# ARLINGTON COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT

## NEWS AND HIGHLIGHTS FROM ACROSS THE AGENCY

## MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE

On February 1, 1940, the Arlington County Police Department was formed with nine members. While a lot has changed since then, our commitment to providing high quality police services to all who live, work and visit Arlington has not. Our longstanding legacy of excellence in policing is a direct reflection of the steadfast and professional work of our members, both past and present, in service to the Arlington community.

As we enter our 84<sup>th</sup> year of professional policing, the following key initiatives continue to guide the actions of our officers and professional staff as we serve our community while ensuring public safety:

**Community Engagement:** The Department remains committed to working collaboratively with our diverse and inclusive community to ensure public safety. Officers and professional staff work to build and maintain partnerships with youth, business, and residential communities to improve communication and address public safety

concerns. Crime Prevention and Control: The Department works to improve the overall quality of life in Arlington through enforcement

efforts, such as active patrols and comprehensive follow-up investigations, as well as crime prevention and reduction measures. Officers work to hold individuals accountable for their actions while seeking justice on behalf of crime victims. **Transportation Safety**: The Department works to ensure the safety of all travelers on our roadways while maintaining the safe and orderly flow of traffic in Arlington. Officers use a two-pronged approach to improving transportation safety – education and enforcement – and work collaboratively with other County agencies and community members to address areas of concern. **Employee Wellness**: The Department recognizes the inherent stress related to the law enforcement profession and continues to strengthen its commitment to ensuring personnel have access to the wellness resources they need to succeed in their professional and personal lives.

## Andy Penn

January 2024

Chief of Police

## ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY

- The Office of Professional Responsibility investigated nine external personnel complaints in the month of January.
- During January, the department received 10 personnel commendations through community emails and calls.
- Personnel completed 2,030.5 hours of training in January. Highlights of training topics include but are not limited to Investigating Swatting, CPR Basic Life Support, Unmanned Aircraft Systems and Legal 101: Search, Seizure and Miranda.
- There was one application of Narcan by officers for obvious narcotics overdoses prior to the arrival of medics on scene.

## **INTERNAL AGENCY UPDATES**

- Officer of the Month: Detective Lipschutz of the Organized Crime Section for his continued dedication to conducting thorough investigations resulting in arrests and the recovery of narcotics, firearms and currency.
- Civilian of the Month: Marlo Wade of the Criminal Investigations Division for her leadership, quality of work and ability to share her knowledge and provide clear guidance and direction to her colleagues.
- In January, ACPD began new health initiatives with The Conditioning Room and WRKWell Yoga as a result of funding provided through our partnership with the Cummings Foundation for Behavioral Health to promote employee wellness opportunities. Training for all personnel is offered at The Conditioning Room three times a week and yoga is offered twice a week.
- On January 4, members of ACPD, family and friends gathered to recognize Sergeant A. Tingle's retirement after 25 years of dedicated service to the Arlington community. Sergeant Tingle served in many roles during his tenure including as a K9 handler, SWAT member, member of the Tactical Unit and Peer Support Team as well as most recently as a supervisor in the Operations Division. Congratulations on your retirement!
- Members of the Community Engagement Division and Property and Financial Crimes Units were recognized at the Arlington County Manager's Excellence Awards.





## **CRIME PREVENTION AND CONTROL – CRIME DATA**

#### **ARREST DATA**<sup>1</sup>

	2022			2023			2024		
Month	Adult	Juvenile	Total	Adult	Juvenile	Total	Adult	Juvenile	Total
January	219	4	223	249	16	265	221	27	248
Total (YTD)	219	4	223	249	16	265	221	27	248

## **GROUP A OFFENSE DATA 2**

The Arlington County Police Department reports all crimes using the Federal Bureau of Investigations' National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS) and statistics presented below are consistent with data reported to Virginia State Police. All data is preliminary and subject to change based upon follow-up investigations.

January	2022	2023	2024
Total Group A Offenses	785	810	692
Crimes Against Persons			
Abduction/Kidnapping	4	3	1
Aggravated Assault	22	39	25
Simple Assault	101	110	110
Intimidation	7	12	13
Human Trafficking	0	0	0
Murder/Non-Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0
Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0
Sex Offenses – Forcible	5	10	6
Sex Offenses – Non-Forcible	1	0	0
Crimes Against Property			
Arson	0	0	0
Bribery	0	0	0
Burglary/Breaking & Entering	18	16	8
Counterfeiting/Forgery	9	3	7
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property	58	96	70
Embezzlement	3	0	0
Extortion/Blackmail	6	6	11
Fraud Offenses	131	105	78
Larceny/Theft Offenses	265	279	249
Motor Vehicle Theft	24	26	22
Robbery	9	17	18
Stolen Property Offenses	8	7	8
Crimes Against Society			
Drug/Narcotic Offenses	44	34	39
Gambling Offenses	0	0	0
Pornography/Obscene Material	5	5	4
Prostitution Offenses	0	3	0
Weapon Law Violations	12	12	8

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## **CRIME PREVENTION AND CONTROL – INVESTIGATIVE HIGHLIGHTS**

MALICIOUS WOUNDING, 2023-10170254, 1700 block of N. Calvert Street. On October 17, 2023, police were dispatched to INOVA Fairfax Hospital for the late report of an assault that occurred in Arlington County. The preliminary investigation indicated at approximately 4:50 p.m., the male victim and male suspect, who are known to each other, became engaged in a verbal dispute during which the suspect allegedly struck the victim with a hammer. A witness separated the victim and suspect and a short time later, the suspect reapproached the victim, brandished a knife and struck the victim, causing a laceration. The suspect left the scene and the victim self-reported to the hospital with serious, non-life-threatening injuries. On January 10, 2024, the suspect was located in Fairfax County and taken into custody with the assistance of Fairfax County Police officers. The suspect was arrested and charged with Malicious Wounding and Threats.

**DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY**, 2023-12164003, 5100 block of Langston Boulevard. On December 15, 2023, police received an online report stating that at approximately 6:36 p.m., the male suspect entered the business and engaged in a verbal dispute with an employee. The suspect then destroyed equipment and display cases before assaulting the employee and fleeing the scene. During the course of the investigation, detectives identified the suspect and obtained warrants for his arrest. He was taken into custody on January 7, 2024, and charged with Felony Destruction of Property and Assault & Battery.

**FRAUD**, 2023-11110123, 900 block of S. George Mason Drive. On November 11, 2023, police were dispatched to the report of a suspicious person. During the course of the investigation, it was determined that the suspect had fraudulently rented an apartment using a stolen identity. The suspect was identified, arrested on December 26, 2023, and charged with Credit Card Theft, Credit Card Fraud and Identity Theft.

**NARCOTICS VIOLATION**, 2024-01040025, 6000 block of Wilson Boulevard. On January 4, an officer was conducting extra checks in the area when he observed a parked, occupied suspicious vehicle. Upon further investigation, it was determined the vehicle was displaying a stolen license plate. The driver began to drive away, during which the officer conducted a traffic stop and detained the two occupants. During an inventory search of the vehicle, suspected narcotics and a firearm were recovered. The driver was arrested and charged with Possession with Intent to Distribute Methamphetamine, Possession of a Firearm while in Possession of Drugs, Receiving Stolen Property and Driving without an Operator's License.

**WARRANT SERVICE**, 2024-01050209, 500 block of N. Thomas Street. On January 5, officers were in the area when they observed a suspect wanted by the Arlington County Sheriff's Office for Failure to Appear related to gun charges from an incident in June 2023. The suspect entered a vehicle and following a traffic stop, he was taken into custody on the outstanding warrant.

**DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE**, 2024-01150055, 4600 block of Fairfax Drive. On January 15, police were dispatched to the report of an individual asleep behind the wheel of a vehicle. Upon arrival, officers located the running vehicle blocking a lane of travel in a parking lot. Officers announced themselves, waking the driver and gave him commands to exit the vehicle. The suspect was detained and suspected narcotics were located on his person and inside the vehicle. The driver was arrested and charged with Driving Under the Influence, Possession of a Schedule I/II Controlled Substance and Possession with Intent to Distribute Schedule I/II Controlled Substance.

**WEAPONS VIOLATION**, 2024-01180178, 2600 block of S. Adams Street. On January 18, police were dispatched to the report of a brandishing. The preliminary investigation indicated the two victims were performing maintenance inside the suspect's residence when she became angry and allegedly brandished a firearm. The victims then left the residence and reported the incident but did not want to seek prosecution. During the course of the investigation, it was determined the firearm was stored inside a kitchen cabinet and two children lived in the residence. The suspect was charged with Allowing Access to Firearms by Children and the firearm was recovered as evidence.

**SHOPLIFTING**, 2024-01300198, 2900 block of Columbia Pike. On January 30, detectives were conducting a separate follow-up investigation inside a business when they observed the male suspect enter the store, conceal merchandise and attempt to exit without payment. The detectives detained the suspect without incident and recovered the stolen merchandise. The suspect was arrested and charged with Petit Larceny.

## TRANSPORTATION SAFETY

The Police Department is committed to ensuring the safety of all travelers - including bicyclists, pedestrians, and motorists - on our roadways. The Department uses a two-pronged approach to improving transportation safety: education and enforcement. Below are some of the notable actions undertaken in the month of January in support of the Department's key initiative of Transportation Safety.

- The Special Operations Section (SOS) assisted with three escorts and eight special events during the month of January.
- On January 22, Corporals M. Reyes, B. Ciero and A. Hoffman received their motor "wheels" to commemorate becoming certified motor officers in ACPD's Motor Unit after each completing over 200 hours of specialized training.
- On January 3, police investigated a critical crash in the 700 block of 12<sup>th</sup> Street S. The preliminary investigation determined the driver of the striking vehicle was attempting to turn from S. Hayes Street onto 12th Street S. when he exited the roadway onto the sidewalk, struck a pedestrian and crashed into a closed bank. The pedestrian, an adult male, was transported to an area hospital with serious injuries and subsequently released following medical treatment. The driver of the striking vehicle was not injured and remained on scene. He was charged with Reckless Driving.

Corporal Reyes, Corporal Ciero and Corporal A. Hoffman Motor Wheels Presentation



#### DEDICATED TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

Program	Hours in January
Laser Speed Enforcement	295.75
Red Light	183.25
DMV Grant Funded Enforcement	53
Crash Reduction Program	59

#### **CRASHES**

Crash Type	Crashes in January
Total Crashes	122
Fatal Crashes	0
Serious Injury Crashes	2
Pedestrian-Involved Crashes	7

#### **CITATIONS/WRITTEN WARNINGS**

Month	Citations/Written Warnings Issued in January	
January	2,026	





## **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

Since the 1990's, the Police Department has embraced community policing, a philosophy and practice that seeks to involve everyone in the safety and welfare of their community. The Agency is committed to actively engaging with the public to build strong community-based partnerships and foster police interaction and cooperation with those we serve. Below are some of the notable highlights from the month of January in support of the department's key initiative of Community Engagement.

#### **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT HIGHLIGHTS**

Community Outreach Unit				
Events Attended	11			
Meetings Attended	12			
Presentations Conducted	4			
Community Complaints Addressed	0			

#### **Business Outreach Unit**

Meetings Attended	20
Fake Identifications Collected	75
Bar Safe Violations Issued	0
Special Event Permit Reviews	6
Proactive Engagement Contacts During Nightlife Detail	641

#### **Auxiliary Police Unit**

Monthly Service Hours	127.5		
Safety Seat Inspections Conducted	38		
Bicycles Registered	43		
Special Events Supported	1		
Residential Safety Survey	1		
Prescription Drug Take-Back Program			
Prescription Medication Disposed Of	175.4 pounds		

#### COMMUNITY AND YOUTH OUTREACH UNITS



Our Community Engagement Division spent some time throughout the county shoveling and clearing off vehicles for those in need after Arlington received the first significant snow accumulation of the year.



Members of the Community Engagement Division and County Human Resources were recognized during the Arlington County Manager's Excellence Awards for their work establishing ACPD's Cadet Program.



On January 27, the Community Engagement Division, along with the McGruff Crime Dogs, stopped by Virginia Hospital Center to meet, interact, and lift spirits among patients and staff.

## **PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS**



Members of our Criminal Investigations Division attended the Police Executive Research Forum's National Summit on Carjacking in Washington D.C. on January 25.



On January 17, members of ACPD paid their respects as the funeral procession for retired Cpl. Daniel T. Hartle, #197 travelled by the Arlington County Courthouse.



Members of ACPD had the opportunity to meet with the Washington Capitals at the Medstar Iceplex on January 9 for a special First Responders Appreciation event. *Photo courtesy of Washington Capitals* 



ACPD gathered to celebrate the retirement of Sgt. Tingle after 25 years of distinguished service to the Arlington community. We congratulate Sgt. Tingle and wish him all the best in his next endeavor!



The Property and Financial Crimes Units were recognized during the Arlington County Manager's Excellence Awards for the incredible contributions they provide to the Arlington community.



An officer working Patrol took advantage of the snowy weather to snap a photo by the Air Force Memorial on January 19. A career with ACPD offers an office view like no other!





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## MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE

As the warmer months approach and the days grow longer, more people will soon be out walking, biking and using shared mobility devices throughout Arlington. According to data from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), on average, a pedestrian was killed every 71 minutes and injured every nine minutes in traffic crashes throughout the United States in 2021. These deaths and injuries are a stark reminder of the life-changing consequences each crash can have and highlight the work we all must do to ensure transportation safety in our community.

Transportation safety is a key initiative of the Arlington County Police Department and we're committed to implementing strategies designed to ensure the safety of all travelers on our shared roadways, sidewalks and trails. To accomplish this, we use a two-pronged approached of education and enforcement. In

addition to conducting enforcement for observed traffic violations, our officers will participate this spring in the regional <u>Street</u> <u>Smart campaign</u> aimed at reducing the number of traffic-related crashes and injuries on our roadways by identifying and changing unsafe behavior patterns among travelers.

The Police Department also recognizes a safe transportation network for all travelers requires a multidisciplinary approach with collaboration across government agencies and community stakeholders to identify and address system-wide improvements. We continue to work in partnership with the Department of Environmental Services on <u>Vision Zero</u>, a strategy to eliminate all traffic fatalities and severe injuries, while increasing safe, healthy, equitable mobility for all.

No matter how you travel, the Arlington County Police Department reminds you to be a PAL – predictable, alert and lawful.

## Andy Penn

February 2024

Chief of Police

## ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY

- The Office of Professional Responsibility investigated four external personnel complaints in the month of February.
- During February, the department received 12 personnel commendations through community emails and calls.
- Personnel completed 4,008 hours of training in February. Highlights of training topics include but are not limited to Critical Decision Making and Scene Management, Unmanned Aircraft Systems training and Peer Support training.
- There were three instances of officers performing CPR on individuals experiencing a medical emergency
- There were five applications of Narcan by officers for obvious narcotics overdoses prior to the arrival of medics on scene.

## **INTERNAL AGENCY UPDATES**

- Officer of the Month: Detective L. Ordonez of the Digital Forensics Unit for his demonstrated expertise in digital evidence extraction which significantly contributes towards successful criminal investigations and prosecutions.
- Civilian of the Month: Ms. B. Scott of the Training and Career Development Unit for her job knowledge and skills to successfully
  manage the department's Narcan program and scheduling the training needs of the entire Police Department.
- On February 1, the Police Department celebrated our 84<sup>th</sup> year of providing professional law enforcement services to Arlington.
- In February, the Police Department welcomed nine college students to the <u>Cadet Program</u>.
- On February 23, we celebrated the retirement of Detective M. Mazzella following 25 years of dedicated service. During his
  career, he served many roles including in Patrol, School Resource Officer, Property Crimes and Digital Forensics.
- The Cummings Foundation for Behavioral Health conducted an internal wellness fair for department personnel to learn about different health and wellness practices, products and services on topics such as nutrition, stress management, fitness, mental health and disease prevention.





