

CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT RECOVERS MORE THAN 10,000 GUNS THROUGH NOVEMBER

Overall crime continues to decline, driven by double-digit reductions in burglary and theft. Year-to-date crime is down 7% and down 6% for the month.

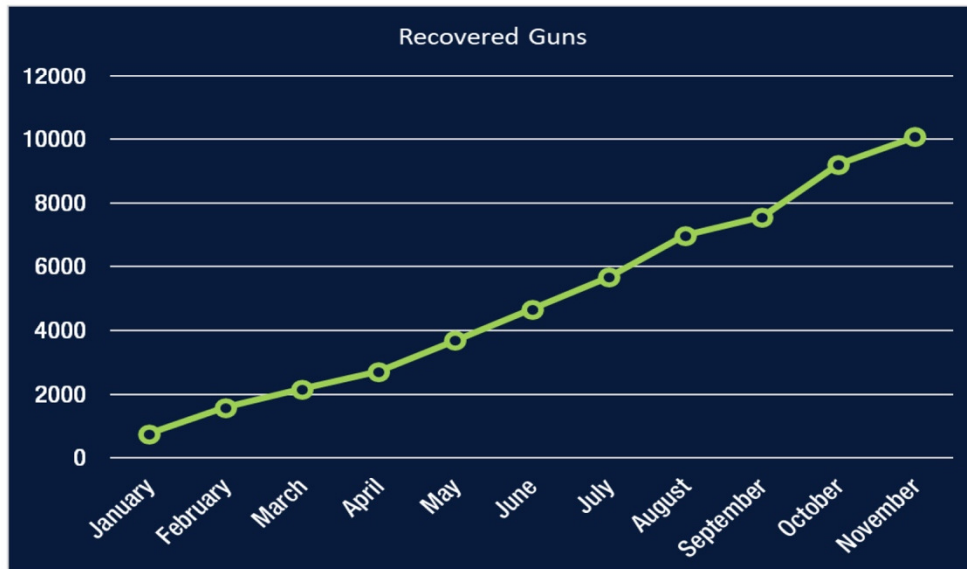
The Chicago Police Department (CPD) today announced more than 10,000 guns have been recovered in the first 11 months of 2020, despite the unprecedented challenges created by the pandemic and months of civil unrest. The aggressive pace of gun recoveries led to more than 6,600 gun arrests. Gun arrests are expected to end the year at a 10-year high.

The latest data also shows that violent crime has slowed in the final months of 2020. The number of murders and shootings in November reached a seven-month low. The reductions have come as overall crime is down 6% for the month and 7% year to date.

"This has been a difficult year for law enforcement throughout the country as COVID-19 and civil unrest have converged to create charged environments in major U.S. cities," said Superintendent David Brown. "Chicago is no exception. And yet, our officers continue to work hard every day to make our home a safer place. I want to commend our brave officers for putting their lives on the line and working to improve public safety."

There has been a shocking 294% increase in violence against police this year in the city. Chicago police officers have been shot at 71 times this year, and 10 officers have been struck by bullets. In 2019, there were 18 incidents where officers were shot at and three officers were struck by gunfire within the first 11 months of the year.

Detectives are also working more closely with victims



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and the community within the new area structure, which puts investigators closer to the neighborhoods they serve. Detectives have cleared more than 300 homicides in 2020. Area 1 on the South Side and Area 4 on the West Side lead the group with each of these Areas having more than 80 homicides cleared for the year.

Over the past several months, the Department has continued to work closely with faith leaders, street outreach workers, community organizations, educators and mental health experts to take an all-hands-on-deck approach to public safety. CPD also continues to partner with the Mayor's Office to ensure residents have the resources, support and the latest public health guidance needed to stay safe and healthy during the pandemic. The COVID-19 virus has sidelined approximately 1,500 officers this year, of which about 1,450 have

returned to duty.

CHICAGO POLICE KEEP POLLING PLACES SAFE AND OVERSEE PEACEFUL DEMONSTRATIONS

The attention of Chicago residents and the nation was focused on polling places on Nov. 3, as voters nationwide cast ballots for the U.S. president and a number of local candidates. Chicago police were on the streets, as all days off were cancelled immediately following the election. Officers prepared for the election for weeks with special in-person and roll call training. This training emphasized keeping voters safe and protecting the First Amendment rights of peaceful protesters both on the night of the election and in the days that followed. CPD's citywide Critical Incident Response Team and Community Safety Team are particularly well-prepared to safeguard the city in this way, as these officers are trained in de-escalation as a crowd management tactic.

"ASK CPD" CAMPAIGN LAUNCHES IN PARTNERSHIP WITH METROPOLITAN FAMILY SERVICES

The Chicago Police Department launched the "[Ask CPD](#)" public awareness campaign on Nov. 16 in accordance with consent decree requirements. The campaign reflects the input and concerns of Chicago residents, particularly those most likely to be impacted by CPD policies.

