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CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT: SEPTEMBER 2023 IN REVIEW

CPD Announces Department Efforts, Citywide Crime Statistics for September 2023

This month, Larry Snelling was sworn in as the 64th Superintendent of the Chicago Police Department. Superintendent Snelling has three decades of experience within the Department, most recently serving as the Chief of the Bureau of Counterterrorism. As he leads the city's public safety and violence reduction efforts, his top priorities include building community trust and officer wellness.



"It is an honor to be able to lead the men and women of the Chicago Police Department and work alongside them to make every community across our city safer," said Superintendent Snelling. "This city is home to all of us and we will address the needs of every individual neighborhood to reduce violence and crime. We will do this while honoring the victims we have lost to violence and all victims who have been affected by the trauma of crime."

As Superintendent Snelling steps into his new role, the Chicago Police Department also thanks Interim Superintendent Fred L. Waller for his leadership and service this summer. Interim Superintendent Waller, who worked for the CPD for more than three decades, came out of retirement as the search for a permanent Superintendent was in progress. During his time as Interim Superintendent, his goal was to boost morale within the Department and build stronger connections with community members and partners. The Department [released a video](#), narrated by Superintendent Snelling, featuring a goodbye message from Interim Superintendent Waller.

The Chicago Police Department also bid farewell to First Deputy Superintendent Bill Bradley, who retired this month following 29 years of service to the city. First Deputy Bradley spent decades working to make our neighborhoods safe while also mentoring young officers. We thank both of these leaders for everything they have done for the Chicago Police Department and wish them well in their next endeavors.

This September, CPD and the community alike came together to pay tribute to fallen officers. Four months after she was killed in the line of duty, Officer Arèanah M. Preston became the 600th name engraved on the Memorial Wall at Gold Star Families Memorial and Park. Each of those names were then read aloud during the 20th annual Chicago Police Memorial Foundation's Candlelight Vigil. These names represent the heroes who gave their lives to protect the residents of Chicago. We will never forget their sacrifices and ensure their legacies live on.

As we honor and remember the officers of yesterday and today, the Department is also looking to the future. Since January, the Department has hired 523 recruits. Another round of entry exams was also held this month at several City College locations, with 240 applicants taking the test. Additional entrance exam opportunities continue through the rest of the year, and more information is [available here](#).

SEPTEMBER 2023 CRIME STATISTICS

- Citywide, there were 45 murders this month, 37.5% lower than September 2022. Month to date, shooting incidents are down 19.5%, and there's a 26.8% drop in the number of victims of gunfire. All of these figures are the lowest since 2019.
- Overall, homicides are down 11.7% year to date. There's a 12.5% drop in shooting incidents and a 17% decline in number of shooting victims. Fourteen of the city's 22 police districts have recorded a decline in homicides since January 1.
- Through September, the homicide clearance rate is 49.79%, the highest, year to date, since 2014.
- Officers recovered 928 firearms this month and 9,353 firearms since the beginning of 2023. That includes the recovery of 967 assault weapons, an 18.7% increase year to date.
- Violent crime on the CTA, while up 11% month to date, is down 9% year to date. Overall transit crime is down 12% year to date, as well as a 12% drop compared to September 2022.
- Since the start of the year, the city has recorded 955 vehicular hijackings, down 24.9% compared to 2022. Officers have made 1,503 motor vehicle-related arrests, a 29.5% increase over this time last year. Of the 179 arrests for vehicular hijacking, 54% have been juvenile offenders.

SHOOTINGS – SEPTEMBER

2023: 235
2022: 292
2021: 386
2020: 307

SHOOTINGS – JAN. 1 – SEPT. 30

2023: 1911
2022: 2185
2021: 2724
2020: 2466

SHOOTING VICTIMS – SEPTEMBER

2023: 273
2022: 373
2021: 481
2020: 393

SHOOTING VICTIMS – JAN. 1 – SEPT. 30

2023: 2255
2022: 2717
2021: 3422
2020: 3124

MURDERS – SEPTEMBER

2023: 45
2022: 72
2021: 97
2020: 82

MURDERS – JAN. 1 – SEPT. 30

2023: 466
2022: 528
2021: 631
2020: 595

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

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