## **CRIME PREVENTION AND CONTROL – CRIME DATA**

#### **ARREST DATA**<sup>1</sup>

	2022			2023			2024		
Month	Adult	Juvenile	Total	Adult	Juvenile	Total	Adult	Juvenile	Total
February	199	4	203	242	26	268	220	17	237
Total (YTD)	418	8	426	491	42	533	441	44	485

## **GROUP A OFFENSE DATA <sup>2</sup>**

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February	2022	2023	2024
Total Group A Offenses	663	719	826
Crimes Against Persons			
Abduction/Kidnapping	8	6	6
Aggravated Assault	33	23	22
Simple Assault	97	99	121
Intimidation	1	8	8
Human Trafficking	0	0	0
Murder/Non-Negligent Manslaughter	1	0	0
Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0
Sex Offenses – Forcible	11	11	6
Sex Offenses – Non-Forcible	1	0	0
Crimes Against Property			
Arson	0	1	1
Bribery	0	0	0
Burglary/Breaking & Entering	11	16	8
Counterfeiting/Forgery	9	8	5
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property	41	86	73
Embezzlement	2	2	2
Extortion/Blackmail	9	9	4
Fraud Offenses	115	123	147
Larceny/Theft Offenses	241	231	303
Motor Vehicle Theft	21	22	40
Robbery	10	18	14
Stolen Property Offenses	4	5	8
Crimes Against Society			
Drug/Narcotic Offenses	25	37	43
Gambling Offenses	0	0	0
Pornography/Obscene Material	6	2	2
Prostitution Offenses	1	0	0
Weapon Law Violations	6	12	13

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## **CRIME PREVENTION AND CONTROL – INVESTIGATIVE HIGHLIGHTS**

**FATAL PEDESTRIAN CRASH UPDATE**, 2022-08010217, 2<sup>nd</sup> Street S. at S. Old Glebe Road. On the evening of August 1, 2022, police responded to a <u>crash with injuries</u> at 2<sup>nd</sup> Street S. and S. Old Glebe Road. The investigation determined the suspect was driving on S. Old Glebe Road when he turned onto 2<sup>nd</sup> Street S. and struck a pedestrian as she was crossing the roadway. The suspect fled the scene following the crash. The pedestrian was transported to an area hospital where she was pronounced deceased. During the course of the investigation, officers identified the driver, located him and took him into custody. Alcohol was determined to be a factor in the crash. On October 4, 2023, the driver entered a guilty plea to involuntary manslaughter. In February 2023, he was sentenced to 10 years in prison with six years suspended.

**ROBBERY**, 2024-01200075, 2300 block of Wilson Boulevard. On January 20, police were dispatched to the report of an armed robbery. Upon arrival, it was determined the male suspect was inside a business when he approached the counter and brandished a firearm. He then went behind the counter, stole merchandise, demanded cash from the register and prevented the employee from leaving the business. He then exited the store with an undisclosed amount of cash and fled the scene on foot. No injuries were reported. During the course of the investigation, the suspect was identified and taken into custody by members of the Tactical Unit. He was arrested and charged with Armed Robbery, Abduction and Use of a Firearm in the Commission of a Felony.

ASSAULT ON POLICE, 2024-02110150, 2400 block of N. Harrison Street. On February 11, police were dispatched to the report of a suspect threatening individuals with a knife. Responding officers established a perimeter, located the suspect and detained him. During a search of the suspect, a pocketknife and suspected narcotics were recovered. While in custody, the suspect was confrontational and spat on two officers. He was arrested and charged with Assault on Police (x2) and Possession of a Controlled Substance.

WEAPONS VIOLATION, 2024-02160206, NB I-395 at Boundary Channel Drive. On February 16, a patrol officer conducted a traffic stop after observing the suspect vehicle traveling on the shoulder with improper registration. During the officer's investigation, it was determined that the vehicle was not properly registered and officers recovered a loaded firearm in the vehicle. The driver was charged with Carrying Concealed Weapon and Improper Use of Plates/Registration.

**WEAPONS VIOLATION**, 2024-02220020, Army Navy Drive at S. Hayes Street. On February 22, a patrol officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle displaying improper registration. The officer approached the vehicle, made contact with the suspect and requested his identification. The suspect then opened the glove compartment and the officer observed the handle of a firearm. During the course of the investigation, it was determined the driver did not have a concealed carry permit and officers subsequently recovered two firearms from the vehicle. The driver was charged with Concealed Weapon Violation.

**NARCOTICS VIOLATION**, 2024-02220031, 1600 block of Clarendon Boulevard. On February 22, an officer was conducting extra checks in the area when he approached the three suspects and observed drug paraphernalia in plain view. During the course of the investigation, officers recovered suspected narcotics. The three suspects were arrested and charged with Possession of a Controlled Substance. One suspect was determined to have outstanding warrants by other jurisdictions.

**DEATH INVESTIGATION**, 2024-02250210, 2100 block of Langston Boulevard. On February 25, adult female human remains were located in a wooded area. The Arlington County Police Department is conducting a death investigation with assistance by the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (OCME) who will work to positively identify the deceased and determine cause and manner of death. An initial assessment of the remains by the OCME did not locate immediate indications of a suspicious death. The preliminary investigation has not revealed an ongoing threat to the community.

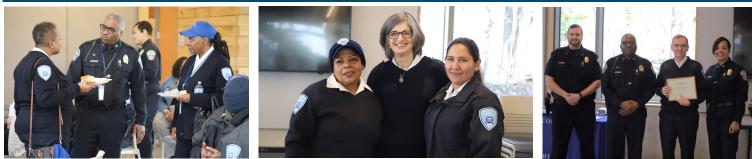
**DEATH INVESTIGATION**, 2024-02260172, 1300 block of N. Taylor Street. On February 26, police were dispatched to the report of suspicious circumstances. The preliminary investigation indicates that during a walkthrough of a recently purchased property, adult male human remains were located inside. The Arlington County Police Department is conducting a death investigation with assistance by the OCME who will work to positively identify the deceased and determine cause and manner of death. An initial assessment of the remains by the OCME did not locate immediate indications of a suspicious death. The preliminary investigation has not revealed an ongoing threat to the community.

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- The Special Operations Section (SOS) assisted with six escorts and one special event during the month of February.
- ACPD celebrated Crossing Guard Appreciation Day on February 7 by recognizing our dedicated crossing guards who work
  each day regardless of weather conditions to ensure the trip to and from class is safe for our students.
- Police encouraged football fans to be the MVP ahead of Super Bowl LVIII by making a sober ride game plan.
- Arlington County's Vision Zero safety theme for February was safe lane changes. Motorists are encouraged to take a
  refresher on <u>setting your mirrors</u> to cover your blind spots.

#### **Crossing Guard Appreciation Event**



#### DEDICATED TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

Program	Hours in February
Laser Speed Enforcement	292
Red Light	198
DMV Grant Funded Enforcement	32
Crash Reduction Program	71

#### **CRASHES**

Crash Type	Crashes in February
Total Crashes	135
Fatal Crashes	0
Serious Injury Crashes	2
Pedestrian-Involved Crashes	12

#### **CITATIONS/WRITTEN WARNINGS**

Month	Citations/Written Warnings Issued in February
February	2,043





## **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

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#### **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT HIGHLIGHTS**

Community Outreach Unit					
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Events Attended	10				
Meetings Attended	16				
Presentations Conducted	5				
Community Complaints Addressed	4				
Residential Safety Survey	-				
Business Outreach	ı Unit				
Meetings Attended	27				
Fake Identifications Collected	35				
Bar Safe Violations Issued	-				
Special Event Permit Reviews	-				
Proactive Engagement Contacts During Nightlife Detail	560				
Auxiliary Police L	Jnit				
Monthly Service Hours	113				
Safety Seat Inspections Conducted	45				
Bicycles Registered	32				
Special Events Supported	-				
Prescription Drug Take-Back Program					
Prescription Medication Disposed Of	51.8 pounds				

#### COMMUNITY AND YOUTH OUTREACH UNITS



The Business Outreach Unit (BOU) has been busy conducting routine quarterly security meetings with the property managers of the Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) in Rosslyn, Ballston and National Landing.



Members of the Community Engagement Division and the McGruff Crime Dogs visited Glebe Elementary School on February 16 to spread some joy while engaging with students, parents and staff!



Bureau of Investigation and the Department of Justice at the United Against Hate panel discussion, held in Spanish, at the Shirlington Library.

## **PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS**



ACPD's Cadets assisted the Community Engagement Division at the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Feel the Heritage Festival at Charles Drew Community Center on February 24.



On February 17, members of ACPD (polar)beared the freezing cold water at Leesylvania State Park to benefit Special Olympics Virginia at the Polar Plunge!



During Black History Month, Deputy Chief Vincent caught up with retired ACPD Lieutenant and current Longwood University Chief of Police, Angela Comer, daughter of ACPD's first Black officer, Irving Comer.



Family, friends and colleagues gathered to congratulate Detective M. Mazzella on his retirement! We thank him for his 25 years of service and wish him the very best in his next endeavors!



The Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) program partnered with George Mason University Police UAS unit to train new pilots on UAS operations.



Corporal Montoya and Corporal Londono participated in a recruitment gathering at Joint Base Myer - Henderson Hall to discuss a rewarding career with ACPD!





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## MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE

Following an open application process to increase membership, we welcomed the participants of the Chief's Advisory Council (CAC) at our first in-person monthly meeting on April 2. Community engagement is a key initiative of the police department and the CAC is an example of our department's continued commitment to making community involvement and opportunities for meaningful dialogue one of our top priorities.

Since 2007, the CAC has served as a conduit for continued communication between the community and the police department. The CAC consists of volunteer members from a diverse cross-section of our community who meet on a regular basis to provide department leadership with community insight on a wide range of public safety topics and activities. As part of their work, the CAC may recommend and review policies, collaborate on projects to engage and educate the community, guide best practices and

approaches, help identify barriers that exist between police and members of the community, and develop strategies to eliminate those barriers.

The CAC is advisory in nature and is currently comprised of 15 members. We are excited to welcome our new members to share their insights and experiences as we continue to foster collaborative police-community relationships built on the foundations of trust, respect and mutual understanding. The CAC's first meeting included introductions, an overview of the history of the police department and opening remarks from department leadership.

It is without question we are at our very best when we work in partnership with the community. We are grateful for the CAC members active engagement and look forward to continued meaningful discussions and collaboration throughout the year.

#### Andy Penn Chief of Police

March 2024

## ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY

- The Office of Professional Responsibility received six external personnel complaints in the month of March.
- During March, the department received ten personnel commendations through community emails and calls.
- Personnel completed 6,023.75 hours of training in March. Highlights of training topics include but are not limited to Basic Crime Scene Photography, Cognitive Fitness for First Responders and Legal for Electronic Evidence.
- There was one instance of officers performing CPR on an individual experiencing a medical emergency.
- There were three applications of Narcan by officers for obvious narcotics overdoses prior to the arrival of medics on scene.

## INTERNAL AGENCY UPDATES

- Officer of the Month: Corporal J. Pardee of the Patrol Section for his extensive year-long follow-up and collaboration with the Criminal Investigations Division on an incident he responded to in February 2023 that resulted in the conviction of a suspect on 14 felony counts and justice for the victim and their family.
- Civilian of the Month: Kya Baah-Dwomoh of the Human Resources and Management Section for her dedication to improving hiring processes and her willingness to take on additional duties to assist with new officer applicant screenings.
- On March 15, Lt. M. Owens of the Special Operations Section graduated from the 289<sup>th</sup> Session of the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Va. The National Academy, internationally known for its academic excellence, brings together law enforcement from around the world for 10 weeks of advanced training.
- A recruitment advertisement message, created by Lt. S. Troyano and Sgt. S. King, began circulating on FM Radio 98.7 WMZQ on March 11. To learn more about a rewarding career with ACPD, visit <u>ACPD.JOBS</u>.
- ACPD observed Women's History Month throughout March and highlighted women in various roles on social media.





## **CRIME PREVENTION AND CONTROL – CRIME DATA**

#### **ARREST DATA**<sup>1</sup>

	2022		2023			2024			
Month	Adult	Juvenile	Total	Adult	Juvenile	Total	Adult	Juvenile	Total
March	207	8	215	247	18	265	230	12	242
Total (YTD)	625	16	641	738	60	798	671	56	727

## **GROUP A OFFENSE DATA <sup>2</sup>**

The Arlington County Police Department reports all crimes using the Federal Bureau of Investigations' National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS) and statistics presented below are consistent with data reported to Virginia State Police. All data is preliminary and subject to change based upon follow-up investigations.

March	2022	2023	2024
Total Group A Offenses	792	781	770
Crimes Against Persons	152	701	110
Abduction/Kidnapping	11	3	4
Aggravated Assault	41	20	23
Simple Assault	103	126	132
Intimidation	8	16	4
Human Trafficking	0	0	0
Murder/Non-Negligent Manslaughter	0	1	ů 0
Negligent Manslaughter	1	0	0
Sex Offenses – Forcible	14	14	10
Sex Offenses – Non-Forcible	0	0	0
Crimes Against Property			
Arson	1	0	1
Bribery	0	0	0
Burglary/Breaking & Entering	15	16	17
Counterfeiting/Forgery	19	6	9
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property	63	78	79
Embezzlement	2	2	0
Extortion/Blackmail	5	10	3
Fraud Offenses	154	130	105
Larceny/Theft Offenses	262	256	282
Motor Vehicle Theft	30	33	25
Robbery	11	20	25
Stolen Property Offenses	7	6	8
Crimes Against Society			
Drug/Narcotic Offenses	34	33	32
Gambling Offenses	0	0	0
Pornography/Obscene Material	3	1	2
Prostitution Offenses	1	1	1
Weapon Law Violations	7	9	8

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## **CRIME PREVENTION AND CONTROL – INVESTIGATIVE HIGHLIGHTS**

**NARCOTICS VIOLATION**, 2024-03040062, 900 block of 15th Street S. On March 4, officers responded to a two-vehicle collision with property damage only. During the investigation, the suspect, who was determined to be the at fault driver, was found to be in possession of suspected narcotics. The suspect was charged with Possession of Schedule I/II Controlled Substance and was issued a summons for failing to pay full time and attention.

**NARCOTICS VIOLATION**, 2024-03060138, 2500 block of Langston Boulevard. On March 6, an officer conducting a separate traffic stop was approached by the male suspect who engaged them in conversation and displayed a knife. The officer gave the suspect commands to drop the knife, however, the suspect fled the scene on foot. While fleeing, the suspect discarded the knife before the officer detained him in the area of Langston Boulevard and Spout Run Parkway. During the investigation, the knife and suspected narcotics were recovered. The suspect was charged with Possession of Schedule I/II Controlled Substance.

ATTEMPTED GRAND LARCENY AUTO, 2024-03090208, 2600 block of Richmond Highway. On March 9, police were dispatched to the report of a vehicle tampering. Upon arrival, it was determined a witness observed the male suspect allegedly trying vehicle door handles in the business' parking lot and alerted an employee. The employee observed the male suspect sitting in the driver's seat of a vehicle, attempting to start it and confronted him. The suspect then exited the vehicle and left the scene on foot. Responding officers located the suspect in the area and took him into custody. During a search of his person incident to arrest, suspected narcotics were recovered. The suspect was charged with Attempted Grand Larceny Auto and Possession of Schedule I/II Controlled Substance.

**DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE**, 2024-03160009, 1200 block of N. Stuart Street. On March 16, officers responded to the report of a single vehicle crash into two unoccupied parked vehicles. Responding officers located the unresponsive driver, suffering from what appeared to be an overdose, behind the wheel and administered multiple doses of Narcan prior to being transported to an area hospital. Suspected narcotics, drug paraphernalia and multiple credits cards not belonging to the suspect were recovered during the investigation. The suspect was charged with Driving Under the Influence, Possession of Schedule I/II Controlled Substance and Unauthorized Possession of 2+ Credit Cards (x2).

