



# NEWS RELEASE

## Chicago Police Department

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### **CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT: AUGUST 2023 IN REVIEW**

*CPD Announces Department Efforts, Citywide Crime Statistics for August 2023*

This August, the Chicago Police Department's newest leader was named, as Mayor Brandon Johnson selected Chief Larry Snelling to be the next Superintendent of the Chicago Police Department. He will take over in September from Interim Superintendent Fred L. Waller, who rejoined the Department and led the CPD this summer. Chief Snelling brings 29 years of service, and his experience includes redesigning the Department's current force training model around national best practices and constitutional policing. Chief Snelling will lead CPD as we continue building community trust, strengthening officer wellness and making our communities safer.

"I am excited for the future of the Chicago Police Department under Chief Snelling's leadership," said Interim Superintendent Waller. "He will bring an innovative vision as our Department continues working to build trust in our communities and strengthen safety in every neighborhood."

This month was also a time to remember CPD's fallen heroes, as the police stars of six officers were enshrined into the Superintendent's Honored Star Case. The star numbers of Sergeant Francis J. McGraw (1942), Officer Charles A. Hibschi (1947), Officer Dennis F. Collins (1953), Officer James R. Svec (2021), Officer Jose M. Huerta (2021) and Detective Joseph A. Tripoli (2022) are now permanently retired and prominently displayed to ensure their courage and dedication will never be forgotten.

Chicago Police Department hosted a graduation and promotion ceremony this month, recognizing the city's newest officers, as well as recently promoted Command Staff, Lieutenants, Sergeants, Detectives and Field Training officers. Recruit Class 22-9, 22-10, and 22-11 were made up of 250 graduates, nearly one-third of whom are women and 83% who identify as people of color.

So far this year, CPD has hired 474 recruits. Another round of entry exams was held this month at several City College locations, with 152 applicants taking the test. Additional entrance exam opportunities will be available throughout the rest of the year, and more information is [available here](#).

As summer winds down, CPD officers continued to work diligently to ensure the safety and success of events across the city, including National Night Out, Lollapalooza, the 94<sup>th</sup> Bud Billiken Parade and the Air and Water Show. Youth from Chicago's neighborhoods also finished the Chicago Police Department Youth District Advisory Council Summer Leadership Institute as part of the One Summer Chicago program. More than 75 young people worked with CPD this summer to collaborate on public safety initiatives rooted in building trust between officers and residents. This leadership institute was also an opportunity for CPD officers to hear and learn directly from the city's youth.



## **AUGUST 2023 CRIME STATISTICS**

- Citywide, there were 54 murders this month, 21.7% lower than August 2022. Month to date, shooting incidents are down 22.5%, and there's a 26% drop in the number of victims of gunfire.
- Overall, homicides are down 8% year to date. There's an 11% drop in shooting incidents and a 15% decline in number of shooting victims. Eleven of the city's 22 police districts have recorded a decline in homicides since January 1.
- The homicide clearance rate is 50.48%, the highest, year to date, since 2014.
- Officers recovered 1,116 firearms this month and 8,398 firearms since the beginning of 2023. That includes the recovery of 836 assault weapons, a 15.9% increase year to date.
- Violent crime on the CTA is down 16% month to date and 13% year to date, while overall transit crime is down 12% year to date and there's a 35% drop compared to August 2022.
- Since the start of the year, the city has recorded 835 vehicular hijackings, down 26% compared to 2022. Officers have made 1,312 motor vehicle-related arrests, a 34% increase over this time last year. Of the 148 arrests for vehicular hijacking, 55% have been juvenile offenders.

### **SHOOTINGS – AUGUST**

2023: 233  
2022: 301  
2021: 369  
2020: 380

### **SHOOTINGS – JAN. 1 – AUG. 31**

2023: 1677  
2022: 1893  
2021: 2338  
2020: 2159

### **SHOOTING VICTIMS – AUGUST**

2023: 281  
2022: 380  
2021: 476  
2020: 490

### **SHOOTING VICTIMS – JAN. 1 – AUG. 31**

2023: 1988  
2022: 2344  
2021: 2941  
2020: 2731

### **MURDERS – AUGUST**

2023: 54  
2022: 69  
2021: 81  
2020: 64

### **MURDERS – JAN. 1 – AUG. 31**

2023: 418  
2022: 456  
2021: 534  
2020: 512

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

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