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CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT: MARCH 2024 IN REVIEW

CPD Announces Department Efforts, Citywide Crime Statistics for March 2024

This March, the Chicago Police Department joined public safety partners to unveil security plans for the forthcoming Democratic National Convention, which the city of Chicago will host this August. CPD's focus is outside the convention sites, including large-scale First Amendment activity. In anticipation of demonstrations, officers are receiving training that is rooted in constitutional policing with public safety as our priority. This will ensure protection for all of those exercising their First Amendment rights, as well as those who are working, living and visiting the areas affected by the convention.

"As we prepare for the upcoming Democratic National Convention, we are continuing to focus on the public safety of our neighborhoods across the city," said Superintendent Larry Snelling. "As we secure the areas around the convention, we want to assure our residents that we will maintain sufficient resources and be present in our communities."

The Department also continues to collaborate with community partners and members of the public, working together to reduce crime. CPD teamed up with Northwest Community Church and Bishop Shepard Little Memorial Center to host the first two gun turn-in events this year, where 229 firearms and 95 replicas were collected. The Department also continued hosting [Vehicle Safety Days](#), which provide information and services to keep vehicles secure. Thanks to these officers' efforts and events like these, motor vehicle thefts are down 26% year to date.

This month marked one year since the senseless loss of Chicago Police Officer Andrés Mauricio Vásquez Lasso. Dozens remembered his sacrifice with the dedication of an honorary street sign. Officer Vásquez Lasso's name now sits at the corner of Marquette & Lawndale Ave., forever honoring his heroic actions to protect our city when he was killed in the line of duty on March 1, 2023. This somber anniversary comes as 28 Chicago Police officers have been shot or shot at this year, with three struck by gunfire.



CPD held the first graduation and promotion ceremony of the year, recognizing the city's newest 229 officers, as well as recently promoted Lieutenants and Field Training Officers. Another round of entry exams also took place at several City College sites to find the next generation of officers. More information is [available here](#).

CPD honored Women's History Month by celebrating the contributions and achievements of women. These [Women in Her-Story](#) highlights were shared all month long, showcasing women across CPD, both sworn and civilian members, and why they've dedicated themselves to this noble profession as they pave the way for future generations.

MARCH 2024 CRIME STATISTICS

- Overall, homicides are down 5% year to date. There's a 6.8% drop in shooting incidents and a 2.8% decline in number of shooting victims, both the lowest since 2019.
- Through March, the homicide clearance rate is 77.27%, the highest, year to date, since 2015.
- Officers recovered 1,181 firearms this month – an average of more than 38 firearms each day this March and 49% more than this time last year– and 2,983 firearms since the beginning of 2024, 16% ahead of last year's pace.
- Since the start of the year, the city has recorded 241 vehicular hijackings, down 21.8% compared to this time in 2023. Officers have made 485 motor vehicle-related arrests through the first three months of the year. Of the 64 arrests for vehicular hijacking, 44% have been juvenile offenders.
- Through March, robberies with a firearm have declined 11% compared to this time last year.
- Based on Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) figures, overall Part I crimes have fallen 7% year to date and 10% month to date. There's a 14% decline in property crime over March 2023.
- Overall transit crime is 5% lower year to date, while violent crime on the CTA has dropped 10% compared to this time in 2023.

SHOOTINGS – MARCH

2024: 159
2023: 139
2022: 177
2021: 230

SHOOTINGS – JAN. 1 – MARCH 31

2024: 410
2023: 440
2022: 507
2021: 582

SHOOTING VICTIMS – MARCH

2024: 190
2023: 156
2022: 212
2021: 291

SHOOTING VICTIMS – JAN. 1 – MARCH 31

2024: 476
2023: 490
2022: 594
2021: 701

MURDERS – MARCH

2024: 46
2023: 36
2022: 43
2021: 47

MURDERS – JAN. 1 – MARCH 31

2024: 111
2023: 117
2022: 136
2021: 138

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

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