**RECOVERED STOLEN VEHICLE**, 2024-03180016, Wilson Boulevard at Washington Boulevard. On March 18, an officer observed a stolen vehicle traveling the wrong direction on Wilson Boulevard. Responding officers conducted a traffic stop in the area of Wilson Boulevard and Washington Boulevard and detained the two occupants of the vehicle. During the investigation, it was determined the vehicle was displaying license plates stolen from Maryland, had a concealed VIN and the vehicle was reported stolen from a previous incident in Arlington County on March 5. During a search of the driver incident to arrest, su spected narcotics were recovered. The driver was charged with Grand Larceny Auto, Altered VIN, Buying/Receiving Stolen Goods, Possession of Schedule I/II Controlled Substance, Possession of Schedule III/IV/V/VI Controlled Substance and No Operator's License.

**NARCOTICS VIOLATION**, 2024-03210160, 1000 block of S. Frederick Street. On March 21, officers observed a suspect wanted out of Prince George's County, MD in the area and took him into custody. During a search of the suspect incident to arrest, a distribution amount of narcotics were recovered. The suspect was charged with Possession with the Intent to Distribute.

**WARRANT SERVICE**, 2024-03210231, 800 block of Army Navy Drive. On March 21, an officer observed a vehicle travelling in the area without a license plate displayed and conducted a traffic stop. During the investigation, it was determined the driver was wanted out of Fairfax County, VA and Virginia Beach, VA. The driver was issued a summons for driving without a license plate and taken into custody on the outstanding charges from the other jurisdictions.

**WEAPONS VIOLATION**, 2024-03270153, NB Richmond Highway at 15<sup>th</sup> Street S. On March 27, an officer observed a vehicle operating with improper license plates and conducted a traffic stop. Upon making contact with the driver, it was determined he was operating the vehicle without a valid driver's license. Following a search of the vehicle prior to towing, officers recovered narcotics and a loaded firearm with extended magazine. The driver was charged with Carrying a Concealed Weapon, Possession of a Firearm While the subject of a Protective Order and Possession with Intent to Distribute Marijuana. He was also issued summons for Improper Tags/Registration and No Operator's License. The passenger of the vehicle was charged with Carrying a Concealed Weapon and Possession with Intent to Distribute Marijuana.

## TRANSPORTATION SAFETY

The Police Department is committed to ensuring the safety of all travelers - including bicyclists, pedestrians, and motorists - on our roadways. The Department uses a two-pronged approach to improving transportation safety: education and enforcement. Below are some of the notable actions undertaken in the month of March in support of the Department's key initiative of Transportation Safety.

- The Special Operations Section (SOS) assisted with four escorts and two special events during the month of March.
- Motor officers conducted several escorts for recipients of the Medal of Honor as they attended two events in the area.
- Several officers participated in a traffic safety detail day concentrating on speeding traffic infractions in and around school zones at Arlington elementary and middle schools.
- ACPD participated in the launch of the Washington Regional Alcohol Program (WRAP) 2024 St. Patrick's Day SoberRide Campaign at Ireland's Four Courts on March 15 to encourage those celebrating to choose a sober ride home.
- In March, ACPD shared information from the Virginia DMV reminding community members to remain vigilant for motorcyclists as the weather begins to get warmer.
- In honor of Women's History Month, Kenmore Middle School crossing guards, Almaz Abebe, Lucy Aquice and Ana Hernandez, were honored for their 30 years of combined service and commitment to the safety of Arlington students.

#### SLOW SCHOOL ZONES **20 MPH** ALL DAY.

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#### DEDICATED TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

Program	Hours in March
Laser Speed Enforcement	532.5
Red Light	209.5
DMV Grant Funded Enforcement	28
Crash Reduction Program	51.75



Crossing Guard Women's History Month Highlight



Crash Type	Crashes in March
Total Crashes	131
Fatal Crashes	0
Serious Injury Crashes	2
Pedestrian-Involved Crashes	8

#### CITATIONS/WRITTEN WARNINGS

Month	Citations/Written Warnings Issued in March
March	1,924



## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Since the 1990's, the Police Department has embraced community policing, a philosophy and practice that seeks to involve everyone in the safety and welfare of their community. The Agency is committed to actively engaging with the public to build strong community-based partnerships and foster police interaction and cooperation with those we serve. Below are some of the notable highlights from the month of March in support of the department's key initiative of Community Engagement.

#### **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT HIGHLIGHTS**

Community Outreach Unit						
Events Attended	7					
Meetings Attended	10					
Presentations Conducted	4					
Community Complaints Addressed	3					
Residential Safety Survey	1					
Business Outreach Unit						
Meetings Attended	21					
Fake Identifications Collected	42					
Bar Safe Violations Issued	2					
Special Event Permit Reviews	19					
Proactive Engagement Contacts During Nightlife Detail	742					

#### **Auxiliary Police Unit**

MonthlyService Hours	175				
Safety Seat Inspections Conducted	49				
Bicycles Registered	63				
Special Events Supported	-				
Prescription Drug Take-Back Program					
Prescription Medication Disposed Of	285.4 pounds				

#### COMMUNITY AND YOUTH OUTREACH UNITS



Beginning in February and through the month of March, participants of the 28th Community Police Academy have enjoyed lectures & Q+A sessions on a wide range of policing topics.



ARI had over 120 patrons make the pledge to not drink and drive at the Don't Press Your Luck anti-drunk driving eventover St. Patrick's Day weekend in Clarendon.



The Community Engagement Division held pop up events in the Green Valley and Buckingham neighborhoods to celebrate spring break and enjoy some cotton candy, snow cones and games!

## PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS



ACPD kicked off Women's History Month by acknowledging female personnel who serve in many different roles within the department and the invaluable impact they have on our community.



Members of the Crisis Negotiations Unit (CNU) attended the 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Hostage Negotiator Seminar in Baltimore, Maryland during the week of March 7.



Chief Penn discussed the dangers and consequences of choosing to drive drunk and options to arrive home safely at WRAP's 2024 St. Patrick's Day SoberRide Campaign at Ireland's Four Courts.



Patrol-Delta Squad attended the St. Baldricks Conquer Kid's Cancer event to cheer on their teammate, Officer Rahaim, as she had her head shaved after raising nearly \$2,000 for childhood cancer research.



Lt. P. Brown participated in a panel discussion at the Black Family Wellness Expo in Vienna. The panelists covered various public safety topics as they relate to members of the Black community.



Lt M. Owens graduated from the 289<sup>th</sup> session of the FBI National Academy on March 15. The National Academy brings together law enforcement from around the world for 10 weeks of advanced training.





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# ARLINGTON COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT

## NEWS AND HIGHLIGHTS FROM ACROSS THE AGENCY

## MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE

Memorial Day marked the unofficial beginning of the summer season. Nationally, summer is recognized as the peak season for vehicle theft which is why the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration conducts their annual <u>Vehicle Theft Prevention Campaign</u> in July. The Arlington County Police Department is sharing crime prevention tips to help community members keep their vehicles and property safe from theft.

#### **Tips for Preventing Vehicle Theft**

- Park in well-lit areas and activate exterior lights at your home.
- Never leave the area while your vehicle is running.
- Do not leave keys, key fobs or valet keys in your vehicle. This includes keys to a secondary vehicle.
- Use a steering wheel or pedal locking device on parked vehicles.
- · Consider aftermarket alarm systems or anti-theft devices.
- Keep information, such as make, model, year, license plate and VIN easily accessible.

#### **Tips for Preventing Larcenies from Vehicles**

- Close and lock all windows and doors when you park.
- Remove valuables from your vehicle and never leave items of value in plain view.
- Participate in the <u>9 P.M. Routine</u> and encourage your friends, family and neighbors to do so too.

Arlington County Police officers proactively patrol Arlington's neighborhoods to identify and prevent criminal activity. The department's efforts are enhanced by the active involvement of community members who report criminal activity to police for investigation by calling the Emergency Communications Center at 703-558-2222 or 9-1-1 in an emergency.

#### Andy Penn,

April 2024

Chief of Police

## ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY

- The Office of Professional Responsibility received six external personnel complaints in the month of April.
- During April, the department received 15 personnel commendations through community emails and calls.
- Personnel completed 3,984 hours of training in April. Highlights of training topics include but are not limited to Narcotics Enforcement, First Responder Wellness Initiatives, Police Motorcycle Instructor School and Edged Weapon and Blunt Instrument Defense.
- There were two applications of Narcan by officers for obvious narcotics overdoses prior to the arrival of medics on scene.

## **INTERNAL AGENCY UPDATES**

- Officer of the Month: Officer B. Kutil of the Operations Division for his dedication to forging strong relationships with the business community through several projects focused on increasing awareness on how to report shoplifting incidents.
- Civilian of the Month: Ms. M. Perez of the Office of the Chief for establishing herself as a reliable resource to all department personnel and providing a high level of service while effectively managing multiple executive staff schedules and other events.
- Following a year of specialized training, Detective T. Parsons became a Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE). The CFE credential is the gold standard of professional excellence in the anti-fraud industry.
- Sergeant S. King and Corporal T. Bates were featured on WJLA-Channel 7's Good Morning Washington in April, highlighting the exciting and rewarding career opportunities ACPD has to offer.
- The 28<sup>th</sup> Community Police Academy (CPA) celebrated their graduation on April 25 with members of ACPD's Command Staff and the Community Engagement Division. We thank the participants for their willingness to volunteer their time, share their insights and actively engage in each of our CPA sessions.



## **CRIME PREVENTION AND CONTROL – CRIME DATA**

#### **ARREST DATA**<sup>1</sup>

	2022		2023		2024				
Month	Adult	Juvenile	Total	Adult	Juvenile	Total	Adult	Juvenile	Total
April	210	8	218	266	10	276	277	15	292
Total (YTD)	835	24	85	1,004	70	1,074	948	71	1,019

## **GROUP A OFFENSE DATA 2**

The Arlington County Police Department reports all crimes using the Federal Bureau of Investigations' National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS) and statistics presented below are consistent with data reported to Virginia State Police. All data is preliminary and subject to change based upon follow-up investigations.

April	2022	2023	2024
Total Group A Offenses	782	865	910
Crimes Against Persons			
Abduction/Kidnapping	4	11	2
Aggravated Assault	26	30	37
Simple Assault	108	144	160
Intimidation	3	14	15
Human Trafficking	1	0	0
Murder/Non-Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0
Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0
Sex Offenses – Forcible	11	10	8
Sex Offenses – Non-Forcible	1	0	0
Crimes Against Property			
Arson	2	0	0
Bribery	0	0	0
Burglary/Breaking & Entering	17	18	11
Counterfeiting/Forgery	9	8	15
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property	71	90	93
Embezzlement	4	1	2
Extortion/Blackmail	4	7	7
Fraud Offenses	139	137	121
Larceny/Theft Offenses	296	251	318
Motor Vehicle Theft	33	35	28
Robbery	13	32	23
Stolen Property Offenses	3	6	9
Crimes Against Society			
Drug/Narcotic Offenses	23	49	48
Gambling Offenses	0	0	0
Pornography/Obscene Material	3	4	2
Prostitution Offenses	0	0	2
Weapon Law Violations	11	8	9

<sup>1</sup> Arrest month refers to the arrest date, not the date of the offense leading to the arrest. All counts refer to the number of individuals arrested, not the number of charges levied. This is a highlight of common offenses and is not inclusive of every criminal incident investigated by the Department. <sup>2</sup> Offense data includes both primary and additional offenses associated with a single case number. Offenses determined to be unfounded through investigation are not included.

## **CRIME PREVENTION AND CONTROL – INVESTIGATIVE HIGHLIGHTS**

**ROBBERY/MALICIOUS WOUNDING (SENTENCING UPDATE)**, 2021-08280042/2021-09210068, 2300 block of Columbia Pike/900 block of S. Glebe Road. On August 28, 2021, Victim One was walking to his vehicle when the suspect approached from behind, assaulted him and stabbed him multiple times with a knife. On September 21, 2021, Victim Two was walking when he was pushed from behind by the suspect, causing him to fall to the ground. The suspect then brandished a knife and stabbed the victim before stealing his wallet. During the course of the investigation, detectives identified the suspect and he was taken into custody in August 2022. The suspect pled guilty earlier this year to Robbery and Malicious Wounding and was sentenced in April 2024 to 15 years with 5 suspended.

**ROBBERY**, 2024-04080166, 4200 block of Fairfax Drive. On April 8, officers responded to the report of a robbery. It was determined the male suspect entered the business and concealed merchandise when two employees confronted him. The suspect made threatening statements before exiting the store without payment. Responding officers canvassed the area for the suspect, located him in the Ballston Metro and took him into custody. During the course of the investigation, it was determined the suspect was wanted out of Fairfax County, VA and was in possession of suspected narcotics and drug paraphernalia. He was arrested and charged with Robbery, Possession of a Controlled Substance and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and held without bond.

**NARCOTICS OFFENSE**, 2024-04200068, Arlington Boulevard at N. Fillmore Street. On April 20, an officer stopped to assist a driver with a disabled vehicle on Arlington Boulevard at N. Fillmore Street. The vehicle was displaying improper registration and, upon further investigation, the officer determined it was reported stolen out of North Carolina. During a search of the vehicle prior to towing, suspected narcotics were recovered. The driver was taken into custody and charged with Possession of Schedule I/II Narcotics (x2).

**FUGITIVE FROM JUSTICE**, 2024-04210176, 800 block of Army Navy Drive. On April 21, an officer investigating a parked, unoccupied suspicious vehicle determined the registered owner of the vehicle was wanted out of Prince George's County, MD. A short time later, the male suspect returned to the vehicle and officers took him into custody without incident. He was arrested and held pending extradition.

**DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE**, 2024-04230265, Langston Boulevard at N. Glebe Road. On April 23, an officer observed the suspect vehicle speeding and the driver failing to obey traffic laws while travelling westbound on Langston Boulevard near N. Pollard Street. The officer initiated a traffic stop and the suspect, who was the driver of the vehicle, failed to stop the vehicle and continued traveling. Additional responding officers conducted a roadblock and stopped the suspect vehicle in the area of N. Glebe Road. The suspect refused to exit the vehicle and was initially non-compliant with officer commands. She was subsequently taken into custody on suspicion of driving under the influence. The female suspect was arrested and charged with Driving Under the Influence and Reckless Driving: Failure to Signal.

**RECOVERED STOLEN VEHICLE**, 2024-04270146, 800 block of Army Navy Drive. On April 27, an officer observed a parked, unoccupied vehicle displaying stolen tags and determined the vehicle was fraudulently purchased in New Jersey in April. A short time later, the male suspect returned to the vehicle and was subsequently taken into custody. During a search of the vehicle, a loaded firearm was recovered. A female suspect associated with the male suspect was taken into custody and determined to be in possession of fraudulent identification and credits cards as well as a credit card forgery device. The male suspect was arrested and charged with Unauthorized Use of a Vehicle and Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon. The female suspect was arrested and charged with Identity Theft, Possession of Fake Identification (x4) and Possession of a Credit Card Forgery Device. Both suspects were held without bond.

ALTERED VIN, 2024-04280206, Northbound I-395 at Boundary Channel Drive. On April 28, an officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle travelling northbound on I-395 in the area of Boundary Channel Drive and made contact with male suspect, who was the driver of the vehicle, as well as a female acquaintance and her child, who was improperly restrained. During the course of the investigation, it was determined the vehicle had an altered VIN and was reported as stolen out of New Jersey. Following a search of the vehicle prior to towing, a loaded firearm was recovered. The suspect was arrested and charged with Unauthorized Use of a Vehicle, Altered VIN, Allowing Access to a Firearm by Children and was issued a summons for a Child Restraint Violation. He was held without bond.

