



# NEWS RELEASE

## Chicago Police Department

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### **CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT: 2024 IN REVIEW**

*CPD Announces Department Efforts, Citywide Crime Statistics for 2024*

The Chicago Police Department brought 2024 to a close with reductions in homicides, shooting incidents and shooting victims, all marking the lowest levels since 2019. Overall, homicides are down 8% year to date. There's a 7% drop in shooting incidents and a 4% decline in the number of shooting victims. December marked the fifth consecutive month of a decline in overall robberies.



This significant progress is thanks in part to the hardworking men and women of the Chicago Police Department, as well as collaboration across the city with residents, community groups and faith-based organizations, continuing CPD's priority of investing in the community to grow trust and reduce violence.

"This year, the Chicago Police Department continued to drive down violent crime while focusing on the victims affected by the trauma of these crimes," said Superintendent Larry Snelling. "The efforts we made set the foundation for strengthened public safety for years to come."

### **TASK FORCES MAKING AN IMPACT**

Earlier this year, CPD unveiled a strategy to address recent robberies and motor vehicle thefts. This plan features four pillars – technology, focused missions, public engagement and accountability – to raise awareness and encourage prevention. The Robbery Task Force, a collaboration between the Bureau of Detectives, the Bureau of Patrol and the Bureau of Counterterrorism, has worked diligently to address robbery patterns through on-the-ground missions and investigations. Their efforts have led to a 25% reduction in robberies since the task force launched in May. They have also cleared 246 cases, including 158 robbery-related cases, and 12 robbery patterns. Overall robberies are down 17% compared to 2023. Robberies with a firearm have also dropped 33% year to date, while motor vehicle thefts have fallen 26%. The Vehicular Hijacking Task Force, comprised of CPD officers, the Cook County Sheriff's Office and Illinois State Police, continues to combat carjackings. Since the start of the year, there were 957 vehicular hijackings, down 26% compared to 2023. Officers made 1,655 motor vehicle-related arrests, including 243 for felony vehicular hijacking. Meanwhile, the Organized Retail Crime Task Force remains committed to working with law enforcement partners to investigate large-scale retail theft. Throughout 2024, the Task Force cleared 117 case reports, including long-term and complex investigations.

### **MORE THAN 12,000 GUN RECOVERED**

Over the past 366 days, Chicago Police officers recovered 12,733 guns off Chicago's streets – an average of nearly 35 guns recovered every single day this year and 2% more than all of 2023. This marks the fourth consecutive year of more than 12,000 firearms taken off the street. Throughout the year, the Department teamed up with local organizations to host ten [gun turn-in events](#) across the city, where 976 firearms and 306 replicas were collected, no questions asked.

## **LAUNCH OF THE CRIME GUN INTELLIGENCE CENTER**

Stopping senseless gun violence is at the forefront of a new mission launched this year. The Crime Gun Intelligence Center (CGIC), a joint partnership with the ATF Chicago Field Office, was created to save lives and seek justice for victims of gun violence. Each gun recovered that has been used in a crime is traced within 24 hours, allowing the CGIC to link shootings and investigate used in these crimes more quickly. This Crime Gun Intelligence Center is also part of the Department's effort to directly address and disrupt this flow of guns into the city.

## **DETECTIVES CLEAR HUNDREDS OF HOMICIDE CASES**

CPD detectives work diligently to hold violent offenders accountable and bring justice to victims and their families. The Bureau of Detectives cleared 323 homicides this year. The homicide clearance rate to 56% – the highest since 2015. CPD's Crime Victim Services hosted Emergency Assistance Centers throughout the year for all those affected by violent crime, providing comprehensive support, resources and services to help our community heal and recover.

