN. 1 – OCT. 31

2022: 3016  
2021: 3767  
2020: 3441  
2019: 2223

### MURDERS – OCTOBER

2022: 61  
2021: 61  
2020: 70  
2019: 41

### MURDERS – JAN. 1 – OCT. 31

2022: 580  
2021: 691  
2020: 664  
2019: 435

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