## TRANSPORTATION SAFETY

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- The Special Operations Section (SOS) assisted with five escorts and 10 special events during the month of April.
- Members of SOS competed in the 2024 NOVA Motorcycle Rodeo on April 20 in Alexandria, Va. Corporal S. Capizzi took 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Police Expert Division and Corporal B. Ciero took 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Police Novice Division.
- On April 29, members of ACPD conducted high-visibility enforcement and education along S. Carlin Springs Road as part of the regional <u>Street Smart</u> campaign. The biannual campaign, which ran in the Spring until May 19, aims to reduce the number of traffic related crashes and injuries on our roadways by identifying and changing unsafe behavior patterns. Learn more about the campaign and safety tips for all travelers in our <u>newsroom</u>.

Spring 2024 Street Smart Campaign



DEDICATED TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

Program	Hours in April
Laser Speed Enforcement	295.5
Red Light	206.5
DMV Grant Funded Enforcement	26.5
Crash Reduction Program	94.5

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2024 NOVA Motorcycle Rodeo





#### CRASHES

Crash Type	Crashes in April
Total Crashes	128
Fatal Crashes	0
Serious Injury Crashes	1
Pedestrian-Involved Crashes	10

#### CITATIONS/WRITTEN WARNINGS

Month	Citations/Written Warnings Issued in April
April	1,899
	Photo Credit: Frich Molina

## **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

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#### **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT HIGHLIGHTS**

Community Outreach Unit					
Events Attended	14				
Meetings Attended	10				
Presentations Conducted	6				
Community Complaints Addressed	8				
Residential Safety Survey	1				
Business Outreach Unit					
Meetings Attended	15				
Fake Identifications Collected	35				
Bar Safe Violations Issued	1				
Special Event Permit Reviews	36				
Proactive Engagement Contacts During Nightlife Detail	889				
Auxiliary Police Unit					

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Monthly Service Hours	359.5
Safety Seat Inspections Conducted	30
Bicycles Registered	66
Special Events Supported	1
Prescription Drug Take-Ba	ack Program
Prescription Medication Disposed Of	228.6 pounds

#### COMMUNITY AND YOUTH OUTREACH UNITS



On April 6, the Community Engagement Division hosted the Women in Blue Ice Cream Social at Mimi's Handmade Ice Cream. Attendees had the chance to speak with female officers about their diverse roles at ACPD.



ACPD, the Arc of Northern Virginia and the Arlington County Fire Department held another successful 'Practice Emergency Interactions' event on April 20 for persons with disabilities and their families.



ACPD congratulates the 28<sup>th</sup> Community Police Academy (CPA) on their graduation! Highlights of the CPA included lectures, panel discussions and hands-on experiences to demonstrate the many responsibilities of ACPD.

## **PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS**



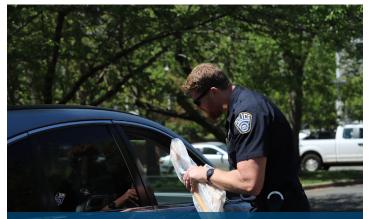
ACPD was recognized as one of Virginia's 2024 Top Employers for Interns by the Virginia Talent + Opportunity Partnership (V-TOP) for the investigative internship with the Criminal Investigations Division.



The Chief's Advisory Council (CAC) held their first meeting on April 2. Chief Penn made opening remarks and a brief history of ACPD was presented to members.



The cloudy weather was made brighter by The Sunshine Kids, a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing positive group activities and emotional support for young cancer patients.



ACPD distributed grant-funded vehicle anti-theft devices and education to Arlington residents and those who park their vehicles while at work in Arlington during two events held in April.



Detective T. Parsons became a Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE) after completing approximately a year of specialized training! The CFE credential is the gold standard in the anti-fraud industry.



ACPD received thank you notes from our friends at the Children's International School and members of Charlie Squad made sure to stop by the school to show their appreciation.





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# ARLINGTON COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT

## NEWS AND HIGHLIGHTS FROM ACROSS THE AGENCY

## MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE

May 2024

The Arlington County Police Department (ACPD), Arlington County Fire Department (ACFD), Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) held a press conference announcing the investigative findings into the December 4, 2023, home explosion on N. Burlington Street and released a <u>video timeline</u> of the on-scene investigation.

The investigation determined that the suspect discharged over 40 flares from the back window of his residence. Despite repeated attempts by officers to establish contact with the suspect, he refused to communicate and remained barricaded inside his residence. Officers then obtained a search warrant to recover any weapons inside the home. While attempting to execute the search warrant at the home, officers continued efforts to establish communication with the suspect by using the armored vehicle's

public address system and attempting telephone contact. After receiving no response from the suspect, officers breached the front door of the residence using the armored vehicle. After the door was breached, gunshots were heard from inside the residence and the home subsequently exploded resulting in a large structure fire.

Human remains recovered at the scene were later determined by the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner to be that of the homeowner, 56-year-old James Yoo. His cause of death was determined to be thermal injuries and blunt force trauma. Fire investigators determined the explosion originated in the basement of the home, was intentionally caused by the suspect, and involved gasoline and a competent ignition source.

ACPD responded to this developing emergency incident with the safety and wellbeing of the Arlington community as our guiding priority. The collaborative on scene response by officers assigned to the Patrol Section, Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Team and Crisis Negotiators Unit demonstrates their professionalism and commitment to public safety despite the ongoing threat to themselves.

#### Andy Penn, Chief of Police

## ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY

- The Office of Professional Responsibility received nine external personnel complaints in the month of May.
- In May, the department received 16 personnel commendations through community emails and calls.
- Personnel completed 6,232.75 hours of training in May. Highlights of training topics include but are not limited to Police Leadership in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, Drug Identification and Financial Crimes Training.
- There were three applications of Narcan by officers for obvious narcotics overdoses prior to the arrival of medics on scene.
- There was one application of Tactical Emergency Casualty Care (TECC) by officers prior to the arrival of medics on scene.

## **INTERNAL AGENCY UPDATES**

- Officer of the Month: Corporal C. Jaquez of the Patrol Section for his support of the Department's Crime Prevention and Control
  and Transportation Safety initiatives through identifying and arresting impaired drivers. Corporal Jacquez was also recognized
  for his unwavering support of his squad members and his willingness to go above and beyond for his fellow officers.
- ACPD gathered in late April for our annual Department Awards ceremony to celebrate the extraordinary efforts, dedication and achievements of our sworn and professional staff. Milestone years of service as well as Officer of the Year, Supervisor of the Year, Civilian of the Year and the Community Policing Partnership Award were presented. Congratulations to all!
- On May 17, ACPD held a swearing-in ceremony for two lateral transfer officers, Officer S. Murphy and Officer K. Hill.
- On May 17, ACPD held a promotional ceremony recognized the following officers for their recent promotion to the rank of Corporal:
  - O. Black, K. Clark, J. Craig, J. Horvath, D. Izadpanah, K. McCarthy, M. Ramirez, C. Skelton, C. Whisner.





## **CRIME PREVENTION AND CONTROL – CRIME DATA**

#### **ARREST DATA**<sup>1</sup>

		2022 2023		2024					
Month	Adult	Juvenile	Total	Adult	Juvenile	Total	Adult	Juvenile	Total
May	207	10	217	251	27	278	295	11	306
Total (YTD)	1,042	34	1,076	1,255	97	1,352	1,243	82	1,325

## **GROUP A OFFENSE DATA <sup>2</sup>**

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Мау	2022	2023	2024
Total Group A Offenses	855	944	909
Crimes Against Persons			
Abduction/Kidnapping	2	7	7
Aggravated Assault	29	33	48
Simple Assault	111	129	134
Intimidation	6	12	16
Human Trafficking	0	0	0
Murder/Non-Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0
Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0
Sex Offenses – Forcible	9	18	6
Sex Offenses – Non-Forcible	0	0	0
Crimes Against Property			
Arson	0	0	0
Bribery	0	0	0
Burglary/Breaking & Entering	15	14	16
Counterfeiting/Forgery	7	6	4
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property	93	87	99
Embezzlement	1	0	2
Extortion/Blackmail	9	7	6
Fraud Offenses	138	170	105
Larceny/Theft Offenses	329	333	333
Motor Vehicle Theft	44	42	36
Robbery	13	18	22
Stolen Property Offenses	7	5	12
Crimes Against Society			
Drug/Narcotic Offenses	31	47	46
Gambling Offenses	0	0	0
Pornography/Obscene Material	1	3	5
Prostitution Offenses	1	1	0
Weapon Law Violations	9	12	12

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## **CRIME PREVENTION AND CONTROL – INVESTIGATIVE HIGHLIGHTS**

**SHOPLIFTING**, 2024-05010130, 900 block of Army Navy Drive. On May 1, an off-duty officer was inside a business when they observed the two female suspects walking away from the store with stolen merchandise. The officer confronted the female suspects who were initially compliant before they discarded the stolen items and began to leave the scene. The officer issued commands and the suspects briefly returned before running from the area. A lookout was broadcast and with the assistance of additional responding officers, the female suspects were detained in the area of the Pentagon City Metro. Both suspects were arrested and charged with Shoplifting and Obstruction of Justice (x2). Additionally, one female suspect was determined to be wanted out of another jurisdiction.

WEAPONS VIOLATION, 2024-05020040, EB I-66 at N. Sycamore Street. On May 2, an officer observed the male suspect driving a vehicle while using a handheld communication device and conducted a traffic stop. During the course of the investigation, it was determined the suspect had a suspended driver's license and expired tags. During a search of the vehicle prior to towing, a firearm was recovered. The suspect was issued several traffic citations and was charged with Carrying a Concealed Weapon.

**NARCOTICS VIOLATION**, 2024-05030140, Arlington Boulevard at 2<sup>nd</sup> Street N. On May 3, an officer observed a vehicle travelling in the area with improper registration and conducted a traffic stop. During a search of the vehicle prior to towing, a distribution amount of marijuana was recovered. A search of the suspect yielded additional suspected narcotics. The suspect was arrested and charged with Possession with Intent to Distribute Marijuana, Possession of Schedule I/II Controlled Substance and Improper Registration.

**SHOPLIFTING**, 2024-05150228, 1200 block of S. Hayes Street. On May 15, police were dispatched to the report of a larceny in progress. It was determined the male suspect entered the business, concealed merchandise and attempted to exit the store during which loss prevention personnel detained him. Upon arrival, the suspect provided officers with false identifying information and was later positive ly identified. During a search of the suspect incident to arrest, the stolen items, burglarious tools and suspected narcotics were recovered. The suspect was arrested and charged with Shoplifting, Identity Theft, Possession of Burglarious Tools and Possession of Schedule I/II Substance.

NARCOTICS VIOLATION, 2024-05160270, Wilson Boulevard at N. Wakefield Street. On May 16, an officer observed a vehicle displaying an improper license plate traveling in the area and conducted a traffic stop. Upon further investigation, it was determined Susplect One, who was the driver of the vehicle, had a suspended driver's license and the vehicle was improperly registered. Suspect Two, who was the front passenger of the vehicle, provided false identifying information to officers. During a search of the vehicle prior to towing, suspected narcotics were recovered from the front passenger's seat area. Suspect One was issued citations for Driving on a Suspended License and Driving an Improperly Registered Vehicle. Suspect Two was determined to be wanted by two other jurisdictions. He was arrested and charged with Possession with Intent to Distribute Schedule I/II Controlled Substance and Identity Theft.

**WEAPONS VIOLATION**, 2024-05200301, Richmond Highway at Memorial Drive. On May 20, an officer observed a vehicle travelling northbound on Richmond Highway without any lights on and conducted a traffic stop. It was determined the driver was operating the vehicle without a valid driver's license. During a search of the vehicle prior to towing, a firearm was recovered. The suspect was arrested and charged with Felon in Possession of a Firearm and issued traffic citations.

WEAPONS VIOLATION, 2024-05240154, 12<sup>th</sup> Street S. at S. Hayes Street. On May 24, an officer observed the suspect vehicle make a turn without yielding to oncoming traffic and conducted a traffic stop. The vehicle did not stop and at a red light, the officer exited his vehicle and made contact with the juvenile male driver and the juvenile male suspect, who was a passenger. It was determined neither possessed a valid driver's license. Officers instructed both males to exit the vehicle during which the suspect exited and ran from the area. Following a brief foot pursuit, officers took the suspect into custody and recovered a firearm from his person. The firearm was determined to be stolen out of Prince William County, Va. The driver was released to the custody of his parents. Petitions for the juvenile suspect were obtained for Possession of a Firearm by a Juvenile, Receiving a Stolen Firearm, Carrying a Concealed Weapon and Obstruction of Justice.

**ASSAULT AND BATTERY**, 2024-05250030, 3200 block of Wilson Boulevard. On May 25, an officer observed the male suspect in front of a business shove a victim. The officer issued commands for the suspect to stop during which the suspect continued to assault two victims. The officer then took the suspect into custody. The victims sustained minor injuries and refused medical attention. The suspect was arrested and charged with Assault and Battery (x2) and Public Intoxication.

**DEATH INVESTIGATION**, 2024-05300046, 1200 block of N. Veitch Street. On May 30, police were dispatched to the report of suspicious circumstances. During the course of the investigation, information was developed about a possible deceased individual inside a residence. Officers made entry into the home and located an adult male deceased inside. The Office of the Chief Medical Examiner will determine the cause and manner of death. The male suspect, who was the resident of the home, was located on scene and taken into custody. The suspect was arrested and charged with Concealment of a Body. The death investigation is ongoing.

## TRANSPORTATION SAFETY

The Police Department is committed to ensuring the safety of all travelers - including bicyclists, pedestrians, and motorists - on our roadways. The Department uses a two-pronged approach to improving transportation safety: education and enforcement. Below are some of the notable actions undertaken in the month of May in support of the Department's key initiative of Transportation Safety.

- The Special Operations Section (SOS) assisted with 20 escorts and seven special events during the month of May.
- SOS Motor Officers participated in the annual Spring Street Smart Campaign designed to change unsafe behavior patterns among travelers. Their efforts included high-visibility traffic enforcement and education along Williamsburg Boulevard.
- National Police Week (NPW) occurs annually in May. Visitors from all over the country visit the area to memorialize fallen
  officers from the previous year and pay their respects to all officers who have died in the line of duty. SOS supported NPW
  activities by participating in numerous escorts, including the 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual National Peace Officers Memorial Service. SOS also
  dedicated a memorial to fallen Officer Chorovich which serves to preserve the legacy of all ACPD Motor Officers.

Spring Street Smart Campaign





#### National Peace Officers Memorial Day Service



#### DEDICATED TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

ProgramHours in MayLaser Speed Enforcement252.5Red Light204DMV Grant Funded Enforcement10Crash Reduction Program94.5

Unveiling of Motor Memorial to Officer Arthur Chorovich



#### **CRASHES**

Crash Type	Crashes in May
Total Crashes	155
Fatal Crashes	0
Serious Injury Crashes	5
Pedestrian-Involved Crashes	8

#### **CITATIONS/WRITTEN WARNINGS**

Month	Citations/Written Warnings Issued
Мау	2,197



## **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

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#### **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT HIGHLIGHTS**

Community Outreach Unit						
Events Attended	11					
Meetings Attended	12					
Presentations Conducted	2					
Community Complaints Addressed	21					
Residential Safety Survey	1					
Business Outreach	ı Unit					
Meetings Attended	12					
Fake Identifications Collected	54					
Bar Safe Violations Issued	5					
Special Event Permit Reviews	15					
Proactive Engagement Contacts During Nightlife Detail	657					
Auxiliary Police	Jnit					
Monthly Service Hours	290.5					
Safety Seat Inspections Conducted	34					
Bicycles Registered	86					
Special Events Supported	1					
Prescription Drug Take-Ba	ack Program					

267.2 pounds

Prescription Medication Disposed Of

#### COMMUNITY AND YOUTH OUTREACH UNITS



Corporal Montoya engaged with the community and County Board members at Bike to Work Day pit stop locations, including Rosslyn, on Friday, May 17.



