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CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT: OCTOBER 2023 IN REVIEW

CPD Announces Department Efforts, Citywide Crime Statistics for October 2023

This October, Chicago Police Superintendent Larry Snelling and fellow Command Staff discussed the 2024 projected budget with City Council members. During the Committee on Budget and Government Operations hearing, CPD spoke about how the budget will help move the Department forward in areas that include technology, accountability, reform and supervision. It will also transition vacant police officer positions into sworn promotional opportunities and create 400 civilian positions that will bring specialized experience to CPD.

"This budget will facilitate innovation and collaboration as we work toward a safer, and stronger, Chicago," said Supt. Snelling. "It is an investment in the resources we need to modernize and move the Department forward with public safety as the focus."

The Chicago Police Department is also looking toward the future by remaining committed to hiring applicants that reflect the diversity of this city. Already this year, the Department has hired 598 recruits. Entry exams continued at several City College locations this month, with 207 applicants taking the test. There will be additional entrance exam opportunities through the end of the year, and more information is [available here](#).



This month, CPD welcomed [11-year-old DJ Daniel to Chicago Police Headquarters to swear him in as an honorary police officer](#). DJ, who is fighting terminal brain and spine cancer, has made it his mission to be sworn in by law enforcement agencies across the country. CPD was proud to become the 795th law enforcement agency to swear DJ in. CPD's SWAT Team and Mounted Unit, as well as members from throughout the Department, were on hand to congratulate Honorary Police Officer Daniel and thank him for his bravery.

CPD officers helped ensure the safety and success of the 45th Annual Chicago Marathon this month. Department members spent much of October volunteering for important causes,

including Breast Cancer Awareness Month and Domestic Violence Awareness Month. CPD also teamed up with the Chicago Fire Department and the Office of Emergency Management & Communications (OEMC) for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention's "Out of the Darkness" Walk, raising awareness about the importance of the mental health of first responders and emergency communicators.

OCTOBER 2023 CRIME STATISTICS

- Citywide, there were 52 murders this month, 18.75% lower than October 2022. Month to date, shooting incidents are down 18.95%, and there's a 7.8% drop in the number of victims of gunfire.
- Overall, homicides are down 11.8% year to date. There's a 13% drop in shooting incidents and a 16.5% decline in number of shooting victims. All of these figures are the lowest since 2019. Fourteen of the city's 22 police districts have recorded a decline in homicides since January 1.
- Through October, the homicide clearance rate is 49.04%, the highest, year to date, since 2014.
- Officers recovered 836 firearms this month and 10,193 firearms since the beginning of 2023. That includes the recovery of 1,071 assault weapons, an 18% increase year to date.
- On the CTA, violent crime is down 7% year to date and there's a 9% drop in overall transit crime compared to this time last year.
- Since the start of the year, the city has recorded 1,094 vehicular hijackings, down 21.9% compared to 2022. Officers have made 1,691 motor vehicle-related arrests, a 23% increase over this time last year. Of the 204 arrests for vehicular hijacking, 50% have been juvenile offenders.

SHOOTINGS – OCTOBER

2023: 201
2022: 248
2021: 305
2020: 298

SHOOTINGS – JAN. 1 – OCT. 31

2023: 2,110
2022: 2,433
2021: 3,029
2020: 2,764

SHOOTING VICTIMS – OCTOBER

2023: 269
2022: 292
2021: 358
2020: 347

SHOOTING VICTIMS – JAN. 1 – OCT. 31

2023: 2,512
2022: 3,009
2021: 3,780
2020: 3,471

MURDERS – OCTOBER

2023: 52
2022: 64
2021: 61
2020: 70

MURDERS – JAN. 1 – OCT. 31

2023: 522
2022: 592
2021: 692
2020: 665

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

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