## **HONORING FALLEN HEROES**

This year, 62 Chicago Police officers were shot or shot at in the line of duty, two fatally. We continue to mourn the loss of two heroes who were killed in the line of duty, Officer Luis M. Huesca and Officer Enrique Martinez. The Department also remembered Patrolman James B. Crowley, who was laid to rest 37 years to the day after the September 4, 1987 on-duty traffic crash that left him catastrophically injured and killed his partner, Patrolman William M. Morrison, Jr. The stars of fallen Officers Andrés Mauricio Vásquez-Lasso and Arèanah M. Preston were retired and placed into the Superintendent's Honored Star Case, prominently displayed to ensure their courage and dedication will never be forgotten. Throughout the year, the names of Officer Luis M. Huesca, Officer James B. Crowley, Detective Todd C. Gillerlain, Lt. Edward V. O'Neill and Probationary Patrolman Benjamin F. Devlin were added to the Memorial Wall at Gold Star Families Memorial and Park, joining the names of the more than 600 Chicago Police who gave their lives to keep Chicagoans safe.

## **2024 DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION**

After more than a year of training and preparation, the Chicago Police Department stood ready for the tens of thousands who descended upon the city as Chicago hosted the [2024 Democratic National Convention](#). The efforts of long-term, specialized training were evident throughout the week of the DNC, as the Department was able to communicate with and remain in continual contact with organizers of many demonstrations. This allowed officers to protect those exercising their First Amendment rights safely, while still maintaining public safety. CPD thanks our mutual aid agencies, our state, local and federal partners, the Illinois National Guard and our fellow City departments for their tremendous work in keeping the entire city safe during the DNC.



## **INVESTING IN PUBLIC SAFETY**

This year, the Chicago Police Department added three new helicopters to our fleet. In August, the addition of the Bell 429 helicopter marked the first step in modernizing CPD's aging helicopter fleet, which includes helicopters that have been in service since 1993. Just this month, two Bell 407 single-engine helicopters joined the Bell 429 dual-engine. These helicopters, purchased with federal grant funds, assist in aerial security and allows the Department to be more flexible in responding to incidents and conducting missions that include search and rescue and casualty evacuation.



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### CONTINUING COMMUNITY COLLABORATION

This year started with a series of Community Commission for Public Safety and Accountability Superintendent Forums, providing a platform for the public to share their comments, questions and recommendations, and giving Superintendent Snelling a chance to address the community and share goals for the future. CPD also partnered with the Cook County Sheriff's Office for Vehicle Safety Days, a collaborative effort to provide eligible vehicle owners with steering wheel locks and catalytic converter etchings. The Chicago Police Department also reminds residents and business owners they can assist in solving crimes faster by [registering their private cameras](#). This does not give CPD direct access to your camera system, as providing footage is voluntary. Instead, it lets detectives contact camera owners if a crime has occurred in the area and may have been captured.

### DECEMBER 2024 CRIME STATISTICS

- Month to date, shooting incidents are down 18%, and there's a 7% drop in the number of shooting victims.
- Officers recovered 1,028 firearms this month – an average of 33 firearms each day this December.
- Based on Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) figures, Part I crimes have dropped 21% over December 2023 and there's a 5% year to date decline. Violent crimes have fallen 22% month to date, with a 6% decline over last year, while property crimes are down 21% compared to December 2023, with a 5% drop year to date.
- Year to date, overall transit crime is on par with 2023, while property crime on the CTA is down 12% compared to December 2023 with an 11% decline year to date.

#### SHOOTINGS – DECEMBER

2024: 131  
2023: 160  
2022: 188  
2021: 256

#### SHOOTINGS – JAN. 1 – DEC. 31

2024: 2,282  
2023: 2,452  
2022: 2,830  
2021: 3,554

#### SHOOTING VICTIMS – DECEMBER

2024: 158  
2023: 169  
2022: 222  
2021: 288

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

2024: 2,758  
2023: 2,876  
2022: 3,485  
2021: 4,385

#### MURDERS – DECEMBER

2024: 40  
2023: 37  
2022: 56  
2021: 53

#### MURDERS – JAN. 1 – DEC. 31

2024: 573  
2023: 620  
2022: 714  
2021: 804

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

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