The Community Engagement Division held pop up Coffee with a Cop events at Rocky Run Park on May 22 and John Robinson Jr. Town Square on May 24 to foster important police-community relationships.



## PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS



On May 10, ACPD held Arlington's Observance of Peace Officer's Memorial Day to honor our 7 fallen law enforcement officers who lost their lives in service to the community. Photo credit: Yiming Xu



Thank you, Inca Social, for donating food for Patrol-Delta Squad in recognition of their hard work in the community! Your generosity is greatly appreciated!



On May 30, ACPD sworn and professional staff attended an end-of-year tutoring celebration at Affordable Homes & Communities to recognize the academic accomplishments of our students and police/fire tutors.



ACPD held a swearing-in and promotional ceremony at Lubber Run Community Center to welcome two lateral officers to the Department and recognize nine officers' promotion to the rank of Corporal.



During the 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual National Peace Officers Memorial Service, ACPD's Honor Guard stood proudly with our local and international law enforcement partners to greet and escort arriving family survivors.



The annual ACPD Departmental Awards were held to recognize the dedication and accomplishments of sworn and professional staff as well as community members who champion police-community relations.





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# ARLINGTON COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT

## NEWS AND HIGHLIGHTS FROM ACROSS THE AGENCY

## **MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE**

The Arlington County Police Department and law enforcement across the country are gearing up for National Night Out (NNO) on Tuesday, August 6. NNO, coordinated nationally by the National Association of Town Watch, is a community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer and enhance quality of life. During the event, residents in neighborhoods throughout Arlington County and across the nation are asked to turn on their porch lights, lock their doors and spend the evening outside with their neighbors, police officers, firefighters and other County personnel. Events such as cookouts, block parties and ice cream socials will occur simultaneously throughout Arlington County and nationwide.



Since the 1990's, the Arlington County Police Department (ACPD) has embraced community policing, a philosophy and practice that seeks to involve everyone in the safety and welfare of their community. As part of our commitment to community policing, ACPD has a dedicated <u>Community Engagement Division</u> which works to build and maintain partnerships with our youth, business and residential communities through proactive engagement efforts designed to strengthen communication and address public safety concerns. Additionally, community engagement is one of our department's key initiatives and all members of the agency are expected to meaningfully contribute by actively engaging with our diverse and inclusive community to ensure the safety of all who live, work, and visit Arlington County.

All NNO events in Arlington are hosted by neighborhood organizations, community groups and/or businesses. <u>Visit our website</u> to learn more and find an event near you!

We truly believe we are at our very best when working in partnership with the Arlington community. We hope you'll join us for NNO to celebrate your neighborhood while promoting police-community partnerships which are vital to maintaining public safety!

## Andy Penn,

June 2024

Chief of Police

## ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY

- The Office of Professional Responsibility received eight external personnel complaints in the month of June.
- In June, the department received 12 personnel commendations through community emails and calls.
- Personnel completed 10,891.5 hours of training in June. Highlights of training topics include but are not limited to Drone/UAS Policy, Wellness and Resiliency and Hazardous Materials Awareness.
- There were two instances of officers performing CPR on an individual experiencing a medical emergency.
- There was one application of Narcan by officers for obvious narcotics overdoses prior to the arrival of medics on scene.
- There were two applications of Tactical Emergency Casualty Care (TECC) by officers prior to the arrival of medics on scene.

## **INTERNAL AGENCY UPDATES**

- Officer of the Month: Cpl. K. Costello-Mays of the Patrol Section was recognized for her commitment to the department's key initiative of Crime Prevention and Control as demonstrated through her detailed investigations resulting in significant arrests.
  - Civilian of the Month: T. Noonan of the School Crossing Guard Unit for her commitment to Transportation Safety as
- demonstrated through her professionalism and friendliness towards students and parents and safety patrol education.
  In June, ACPD gathered to recognize the retirements of:
  - Detective L. Bello after 27+ years of dedicated service in various roles including as a Patrol Officer, School Resource Officer and Financial Crimes Detective.
  - Public Service Aide S. Choudary after 25 years of dedicated service promoting transportation safety.
- The ACPD 2023 Annual Report was published on June 10. To read the report in its entirety, visit our website.

## **CRIME PREVENTION AND CONTROL – CRIME DATA**

#### **ARREST DATA**<sup>1</sup>

		2022		2023				2024	
Month	Adult	Juvenile	Total	Adult	Juvenile	Total	Adult	Juvenile	Total
June	224	15	239	244	15	259	262	11	273
Total (YTD)	1,266	49	1,315	1,499	112	1,611	1,505	93	1,598

## **GROUP A OFFENSE DATA <sup>2</sup>**

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Мау	2022	2023	2024
Total Group A Offenses	919	920	830
Crimes Against Persons			
Abduction/Kidnapping	2	4	5
Aggravated Assault	26	30	29
Simple Assault	117	115	125
Intimidation	7	9	7
Human Trafficking	0	0	1
Murder/Non-Negligent Manslaughter	0	1	0
Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0
Sex Offenses – Forcible	12	14	7
Sex Offenses – Non-Forcible	0	1	0
Crimes Against Property			
Arson	0	0	0
Bribery	0	0	0
Burglary/Breaking & Entering	13	13	12
Counterfeiting/Forgery	16	3	4
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property	111	79	92
Embezzlement	6	2	0
Extortion/Blackmail	3	13	8
Fraud Offenses	150	157	105
Larceny/Theft Offenses	352	375	322
Motor Vehicle Theft	33	26	37
Robbery	11	17	23
Stolen Property Offenses	7	4	6
Crimes Against Society			
Drug/Narcotic Offenses	34	45	40
Gambling Offenses	0	0	1
Pornography/Obscene Material	3	3	0
Prostitution Offenses	4	0	0
Weapon Law Violations	12	9	6

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## **CRIME PREVENTION AND CONTROL – INVESTIGATIVE HIGHLIGHTS**

**HOMICIDE**, 2023-03280101, 100 block of N. Thomas Street. On June 7, 2024, an Arlington jury found the defendant guilty of the <u>March</u> <u>2023, homicide</u> in the Buckingham neighborhood and also convicted him of using a firearm in the commission of the murder.

**GRAND LARCENY**, 2024-03180099/2024-04254013/2024-05140111/2024-05200114, 1100 block of S. Hayes Street. From approximately March to May, the male suspect entered the business on several occasions, collected or concealed merchandise and left the store without payment. On May 20, loss prevention personnel observed an individual matching the description of the suspect in the area of the store and contacted police. Responding officers located the suspect on scene and took him into custody during which he provided officers with false personal identification information. The suspect was arrested and charged with 26 total warrants including charges of Grand Larceny, Shoplifting and Providing False Identification to Law Enforcement.

NARCOTICS VIOLATION, 2024-06060246, 1000 block of S. Quebec Street. On June 6, police were dispatched to the report of a suspicious person. Upon arrival, an officer observed the female suspect, who was determined to be wanted by the Arlington County Sheriff's Office for a probation violation, exit her vehicle. The officer approached and detained the suspect. During a search incident to arrest, suspected narcotics and drug paraphernalia were recovered. The suspect was arrested and charged with Possession of Schedule I/II Controlled Substance (x5) and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

**RECOVERED STOLEN VEHICLE**, 2024-06150159, 1200 block of S. Hayes Street. On June 15, an officer conducting proactive patrols located a parked, unoccupied vehicle associated with a felony investigation in Maryland. A short time later, the suspect returned to the vehicle and, with the assistance of additional responding officers, the male suspect was taken into custody. The vehicle was confirmed stolen out of Laurel, MD and it was determined the suspect had an outstanding warrant from another jurisdiction. He was arrested and charged with Unauthorized Use of a Vehicle.

**NARCOTICS VIOLATION**, 2024-06220185, S. Fern Street at 22nd Street S. On June 22, an officer observed a vehicle traveling without a license plate and conducted a traffic stop. Upon further investigation, it was determined the vehicle was displaying an obstructed tag and the suspect, who was the driver of the vehicle, did not possess a valid driver's license. During a search of the vehicle prior to towing, suspected narcotics were located. The suspect was arrested and charged with Possession with Intent to Distribute Controlled Substances and was cited for Improper Display of Tags and No Operator's License.

**WEAPONS VIOLATION**, 2024-06230126, NB I-395 at Washington Boulevard. On June 23, an officer conducted a traffic stop on a speeding vehicle. The officer approached the vehicle, made contact with the occupants and during the course of the investigation, a firearm and suspected narcotics were recovered. The driver of the vehicle was cited for Carrying a Concealed Weapon and a passenger of the vehicle was cited for Possession of Marijuana.

**WARRANT SERVICE**, 2024-06260223, NB I-395 at Boundary Channel Drive. On June 26, an officer observed a vehicle associated with a suspect wanted out of Leesburg, VA and conducted a traffic stop. The officer approached the vehicle and took the suspect into custody without incident. More information about the suspect and his charges can be found in the Leesburg Police Department's press release.

**RECOVERED STOLEN VEHICLE**, 2024-06270226, 15<sup>th</sup> Street S. at S. Elm Street. On June 27, an officers received an alert for a stolen vehicle traveling in the area and located it in the 1200 block of S. Hayes Street. With the assistance of additional responding officers, a vehicle stop was conducted, contact with the male driver and female passenger of the vehicle were made and they were subsequently taken into custody. During the course of the investigation, it was confirmed the vehicle was stolen and the passenger of the vehicle was wanted by another jurisdiction. The driver of the vehicle was arrested and charged with Unauthorized Use of a Vehicle. The passenger was arrested on her outstanding warrant.

**GRAND LARCENY**, 2024-06270229/2024-06270239, 3700 block of Langston Boulevard. On June 27, police were dispatched to the report of shoplifting. Upon arrival, it was determined an employee recognized the male suspect inside the business from a previous shoplifting incident. Responding officers established a perimeter, located the suspect in the store and took him into custody. During the course of the investigation, it was determined the suspect stole merchandise the evening before and was wanted by a neighboring jurisdiction. The suspect was arrested and charged with Grand Larceny: Shoplifting. He was held without bond.

ALTERED VIN, 2024-06280144, NB I-395 at Boundary Channel Drive. On June 28, an officer observed a vehicle traveling in the area of 15th Street S. and Richmond Highway with possible improper registration and conducted a traffic stop. During the course of the investigation, it was determined the vehicle had been stolen and the VIN had been altered. During a search of the vehicle, a firearm was recovered. The suspect was arrested and charged with Altered VIN, Unauthorized Use of a Vehicle and Felon in Possession of a Firearm. He was held without bond.

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- The Special Operations Section (SOS) assisted with six escorts and eight special events during the month of June.
- MPO Ramos visited the Clarendon Child Development Center, answered questions and showed off his motorcycle.
- Members of the Motor Unit played basketball with youth during the Arlington County Juneteenth Celebration on June 18.
- The driver in a May <u>critical hit-and-run crash</u> in the 3300 block of 22<sup>nd</sup> Street N. was identified, arrested and charged.
- ACPD promoted the Washington Regional Alcohol Program's <u>SoberRide®</u> campaign ahead of the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday to help encourage community members to always plan a safe ride home after drinking.

Juneteenth Celebration at Jennie Dean Park





## DEDICATED TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

Youth Engagement at Child Development Center



**June Motor Escorts** 

Program	Hours in June
Laser Speed Enforcement	260
Red Light	173.5
DMV Grant Funded Enforcement	6
Crash Reduction Program	64.5

#### **CRASHES**

Crash Type	Crashes in June
Total Crashes	140
Fatal Crashes	0
Serious Injury Crashes	1
Pedestrian-Involved Crashes	8

#### **CITATIONS/WRITTEN WARNINGS**

Month	Citations/Written Warnings Issued
June	2,230





## **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

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#### **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT HIGHLIGHTS**

Community Outreach Unit		
Events Attended	19	
Meetings Attended	7	
Presentations Conducted	0	
Community Complaints Addressed	9	
Residential Safety Survey	2	
Business Outreach Unit		
Meetings Attended	3	
Fake Identifications Collected	78	
Bar Safe Violations Issued	10	
Special Event Permit Reviews	2	
Proactive Engagement Contacts During Nightlife Detail	876	
Auxiliary Police Unit		
Monthly Service Hours	114.5	
Safety Seat Inspections Conducted	27	
Bicycles Registered	99	
Special Events Supported	2	

Prescription Drug Take-Back Program

Prescription Medication Disposed Of

297.6 pounds

#### COMMUNITY AND YOUTH OUTREACH UNITS



On June 15, several officers and cadets made stops at various parks around Arlington to pick up trash and other debris to ensure all those who utilize these areas have a safe and enjoyable experience!



ACPD held the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Pride with the Police event at Freddie's Beach Bar on June 27. Arlington public safety and County personnel as well as our community partners joined us to celebrate Pride Month!



Officers had the opportunity to engage with APS students during an ACPD Experience Day! The moming began with a competitive beach volleyball tournament in the gym followed by students touring police vehicles .

## PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS



Friends, family and coworkers gathered on June 17 to celebrate the graduation of ACPD's nine newest officers from the Northern Virginia Criminal Justice Training Academy.



ACPD gathered to celebrate the retirement of Det. Bello after 27+ years of distinguished service. Throughout his career, he served as a Patrol Officer, School Resource Officer and Financial Crimes Detective.



Members of the Arlington County Police Department were recognized during the Arlington Chamber of Commerce State of the County & Public Safety Awards for exceptional performance of their duties.



Cpl. Williams and Ofc. McInemy attended the Paws and Read Story Time at the Animal Welfare League of Arlington to read some stories, display their vehicles and interact with some of the animals available!



Sgt. King and Sgt. Sirinek spoke to WJLA about the progression and expansion of ACPD's wellness programming so officers can continue to be successful in both their personal and professional lives.



Arlington County and the City of Falls Church hosted a drive-thru Gun Buyback event at Arlington Assembly of God on June 8. In total, 134 firearms were voluntarily turned into law enforcement during the event.





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# ARLINGTON COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT

### NEWS AND HIGHLIGHTS FROM ACROSS THE AGENCY

# MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE

On Monday, August 26, Arlington County will welcome students back to class for the start of the 2024-2025 school year. Children are some of our most vulnerable road users and it is up to all of us to keep them safe by always following the rules of the road. To assist in these efforts, Arlington County is launching a new transportation safety tool, PhotoSPEED, designed to deter speeding, reduce the likelihood of severe crashes, and improve overall safety within our school zones.

PhotoSPEED uses speed safety cameras to capture digital images and video footage of vehicles traveling in excess of the posted speed limit. Ten speed safety cameras have been installed in Arlington school zones and are operational when the school zone lights are flashing during school arrival and departure. Following a warning period from August 26 – September 24, speed zone violators will be

issued a \$100 ticket per infraction. PhotoSPEED is part of Arlington County's <u>Automated Safety Enforcement Program</u> and supports the County's ongoing <u>Vision Zero Transportation Safety Program</u> efforts and the Police Department's key initiative of Transportation Safety.

Automated safety enforcement is an additional tool and supports the education and enforcement efforts of our officers. Beginning on the first day of classes, officers will conduct a high-visibility Back-to-School Transportation Safety Campaign in and around school zones and bus stops to ensure the trip to class is as safe as possible. Variable message boards will be placed along roadways in Arlington to raise awareness about the start of the school year and to share important safety messaging.

As back-to-school season kicks into full gear remember, <u>slower is safer for everyone</u>. Visit our newsroom for additional safety tips for all travelers.