The Department established a media partnership with Chicago Sun-Times to plan, produce, execute and evaluate a targeted multi-channel marketing campaign across digital, social media and email platforms. The campaign content is reflective of community input and concerns that are captured through an established partnership with a Chicago-based community organization reflective of Chicago's diverse population.

To ensure that the campaign authentically reflects the input and concerns of Chicago residents, CPD partnered with Metropolitan Family Services, a Chicago-based non-profit organization that serves low-income and poor working families through seven major community centers and public policy advocacy. Additionally, CPD has also identified and confirmed participation from several Youth District Advisory Council members from each of the five Areas throughout CPD's area of operations to ensure youth input and concerns are incorporated throughout the campaign.



"HELMETS FOR HEROES" INITIATIVE SEEKS TO OUTFIT CPD WITH NEW PROTECTIVE GEAR

The Chicago Police Memorial Foundation announced the donation of 1,650 new helmets to Chicago police officers on Nov. 19. The goal of the "Helmets for Heroes" initiative is to equip each officer with a new helmet to protect them as they work within large crowds. The Kevlar helmets feature special face shields that defeat laser damage, which can cause eye injury. Tactical teams from all 22 districts as well as the Mounted Unit, Detail Unit, Community Safety Team and Critical Incident Response Team received the first round of helmets. Additional helmets will be purchased and distributed as the fundraiser progresses.

FINAL RECRUIT CLASS OF 2020 ENTERS EDUCATION AND TRAINING ACADEMY

Superintendent Brown welcomed the final recruit class of 2020 to the Chicago Police Education and Training Academy on Nov. 23. Each member of the class of 27 recruits was given an elbow bump by the Superintendent as well as Deputy Chief Daniel Godsel of the Office of Constitutional Policing and Reform's Training and Support Group. The new recruits were thanked for stepping up during a challenging time for the city, and the Superintendent acknowledged each of these individuals for bravely answering the call to community service. The class is also diverse with a make up consisting of recruits that are 11% white, 26% Black, 59% Hispanic, 4% Asian and 33% female.

DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS CONCLUDE FOR 2020

CPD's District Strategic Planning Community Conversations wrapped up on Nov. 25. These meetings, which began on Oct. 1, have brought together residents, community partners and police officers from throughout the city in an effort to work together and improve trust. The information gleaned from these conversations will be used to draft each district's 2021 strategic plan surrounding community engagement, crime prevention and public safety.

Every district has hosted two community conversations this year, enabling residents to have a voice on how their neighborhoods are policed and what the top priorities are within their specific communities. The meetings were held online, allowing stakeholders to participate remotely in an effort to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus.



NOVEMBER 2020 HIGHLIGHTS

- The 19th (Town Hall) district is at a 5-year low for homicides, looking at year-to-date data through Nov. 30.
- Looking at monthly data, homicides are at 20-year lows for November in the 1st (Central), 14th (Shakespeare), 16th (Jefferson Park), 18th (Near North), 19th (Town Hall) and 20th (Lincoln) districts.
- This same monthly data also shows 20-year lows in shooting incidents in the 16th (Jefferson Park), 18th (Near North), 19th (Town Hall) and 20th (Lincoln) districts.
- The 11th (Harrison) District on the West Side has taken in more than 1,100 guns this year — the most in the city. The 7th (Englewood) District and 6th (Gresham) Districts both on the South Side are close behind with roughly 1,000 guns recovered in each district.
- Overall crime, which includes murder, criminal sexual assault, robbery, aggravated battery, burglary, theft and motor vehicle theft, fell 6% for the month of November, compared to November 2019.
- This same overall crime category saw a 7% decline when looking at year-to-date statistics through November, compared to the same eleven-month period in 2019.
- Criminal complaints for theft, burglary and criminal sexual assault all saw double digit declines in November, compared to November 2019. Burglary was down 22% for the month; theft declined by 30% and criminal sexual assault was down 17%.
- Year-to-date, the biggest decline continues to be in the category of theft, which is down 27% through November, compared to the same year-to-date period in 2019. This dramatic reduction remains the primary driver of Chicago's decrease in overall crime.
- In the categories of overall crime, burglary and theft, the Department remains at 20-year-lows, according to year-to-date statistics.

SHOOTINGS 1 JAN – 30 NOV 20

2017: 2601

2018: 2186

2019: 1982

2020: 3033

SHOOTING VICTIMS 1 JAN – 30 NOV 20

2017: 3137

2018: 2625

2019: 2403

2020: 3790

MURDERS 1 JAN – 30 NOV 20

2017: 619

2018: 534

2019: 464

2020: 716

SHOOTINGS – NOV 2020

2017: 166

2018: 142

2019: 154

2020: 267

SHOOTING VICTIMS – NOV 2020

2017: 184

2018: 161

2019: 182

2020: 339

MURDERS – NOV 2020

2017: 37

2018: 45

2019: 33

2020: 58