### Andy Penn,

July 2024

Chief of Police

# **ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY**

- The Office of Professional Responsibility received nine external personnel complaints in the month of July.
- In July, the department received seven personnel commendations through community emails and calls.
- Personnel completed 3,324 hours of training in July. Highlights of training topics include but are not limited to Body Language, Threat Detection and De-escalation Training, Wellness/Resilience Training and Driving While Intoxicated Detection.
- There were two instances of officers performing CPR on an individual experiencing a medical emergency.

# **INTERNAL AGENCY UPDATES**

- Officers of the Month: Following a tie in the internal voting process, two officers were recognized in June 2024. Det. A. Barnickle
  of the Homeland Security Section for her work planning and conducting trainings for the Arlington business community on 1<sup>st</sup>
  Amendment demonstrations to help foster open communication and trust with the police department. Det. S. Whalin of the
  Property Crimes Auto Unit for spearheading officer trainings and community outreach initiatives, including distributing
  hundreds of Airtags and steering wheel locks to community members, to help deter auto theft.
- Civilian of the Month: Alli Shorb of the Media Relations and Public Affairs Office for her efforts to communicate the dedicated work of officers and professional staff to the Arlington community, including community engagement and outreach initiatives and the department's development of the <u>2023 Annual Report</u>.
- The Cummings Foundation for Behavioral Health held their quarterly Wellness Screening for department staff with approximately 40 members participating.
- ACPD shared information on common impersonation scams. For more information, visit our website.





# **CRIME PREVENTION AND CONTROL – CRIME DATA**

### **ARREST DATA**<sup>1</sup>

	2022			2023			2024		
Month	Adult	Juvenile	Total	Adult	Juvenile	Total	Adult	Juvenile	Total
July	244	9	253	275	17	292	275	15	290
Total (YTD)	1,510	58	1,568	1,774	129	1,903	1,780	108	1,888

### **GROUP A OFFENSE DATA 2**

The Arlington County Police Department reports all crimes using the Federal Bureau of Investigations' National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS) and statistics presented below are consistent with data reported to Virginia State Police. All data is preliminary and subject to change based upon follow-up investigations.

July	2022	2023	2024
Total Group A Offenses	853	957	816
Crimes Against Persons			
Abduction/Kidnapping	2	7	2
Aggravated Assault	38	35	31
Simple Assault	86	102	104
Intimidation	3	11	10
Human Trafficking	0	0	0
Murder/Non-Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0
Negligent Manslaughter	1	0	0
Sex Offenses – Forcible	13	15	7
Sex Offenses – Non-Forcible	0	0	0
Crimes Against Property			
Arson	1	0	0
Bribery	0	0	0
Burglary/Breaking & Entering	11	8	11
Counterfeiting/Forgery	9	7	9
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property	88	108	66
Embezzlement	2	2	0
Extortion/Blackmail	6	4	6
Fraud Offenses	129	162	127
Larceny/Theft Offenses	345	370	320
Motor Vehicle Theft	36	43	29
Robbery	13	25	25
Stolen Property Offenses	11	5	9
Crimes Against Society			
Drug/Narcotic Offenses	44	38	46
Gambling Offenses	0	0	0
Pornography/Obscene Material	5	1	4
Prostitution Offenses	1	2	4
Weapon Law Violations	9	12	6

<sup>1</sup> Arrest month refers to the arrest date, not the date of the offense leading to the arrest. All counts refer to the number of individuals arrested, not the number of charges levied. This is a highlight of common offenses and is not inclusive of every criminal incident investigated by the Department. <sup>2</sup> Offense data includes both primary and additional offenses associated with a single case number. Offenses determined to be unfounded through investigation are not included.

## **CRIME PREVENTION AND CONTROL – INVESTIGATIVE HIGHLIGHTS**

**SENTENCING UPDATE:** <u>AGGRAVATED MALICIOUS WOUNDING</u>, 2022-05150041, Wilson Boulevard at N. Vermont Street. At approximately 3:06 a.m. on May 15, 2022, police were dispatched to the report of trouble unknown. The reporting party stated she was driving in the area when she observed a black SUV swerving and traveling at a high rate of speed. The passenger door to the vehicle then opened and the victim was pushed out onto the roadway. Responding officers located the female victim in the roadway and medics transported her to an area hospital with serious injuries. During the course of the investigation, detectives identified the suspect and he was taken into custody in September 2022. In March 2024, the suspect was found guilty and on July 18, 2024, he was sentenced to 35 years for Aggravated Malicious Wounding and 10 years for Felony Hit and Run to be served consecutively.

**WARRANT SERVICE**, 2024-07020153, N. George Mason Drive at N. Pershing Drive. On July 2, an officer observed a parked, unoccupied vehicle in the 300 block of N. George Mason Drive that was registered to a suspect wanted by another jurisdiction. The male suspect and three additional subjects subsequently returned to the vehicle and left the area. Officers conducted a traffic stop at N. George Mason Drive and N. Pershing Drive. All four occupants of the vehicle were detained. The three subjects were released from the scene and the suspect was arrested on charges from a neighboring jurisdiction.

**WEAPONS VIOLATION**, 2024-07050176, 800 block of Army Navy Drive. On July 5, an officer received an alert for a stolen vehicle in the area and located it parked and unoccupied in a parking garage. A short time later, a male suspect and female subject returned to the vehicle. Officers issued commands and the two individuals were subsequently detained. During the course of the investigation, a firearm was recovered, the vehicle was confirmed to be stolen and the suspect was confirmed to be wanted by another jurisdiction. The suspect was arrested and charged with Carrying a Concealed Weapon and Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon.

**NARCOTICS VIOLATION**, 2024-07140180, 400 block of 23rd Street S. On July 14, a patrol officer observed a parked, unoccupied vehicle in a parking lot displaying improper tags. The officer made contact with the male suspect, who was the owner of the vehicle, when he subsequently returned to the vehicle. During the course of the investigation, it was determined the suspect was wanted out of another jurisdiction and suspected narcotics were recovered on his person. The suspect was arrested and charged with Possession of Schedule I/II Controlled Substance.

**NARCOTICS VIOLATION**, 2024-07140181, Arlington Boulevard at S. Glebe Road. On the evening of July 14, an officer observed a vehicle travelling without its headlights on and conducted a traffic stop. Upon further investigation, the officer observed evidence that the male suspect, who was the driver of the vehicle, was operating under the influence. During the course of the investigation, distribution amounts of suspected marijuana was recovered. The suspect was arrested and charged with Driving Under the Influence, Possession with Intent to Distribute Marijuana and issued a summons for Driving at Night without Headlights.

**NARCOTICS VIOLATION/WANTED SUSPECT**, 2024-07280122, S. Dinwiddie Street at Columbia Pike. On July 27, police were dispatched to the report of a wanted suspect in the area of the 800 block of S. Arlington Mill Drive. Responding officers canvassed the area for the suspect yielding negative results. On July 28, officers located the suspect in the area of S. Dinwiddie Street at Columbia Pike and took him into custody. While in custody, the suspect provided officers with false personal identifying information and suspected narcotics were recovered. During the course of the investigation, it was determined the suspect was wanted for a series of larcenies of packages and burglaries in the Arlington Mill neighborhood that occurred between June and July. The suspect was arrested for Possession of Schedule I/II Controlled Substance and Identity Theft. Additionally, the suspect was charged with 15 offenses related to the larcenies and burglaries.

**WEAPONS VIOLATION,** 2024-07290209, S. Nelson Street at S. Four Mile Run Drive. On July 29, an officer observed a suspect wanted by the Arlington County Sheriff's Office driving in the area. With the assistance of additional responding officers, a traffic stop was conducted and the suspect was taken into custody on the outstanding warrant. Four additional occupants of the vehicle exited the vehicle and remained on scene. During the course of the investigation, a firearm was recovered from the right passenger side of the vehicle. The male suspect sitting in that seat was arrested and charged with Carrying a Concealed Weapon.

# TRANSPORTATION SAFETY

The Police Department is committed to ensuring the safety of all travelers - including bicyclists, pedestrians, and motorists - on our roadways. The Department uses a two-pronged approach to improving transportation safety: education and enforcement. Below are some of the notable actions undertaken in the month of July in support of the Department's key initiative of Transportation Safety.

- The Special Operations Section (SOS) assisted with seven escorts and eight special events during the month of July.
- Dedicated crossing guards ensured the trip to and from Arlington Public Schools summer school was as safe as possible.
- SOS officers conducted high-visibility traffic details in areas hosting summer school to remind drivers of the importance of abiding by posted speed limits and signs to ensure the safety of everyone in our shared transportation network. In total, officers issued 38 citations for traffic offenses including speeding, use of a cell phone, sign violations and registration issues.
- ACPD announced the <u>expansion of PhotoRED</u> with 6 new red-light camera locations in Arlington by the end of 2024.
- Officers working the Alcohol Safety Action Program (ASAP) made one DUI arrest and issued three traffic summonses.

July Traffic Enforcement and Education Detail



### DEDICATED TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

July 4th Motor Officer Group Photo



Photo Red-Light Enforcement Expansion





### Summer School Crossing Guards



Program	Hours in July
Laser Speed Enforcement	220
Red Light	173.5
DMV Grant Funded Enforcement	20
Crash Reduction Program	46

### CRASHES

Crash Type	Crashes in July
Total Crashes	140
Fatal Crashes	0
Serious Injury Crashes	1
Pedestrian-Involved Crashes	8

### **CITATIONS/WRITTEN WARNINGS**

Month	Citations/Written Warnings Issued		
July	2,230		

### **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

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#### **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT HIGHLIGHTS**

Community Outreach Unit				
Events Attended	14			
Meetings Attended	20			
Presentations Conducted	0			
Community Complaints Addressed	6			
Residential Safety Survey	1			
Business Outreach Unit				
Meetings Attended	7			
Fake Identifications Collected	105			
Bar Safe Violations Issued	4			
Special Event Permit Reviews	0			
Proactive Engagement Contacts During Nightlife Detail	1,092			
Auxiliary Police L	Jnit			
Monthly Service Hours	114.5			
Safety Seat Inspections Conducted	30			
Bicycles Registered	89			
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Prescription Drug Take-Back Program

Prescription Medication Disposed Of

Special Events Supported

285.6 pounds

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#### COMMUNITY AND YOUTH OUTREACH UNITS



Session 1 of the Teen Police Academy enjoyed a presentation from the Special Operations Section regarding their role in promoting transportation safety in Arlington County and the basic components of a traffic stop.



ACPD Chaplain Reverend Rod Mateer attended the 51<sup>st</sup> Annual International Conference of Police Chaplains which offers specialized training and fellowship with other law enforcement chaplains.



Session 2 of the Teen Police Academy reached new heights at Movement in Crystal City for a morning of rock climbing and understanding the importance of physical fitness, bravery and teamwork.

### **PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS**



On July 12, the Special Operations Section conducted a motor escort for a group of veterans who arrived on an Honor Flight and ensured their safety travelling in Arlington including to the Iwo Jima Memorial.



ACPD bid farewell to our summer photography intern, Shuyang "Sky" Zhuang as he prepares to head back to Syracuse University. Sky is the first participant of our Photography Intern program.



Officers working the Clarendon Nightlife Detail, pictured here on a Saturday night in July, work each weekend to maintain Arlington County as a safe nightlife destination.



With sadness, ACPD announces the passing of ret. K9 Roxy. She loyally served the Arlington community alongside her handler, ret. MPO Lichtenberg, from 2011 to 2016 as a patrol and narcotics detection K9.



Happy retirement, K9 Arlo! K9 Arlo began his career with ACPD in November 2018 and has faithfully served the Arlington community since then as a Patrol/Narcotics K9. Congratulations!



Members of the Crime Scene Unit held a one-week Forensic Science Experience Camp for high schoolers who were able to work on a simulated crime scene and conduct a mock follow-up investigation.





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# ARLINGTON COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT

# NEWS AND HIGHLIGHTS FROM ACROSS THE AGENCY

# MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE

The Arlington County Police Department (ACPD) is committed to community policing, a philosophy and practice that seeks to involve everyone in the safety and welfare of our community. As part of this commitment, ACPD strives to build trust and confidence with those we serve through increased transparency and communications. In August, the department launched a <u>Crime Data Hub</u> as an additional tool for our community to stay informed about reported criminal incidents occurring in Arlington County.

The Crime Data Hub includes dashboards and maps on case offenses and overall arrest data. Using these dashboards and maps, community members can search for criminal offenses over date ranges for specific geographical areas, visualize how crime offenses have changed over time and query overall

arrest data. Prior to launching the Crime Data Hub, the dashboards and maps were shown to various community groups and feedback was sought to ensure it reflected the needs of our community.

ACPD reports crime using the Federal Bureau of Investigations' <u>National Incident-Based Reporting Systems</u> (NIBRS). NIBRS data are reported as Group A Offenses and Group B/Other. Group A Offenses are separated into three categories: Crimes Against Persons, Crimes Against Property and Crimes Against Society. Additional information on what offenses are included in these categories and a definition of each offense is <u>available through the FBI</u>.

The Crime Data Hub is updated weekly on Wednesday mornings and is designed for informational purposes. The data contained in the Crime Data Hub is preliminary and subject to change based on follow-up criminal investigations. A comprehensive database of annual crime reported in the Commonwealth of Virginia is available on the <u>Virginia State Police (VSP) website</u>.

### Andy Penn,

August 2024

Chief of Police

# ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY

- The Office of Professional Responsibility received five external personnel complaints in the month of August.
- In August, the department received six personnel commendations through community emails and calls.
- Personnel completed 2,750 hours of training in August. Highlights of training topics include but are not limited to Civil Disturbances, Writing Effective Search Warrants and Crisis Intervention.
- There were two applications of Narcan by officers for obvious narcotics overdoses prior to the arrival of medics on scene.

# **INTERNAL AGENCY UPDATES**

- Officer of the Month: Corporal T. Duncan of the Patrol Section was recognized for spearheading a moped safety education initiative in his section, leading to several general and moped-specific transportation safety citations and arrests on his squad.
- Civilian of the Month: Caroline Allen of the Special Operations Section for her dedication to several special projects including the implementation of the PhotoSPEED Program and expansion of the PhotoRED Light Program.
- Lieutenant S. Troyano of the Human Resources and Management Section was selected to be a member of the <u>Ambassador</u> <u>Program</u> for the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund.
- Congratulations to the following personnel who were recently promoted:
  - Rank of Captain: K. Riley, Rank of Lieutenant: G. Gammell, Rank of 1<sup>st</sup> Sergeant: T. Clifford, K. Domfe, R. Reese, Rank of Sergeant: A. Barnickle, A. Biskoup, M. Henretty, Rank of Master Police Officer: J. Brown, A. Hall, J. Cox, Rank of Corporal: K. Vaughan, M. Kingsbury, C. DiVincenzo, W. Singleton, J. Bell, B. Chaco, M. Crutchfield, E. Elvira, C. Jaquez, M. Mineo, B. Kutil, P. Bane, C. Bennett, G. Bonilla, A. Torres, R. Stanley, L. Lofzewski
  - Professional Staff Promotion Applications Developer: S. Barua





# **CRIME PREVENTION AND CONTROL – CRIME DATA**

### **ARREST DATA**<sup>1</sup>

	2022			2023			2024		
Month	Adult	Juvenile	Total	Adult	Juvenile	Total	Adult	Juvenile	Total
August	274	7	281	244	15	259	317	17	334
Total (YTD)	1,784	65	1,849	2,018	144	2,162	2,097	125	2,222

### **GROUP A OFFENSE DATA <sup>2</sup>**

The Arlington County Police Department reports all crimes using the Federal Bureau of Investigations' National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS) and statistics presented below are consistent with data reported to Virginia State Police. All data is preliminary and subject to change based upon follow-up investigations.

August	2022	2023	2024
Total Group A Offenses	872	895	927
Crimes Against Persons			
Abduction/Kidnapping	4	4	4
Aggravated Assault	32	22	22
Simple Assault	92	117	132
Intimidation	3	6	14
Human Trafficking	0	0	0
Murder/Non-Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0
Negligent Manslaughter	1	0	0
Sex Offenses – Forcible	9	10	11
Sex Offenses – Non-Forcible	0	0	0
Crimes Against Property			
Arson	0	1	1
Bribery	0	0	0
Burglary/Breaking & Entering	13	15	15
Counterfeiting/Forgery	13	13	11
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property	81	88	78
Embezzlement	3	0	1
Extortion/Blackmail	4	10	7
Fraud Offenses	154	171	118
Larceny/Theft Offenses	333	335	379
Motor Vehicle Theft	40	35	36
Robbery	21	20	26
Stolen Property Offenses	10	4	11
Crimes Against Society			
Drug/Narcotic Offenses	46	36	41
Gambling Offenses	0	0	0
Pornography/Obscene Material	3	2	4
Prostitution Offenses	0	0	4
Weapon Law Violations	10	6	12

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# **CRIME PREVENTION AND CONTROL – INVESTIGATIVE HIGHLIGHTS**

### SIGNIFICANT INCIDENT PRESS RELEASES:

- Shoplifting Suspect Arrested After Discharging Officer's Firearm
- Police Arrest Crystal City Bank Robbery Suspect

**RECEIVING STOLEN GOODS**, 2024-08040126, 1400 block of S. Joyce Street. On August 4, an officer received an alert for a stolen vehicle traveling in the area and located it parked and unoccupied. A short time later, two female suspects returned to the vehicle and attempted to flee the scene on foot after observing officers. Foot pursuits were initiated and both suspects were subsequently taken into custody. While in custody, Suspect Two provided false personal identification information to officers. During the course of the investigation, suspected stolen clothing was recovered. Suspect One was arrested and charged with Receiving Stolen Goods (x2). Suspect Two was arrested and charged with Receiving Stolen Goods and Identity Theft.

**SHOPLIFTING**, 2024-08060086, 900 block of Army Navy Drive. On August 6, police were dispatched to the report of a larceny just occurred. It was determined two male suspects entered the store, concealed merchandise and exited without payment. A lookout was broadcast, and a responding officer located one of the suspects in the 1300 block of Army Navy Drive and attempted to take him into custody during which he was noncompliant and ran from the officer. A foot pursuit was initiated and, with the assistance of an additional responding officer, the suspect was taken into custody. During the course of the investigation, burglarious tools were recovered and the suspect provided false personal identification information to officers. He was arrested and charged with Shoplifting, Possession of Burglarious Tools, Identity Theft and Obstruction of Justice.

**CREDIT CARD THEFT**, 2024-08080126, 1200 block of S. Joyce Street. On August 8, police were dispatched to the report of fraud. It was determined the male suspect entered the business and made a purchase using a suspected fraudulent credit card. Responding officers took the suspect into custody on scene and recovered fake personal identification cards, suspected stolen credit cards and a credit card forgery device. The suspect was arrested and charged with Credit Card Theft (x7), Possessing Fake Identification Card (x3), Possession of a Credit Card Forgery Device and Defrauding an Innkeeper.

**SHOPLIFTING**, 2024-08200121, 1300 block of S. Joyce Street. On August 20, police were dispatched to the report of a larceny just occurred. It was determined the male suspect entered the business, collected merchandise, exited the store without payment and fled the scene in a red sedan. A lookout was broadcast and an Arlington County Sheriff's Deputy observed the vehicle travelling in the area of Arlington Boulevard and Washington Boulevard before it struck an occupied vehicle. Additional officers arrived on scene and took the suspect into custody. During the course of the investigation, the stolen merchandise was recovered, and it was determined the suspect stole merchandise from the business during four additional incidents. The suspect was arrested and charged with Shoplifting (x5).

**UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A VEHICLE**, 2024-08260155, 2500 block of S. Wakefield Street. On August 26, an officer initiated a traffic stop on a speeding vehicle. The suspect driver disregarded the officer's activated emergency equipment and attempted to elude the officer by driving recklessly in the area. The driver eventually stopped the vehicle at a dead end in the 2500 block of S. Arlington Mill Drive during which the suspect and two additional occupants exited the vehicle and ran from the scene. A lookout was broadcast and a responding officer observed an individual matching the description of the suspect driver in the area. The suspect was non-compliant and disregarded the officer's commands. The officer subsequently deployed OC spray and took him into custody. During the course of the investigation, it was determined the vehicle was stolen out of Arlington County and the suspect did not possess a valid driver's license. The suspect was arrested and charged with Unauthorized Use of a Vehicle, Eluding, Obstruction of Justice, Speeding, Reckless Driving and No Driver's License.

**WEAPONS VIOLATION,** 2024-08290154, 1200 block of S. Hayes Street. On August 29, police were dispatched to the report of fraud. Upon arrival, it was determined a hotel room was booked using fraudulent information. While on scene, the suspect exited the hotel and officers located him in the area and took him into custody. Officers obtained and executed a search warrant on the hotel room during which a firearm, fake identification cards, credit cards and checks not belonging to the suspect were recovered. The investigation also determined the suspect used fraudulent credit cards and identification to rent a vehicle. The suspect was arrested and charged with Carrying a Concealed Weapon, Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon, Credit Card Theft (x2), Credit Card Fraud, Identity Theft (x3), Possession of Fake Identification (x2), Larceny of Checks, Unauthorized Use of a Vehicle and Forging Public Records.

# TRANSPORTATION SAFETY

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- The Special Operations Section (SOS) assisted with nine escorts and two special events during the month of August.
- Police participated in the national <u>Drive Sober of Get Pulled Over Campaign</u> during the Labor Day holiday reminding motorists of the importance of celebrating the holiday responsibly.
- Police conducted a high-visibility <u>Back-to-School transportation safety campaign</u> to ensure the trip back to class was as safe as possible. Help keep our students safe by slowing down and always following the direction of school crossing guards.
- Arlington County launched the <u>School Zone Speed Safety Camera Program</u>, adding 10 new speed safety cameras in Arlington school zones to deter speeding, reduce the likelihood of severe crashes, and improve overall safety within our school zones.
- Members of the Special Operations Section conducted a motor escort for Arlington's hometown Olympian, Torri Huske.

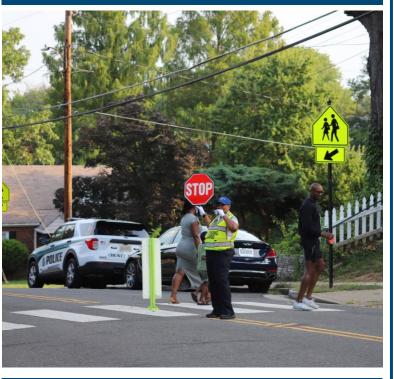
### School Zone Speed Safety Program



### DEDICATED TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

Program	Hours in August
Laser Speed Enforcement	219
Red Light	179.5
DMV Grant Funded Enforcement	92
Crash Reduction Program	49

### Crossing Guards Start the 2024-2025 School Year



Torri Huske - Olympian Welcome Home Celebration

### **CRASHES**

Crash Type	Crashes in August
Total Crashes	122
Fatal Crashes	0
Serious Injury Crashes	3
Pedestrian-Involved Crashes	9

### **CITATIONS/WRITTEN WARNINGS**

Month	Citations/Written Warnings Issued	
August	2,256	



### **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

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#### **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT HIGHLIGHTS**

Community Outreach Unit				
Events Attended	15			
Meetings Attended	7			
Presentations Conducted	1			
Community Complaints Addressed	10			
Residential Safety Survey	1			
Business Outreach Unit				
Meetings Attended	13			
Fake Identifications Collected	192			
Bar Safe Violations Issued	0			
Special Event Permit Reviews	2			
Proactive Engagement Contacts During Nightlife Detail	180			
Auxiliary Police Unit				
Monthly Service Hours	103.5			
Safety Seat Inspections Conducted	22			

Special Events Supported

**Bicycles Registered** 

Prescription Drug Take-Back Program

Prescription Medication Disposed Of

223.2 pounds

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#### COMMUNITY AND YOUTH OUTREACH UNITS



The Community Engagement Division concluded the 2024 Summer Engagement Series with two Police Playoffs events at Lacey Woods Park and Rocky Run Park.



Participants of Session 2 of the Teen Police Academy finished up their week with ACPD by taking a tour of the police station and learning more about the 7 heroic Arlington police officers who died in the line of duty.



Corporals Hicken and Ullom led Pub Trivia on a wide variety of policing topics on Tuesday, August 13 at Ireland's Four Courts as a part of the 2024 Summer Engagement Series.

### **PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS**



ACPD had a great morning welcoming Arlington Public School students, teachers, staff and parents back for the 1<sup>st</sup> day of school on August 26. We wish everyone a great 2024-2025 school year!



The Fairfax County Police Department presented Corporal Naessens with a Community Service Appreciation Certificate for assisting two FCPD officers apprehend a suspect while off-duty.



On August 6, members of ACPD gathered in the Arlington County Board Room to celebrate recent personnel promotions to the ranks of Captain, Lieutenant, Sergeant, Corporal as a well as a civilian promotion.



Members of ACPD joined the Arlington community for National Night Out on Tuesday, August 6. Thank you to those who hosted our 19 events around the County to enhance police-community relationships!



ACPD recognized Women's Equality Day on August 26 by honoring women in law enforcement, past and present, who have paved the way for others with their courage, strength, and dedication.



ACPD's Investigative Interns visited the Northern Virginia Criminal Justice Training Academy and the Drug Enforcement Administration Headquarters in Arlington.





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# ARLINGTON COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT

### September 2024

NEWS AND HIGHLIGHTS FROM ACROSS THE AGENCY

### MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE

The 2024 presidential election will be held on November 5 and <u>early voting</u> is underway at several locations in Arlington County. The Arlington County Police Department (ACPD) is committed to protecting the Constitutional right to vote while ensuring the safety of those participating in the election process. ACPD remains in contact with election officials and is prepared to respond to any reported incidents in the County. Additionally, ACPD works collaboratively with our regional law enforcement partners at the local, state and national levels on identifying any possible safety concerns for our community.

There are currently no known threats in Arlington County. To ensure public safety throughout the election, officers are conducting extra checks around polling places, however, they will not be stationed at polling places to balance the safety of voters with their privacy.



As always, the public is encouraged to go about your normal routine but remain attentive, particularly in areas where large crowds of people typically gather. While we share everyday moments with our neighbors, family, coworkers, and friends, we all have routines that are uniquely our own making you most well-acquainted with what activities may be suspicious in your neighborhood and communities. If you observe suspicious behavior or criminal activity in Arlington County, report information to the Emergency Communications Center for police investigation by calling 703-558-2222 or 9-1-1 in an emergency. For additional election information, visit the <u>County's playlist on YouTube</u>.

### Andy Penn,

Chief of Police

### ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY

- The Office of Professional Responsibility received nine external personnel complaints in the month of September.
- In September, the department received eight personnel commendations through community emails and calls.
- Personnel completed 2,712 hours of training in September. Highlights of training topics include but are not limited to Business Outreach Review, Incident Management, Use of Force and CPR: Basic Life Support.
- There was one instance of officers performing CPR on an individual experiencing a medical emergency.
- There were three applications of Narcan by officers for obvious narcotics overdoses prior to the arrival of medics on scene.
- There were two applications of Tactical Emergency Casualty Care (TECC) by officers prior to the arrival of medics on scene.

### **INTERNAL AGENCY UPDATES**

- Officer of the Month: Officer A. Kumar of the Patrol Section for her detailed, thorough and coordinated weapons violation investigation which resulted in the arrest of four suspects.
- Civilian of the Month: Ms. Ailey Ellis of the Criminal Investigations Section for providing victims the highest level of service while assisting detectives with case follow-up and updates.
- On September 12, Captain K. Riley graduated from the 291<sup>st</sup> Session of the FBI National Academy. The National Academy, internationally known for its academic excellence, offers 10 weeks of advanced communication, leadership and fitness training.
- On September 14, members of ACPD's Executive Staff and Honor Guard attended the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemorative Ceremony for the Commonwealth Public Safety Memorial. The Memorial honors the nearly 1,000 Virginians who died in public service to their communities and the Commonwealth, including <u>Arlington's seven heroic officers</u> who died in the line of duty.
- On September 20, Arlington County gathered to recognize the exceptional courage, professionalism, decision-making, and lifesaving work demonstrated by all first responders during the response to the N. Burlington Street incident on December 4, 2023.

# **CRIME PREVENTION AND CONTROL – CRIME DATA**

### **ARREST DATA**<sup>1</sup>

	2022		2023			2024			
Month	Adult	Juvenile	Total	Adult	Juvenile	Total	Adult	Juvenile	Total
September	257	3	260	242	18	260	262	18	280
Total (YTD)	2,041	68	2,109	2,260	162	2,422	2,359	143	2,502

### **GROUP A OFFENSE DATA <sup>2</sup>**

The Arlington County Police Department reports all crimes using the Federal Bureau of Investigations' National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS) and statistics presented below are consistent with data reported to Virginia State Police. All data is preliminary and subject to change based upon follow-up investigations.

September	2022	2023	2024
Total Group A Offenses	752	916	895
Crimes Against Persons			
Abduction/Kidnapping	7	10	10
Aggravated Assault	27	25	33
Simple Assault	115	125	116
Intimidation	9	13	7
Human Trafficking	0	0	0
Murder/Non-Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0
Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0
Sex Offenses – Forcible	15	11	4
Sex Offenses – Non-Forcible	0	0	4
Crimes Against Property			
Arson	0	1	1
Bribery	0	0	0
Burglary/Breaking & Entering	14	12	17
Counterfeiting/Forgery	4	8	3
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property	83	104	81
Embezzlement	2	3	0
Extortion/Blackmail	8	6	49
Fraud Offenses	129	172	124
Larceny/Theft Offenses	247	312	326
Motor Vehicle Theft	29	19	48
Robbery	20	18	28
Stolen Property Offenses	3	7	9
Crimes Against Society			
Drug/Narcotic Offenses	27	49	23
Gambling Offenses	0	0	0
Pornography/Obscene Material	4	7	1
Prostitution Offenses	2	3	0
Weapon Law Violations	7	11	11

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## **CRIME PREVENTION AND CONTROL – INVESTIGATIVE HIGHLIGHTS**

#### PRESS RELEASES ON ONGOING CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS:

- Police Investigate September 2 Shooting in Columbia Heights Neighborhood
- Police Investigate September 15 Shooting in Ballston Neighborhood

**SHOPLIFTING**, 2024-09120119, 1400 block of S. Hayes Street. On September 12, police were dispatched to the report of a suspicious person. Upon arrival, it was determined the male suspect entered the business, collected merchandise and exited the store without payment. After being confronted by loss prevention personnel, the suspect returned the merchandise but refused to return to the lost prevention office. The suspect then displayed a boxcutter and fled the scene. Responding officers located the suspect in the area and detained him. During the course of the investigation, the suspect made threatening statements towards the officers and burglarious tools were recovered. The suspect was arrested and charged with Shoplifting, Assault and Battery, Obstruction of Justice (x2), Possession of Burglarious Tools and Providing False Identity to Law Enforcement.

**DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE - MAIMING**, 2024-09140178, 5100 block of Wilson Boulevard. On September 14, police were dispatched to the report of a crash with injuries. Upon arrival, it was determined the male suspect drove his vehicle into a parking lot and struck a pedestrian and a business. The female victim suffered critical but non-life-threatening injuries and was transported to an area hospital and later released. The suspect was taken into custody on scene and it was determined he did not possess a valid driver's license. Alcohol is believed to be a factor in the crash. The suspect was arrested and charged with Driving Under the Influence (DUI) Maiming and No Operator's License.

**WEAPONS VIOLATION**, 2024-09150128, 15<sup>th</sup> Street S. at S. Elm Street. On September 15, an officer observed a vehicle travelling in the area with a suspended registration and conducted a traffic stop. During a search of the vehicle prior to towing, a loaded firearm was recovered. It was determined during the investigation the firearm was reported as stolen and the suspect was a convicted felon. The suspect was arrested and charged with Receiving a Stolen Firearm and Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon.

**EMBEZZLEMENT**, 2024-09170185, 3000 block of Columbia Pike. On September 17, police were dispatched to the report of fraud. The investigation indicates the male victim made a credit card purchase at a business and a short time later, noticed a fraudulent charge on his bank statement and subsequently contacted police. During the course of the investigation, it was determined the three suspects, who were employees of the business, used an alternate card scanner to charge customers for personal gain. The suspects were arrested and charged with Embezzlement, Conspiracy to Commit a Felony and Obtaining Money Under False Pretenses. One female suspect provided false personal identification information to officers and was additionally charged with Identity Theft.

**SHOPLIFTING (Series)**, 2024-09090062/2024-09230190/2024-09250147/2024-09260094/2024-09260125/2024-09260144, 4100 block of S. Four Mile Run Drive/3000 block of Washington Boulevard/3000 block of Washington Boulevard/900 block of S. George Mason Drive/1500 block of Wilson Boulevard/1500 block of S. Fern Street. On September 26, police were dispatched to the report of a larceny in progress. Upon arrival, it was determined the male suspect entered the business and inquired with an employee about purchasing lottery tickets. The employee requested the suspect pay for the tickets first and a dispute between the suspect and employee ensued before the suspect fled the scene. A lookout was broadcast, and a responding officer located the suspect and attempted to take him into custody. The suspect was noncompliant and with the assistance of additional officers, he was taken into custody. During the course of the investigation, it was determined the suspect was linked to approximately five other lottery ticket shoplifting incidents that occurred in Arlington during the month of September. The suspect was charged with Attempted Shoplifting and Obstruction of Justice as well as charges related to the prior incidents.

**GRAND LARCENY AUTO**, 2024-09260161, 2600 block of Richmond Highway. On September 26, police were dispatched to the report of vehicle tampering. Upon arrival, it was determined the two suspects entered the business' parking lot and Suspect One entered an unoccupied vehicle and attempted to drive it off the lot as Suspect Two attempted to prevent a security vehicle from blocking the exit. Suspect One then struck two unoccupied vehicles in the parking lot before exiting the vehicle and fleeing the scene on foot with Suspect Two. A lookout was broadcast and responding officers located two individuals matching the description of the suspects in the area of 23<sup>rd</sup> Street S. and S. Eads Street and took them into custody. During the course of the investigation, credit cards were recovered from Suspect One that did not belong to him and it was determined Suspect Two stole merchandise from a business in the 1200 block of S. Hayes Street prior to the incident. Suspect One was arrested and charged with Grand Larceny Auto, Credit Card Theft and Hit and Run (x2). Suspect Two was arrested and charged with Conspiracy to Commit a Felony and Shoplifting.

**WEAPONS VIOLATION**, 2024-09280214, Fairfax Drive at N. Monroe Street. On September 28, officers were conducting an investigation in the area when they attempted to stop a group of four individuals who matched the suspect description. The four individuals ran from officers and following foot pursuits, two were detained. One of the individuals, who was determined to be a juvenile, was in possession of a firearm. He was charged with Juvenile In Possession of Firearm.

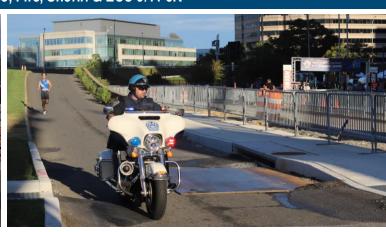
# TRANSPORTATION SAFETY

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- The Special Operations Section (SOS) assisted with five escorts and seven special events during the month of September.
- SOS conducted road closures to accommodate the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Arlington Police, Fire, Sheriff & ECC 9-11 Memorial 5K as part
  of our shared commitment to never forget those lost in the terrorist attacks.
- During Child Passenger Safety Week, ACPD reminded the public of the importance of securing your little ones safely in the correct child seat.

### 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Arlington Police, Fire, Sheriff & ECC 9/11 5K





### Corporal Ramos Discussed Transportation Safety at the Latino Community Police Academy



Schedule a free child safety seat inspection offered by ACPD's Auxiliary Unit



#### DEDICATED TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

Program	Hours in September
Laser Speed Enforcement	285.5
Red Light	150.5
DMV Grant Funded Enforcement	43
Crash Reduction Program	46

### CRASHES

Crash Type	Crashes in September
Total Crashes	138
Fatal Crashes	0
Serious Injury Crashes	5
Pedestrian-Involved Crashes	9

### **CITATIONS/WRITTEN WARNINGS**

Month	Citations/Written Warnings Issued
September	1,785

### COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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#### **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT HIGHLIGHTS**

Community Outreach Unit				
Events Attended	9			
Meetings Attended	7			
Presentations Conducted	1			
Community Complaints Addressed	32			
Residential Safety Survey	0			
Business Outreach Unit				
Meetings Attended	17			
Fake Identifications Collected	18			
Bar Safe Violations Issued	0			
Special Event Permit Reviews	4			
Proactive Engagement Contacts During Nightlife Detail	182			
Auxiliary Police U	Jnit			
Monthly Service Hours	130			
Safety Seat Inspections Conducted	40			
Bicycles Registered	106			
Special Events Supported	1			
Prescription Drug Take-Back Program				

243.6 pounds

Prescription Medication Disposed Of

### COMMUNITY AND YOUTH OUTREACH UNITS



On September 12, the Community Engagement Division welcomed members of the 2024 Latino Community Police Academy during their first session with introductions from ACPD's Executive Staff.



Despite the rainy weather, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Pupusas with the Police and Sheriff event was a huge success! Thank you to our hosts, Sofia's Pupuseria, and everyone who joined us to build important relationships.



During Session 2 of the Latino Community Police Academy, participants heard from a panel of past and present patrol officers, the Special Operations Section and observed a UAS/Drone demonstration.

### **PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS**



ACPD joined our public safety partners & members of the Arlington County Government at the 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony where we remembered the lives lost and the families who were forever changed.



On September 12, Captain Riley graduated from the 291<sup>st</sup> session of the FBI National Academy after 10 weeks of advanced communication, leadership and fitness training.



Arlington County recognized the exceptional courage, professionalism, decision-making, and lifesaving work demonstrated by all first responders during the response to the N. Burlington Street incident.



Members of ACPD's Executive Staff and Honor Guard attended the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemorative Ceremony for the Commonwealth Public Safety Memorial and placed a wreath at Corporal Harvey Snook's name.



On September 11<sup>th</sup>, Pentagon Force Protection Agency Chief Kusse unveiled a new memorial plaque which will be displayed at the Pentagon honoring the service of ACPD Corporal Harvey Snook.



Police and Fire personnel, including members of ACPD's SWAT team, supported the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Arlington Police, Fire, Sheriff and ECC 9/11 Memorial 5K on September 7 in Crystal City.





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# ARLINGTON COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT

### NEWS AND HIGHLIGHTS FROM ACROSS THE AGENCY

# MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE

The holiday season is quickly approaching bringing opportunities to gather and celebrate with friends and family near and far. The hustle and bustle of finding the right present or traveling to see loved ones also brings unique opportunities for crime. The Arlington County Police Department (ACPD) encourages you to keep these tips in mind for a safe and happy holiday season:

- **Traveling:** let a trusted individual know your departure and arrival plans, lock all doors and windows to your home, store valuables in a secure place, don't let mail accumulate, turn on porch or other exterior lights and ensure your home appears occupied.
- **Shopping**: remain alert and aware of your surroundings at all times, avoid carrying large amounts of cash, don't leave your purse or wallet unattended and avoid overloading yourself with items to carry.
- **Preventing Package Thefts**: track deliveries online and pick up packages as soon as they are delivered. If you're not home during delivery, consider other options such as having someone you trust accept the package, utilizing in-store pick up or holding packages at mail facility for pick up.
- **Celebrate Responsibly**: impaired driving is 100% preventable. If your plans include alcohol, ensure you have a sober ride home whether it's by using a ridesharing service, taxi, public transportation, or designated sober driver.

From all of us at ACPD, we wish you a happy and joyous holiday season! Our officers are on duty responding to calls for service and proactively patrolling Arlington County. If you need police assistance, don't hesitate to contact the Emergency Communications Center at 703-558-2222 or 9-1-1 in an emergency.

### Andy Penn,

October 2024

Chief of Police

### ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY

- The Office of Professional Responsibility received 13 external personnel complaints in the month of October.
- In October, the department received nine personnel commendations through community emails and calls.
- Personnel completed 3,541 hours of training in October. Highlights of training topics include but are not limited to Ambush Prevention, Interacting with Persons with Intellectual Disabilities and <u>Doorways</u> Domestic Violence Awareness Month training.
- There were two applications of Tactical Emergency Casualty Care (TECC) by officers prior to the arrival of medics on scene.

# **INTERNAL AGENCY UPDATES**

- Officer of the Month: An Officer assigned to the Tactical Unit for his persistent and versatile investigative skills, often demonstrated during complex criminal investigations. In a recent child sexual assault investigation, he successfully obtained critical intelligence that resulted in the identification of the suspect's whereabouts and his ultimate apprehension.
- Civilian of the Month: Eugene "Bobby" Williams of Public Safety Information Technology for his dedication to ensuring any issues that may impact public safety IT systems are addressed in a timely manner with multiple updates to stakeholders.
- During their annual luncheon, the Optimist Club presented members of Patrol and the Emergency Response Team with the Respect of Law Program Award for their exceptional courage, professionalism and decision making during the N. Burlington Street incident response on December 4, 2023.
- On October 17, members of ACPD were recognized at the Arlington County Crime Solvers Award Luncheon for the exemplary work by first responders during the N. Burlington Street incident response on December 4, 2023.
- On October 18, the Arlington Restaurant Initiative, managed by the Community Engagement Division's Business Outreach Unit received the 2024 Community Partnership Award at the WRAPPY Awards.
- Sergeant P. Smithgall was recognized as a 40 Under 40 Awardee at the Annual International Chiefs of Police Conference.
- Detective P. Malone was recognized by the Sons of the American Revolution for her outstanding work and dedication to investigating and locating missing youth in our community.



PULICE DEPARTMENT

# **CRIME PREVENTION AND CONTROL – CRIME DATA**

### **ARREST DATA**<sup>1</sup>

	2022		2023			2024			
Month	Adult	Juvenile	Total	Adult	Juvenile	Total	Adult	Juvenile	Total
October	254	13	267	225	11	236	251	26	277
Total (YTD)	2,295	81	2,376	2,485	173	2,658	2,610	169	2,779

### **GROUP A OFFENSE DATA <sup>2</sup>**

The Arlington County Police Department reports all crimes using the Federal Bureau of Investigations' National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS) and statistics presented below are consistent with data reported to Virginia State Police. All data is preliminary and subject to change based upon follow-up investigations.

October	2022	2023	2024
Total Group A Offenses	999	864	964
Crimes Against Persons			
Abduction/Kidnapping	4	5	4
Aggravated Assault	32	26	27
Simple Assault	138	118	124
Intimidation	11	7	6
Human Trafficking	0	0	0
Murder/Non-Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0
Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	1
Sex Offenses – Forcible	11	7	7
Sex Offenses – Non-Forcible	0	0	0
Crimes Against Property			
Arson	0	0	0
Bribery	0	0	0
Burglary/Breaking & Entering	15	15	19
Counterfeiting/Forgery	2	9	4
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property	208	97	97
Embezzlement	3	2	0
Extortion/Blackmail	8	9	31
Fraud Offenses	132	158	155
Larceny/Theft Offenses	324	312	358
Motor Vehicle Theft	36	35	46
Robbery	11	18	31
Stolen Property Offenses	13	5	4
Crimes Against Society			
Drug/Narcotic Offenses	33	29	40
Gambling Offenses	0	0	0
Pornography/Obscene Material	5	4	4
Prostitution Offenses	0	2	0
Weapon Law Violations	13	6	6

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### **CRIME PREVENTION AND CONTROL – INVESTIGATIVE HIGHLIGHTS**

#### Press Releases On Criminal Investigations:

### Police Investigate Fatal Vehicle Crash in Tara-Leeway Heights

On October 12, 2024, police and fire personnel were dispatched to the 2200 block of N. Harrison Street for the report of a single vehicle crash. Upon arrival, medics began rendering aid to a 19-year-old passenger suffering from life-threatening injuries and transported him to an area hospital where he was subsequently pronounced deceased. The preliminary investigation determined the driver of the vehicle was traveling northbound on N. Harrison Street when he struck several unoccupied vehicles parked on the side of the roadway, resulting in his vehicle overturning. As a result of the on-scene investigation, alcohol is believed to be a factor in the crash. The driver was arrested and charged with DUI/Involuntary Manslaughter and Breath/Blood Test Refusal.

#### Police Investigate Shooting on Columbia Pike

On October 31, 2024, police and fire personnel were dispatched to the report of a shooting. Responding officers located three victims suffering from gunshot wounds and began lifesaving measures. The victims, three juvenile males in their teens, were transported to area hospitals. Two victims suffered critical injuries and one suffered serious, non-life-threatening injuries. Detectives continue to investigate the circumstances that preceded the shooting. Anyone with videos, photos, or other media that may assist this ongoing investigation is asked to upload media using this link.

#### UPDATED: Police Investigate Rape in Radnor-Ft. Myer Heights

On October 29, 2023, police were dispatched to the 1500 block of Clarendon Boulevard for the report of a rape. The preliminary investigation indicated the male suspect gained entry to the victim's residence, entered her bedroom and threatened her. The suspect then raped the victim before fleeing the residence on foot. During the course of the investigation, a suspect was identified and in August 2024, warrants were obtained for his arrest. The suspect was subsequently located in Ohio and was extradited to the Commonwealth of Virginia to face charges of Rape, Abduction with Intent to Defile, Robbery, Burglary with Intent to Commit Rape and Wearing a Mask in Public.

#### **October DUI Highlights:**

Ahead of Halloween, ACPD shared information from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to remind those who celebrate that <u>Buzzed Driving is Drunk Driving</u> and to plan a sober ride home before the festivities begin. Officers working patrol during the overnight hours from October 26-27, a popular time to celebrate the holiday this year, made **five** DUI arrests. These arrests contributed to the **26** total DUI arrests made by Arlington County police officers during the month of October. These numbers reflect the dedication of our department to ensuring the roads are safe for all of our community members, especially on and around holidays.

#### Additional Investigative Highlights:

**BURGLARY**, 2024-10010038/2024-10080183, 2400 block of N. Harrison Street/2600 block of N. Florida Street. On October 1, police were dispatched to the late report of a breaking and entering. Upon arrival, it was determined at approximately 1:30 a.m., the male suspect forced entry into the business by shattering a glass door, rummaged through the interior, stole merchandise and fled the scene on foot. During the course of the subsequent investigation, detectives reviewed crime scene evidence, conducted witness interviews and obtained a dditional video surveillance provided through community assistance. During the execution of a residential search warrant on October 22, the suspect was taken into custody. While investigating the burglary, detectives uncovered additional evidence that the suspect stole jewelry and fraudulently used credit cards of a known victim. The suspect was arrested and charged with Burglary, Possession of Burglarious Tools, Grand Larceny (x3), Larceny with Intent to Sell (x2), and Credit Card Fraud.

WEAPONS VIOLATION, 2024-10240236, S. Glebe Road at 24th Road S. On October 24, an officer observed a vehicle traveling in the area with an improper license plate, conducted a traffic stop and determined the driver did not possess a valid driver's license. During a search of the vehicle prior to towing, drug paraphernalia and a firearm were recovered. During a search of the suspect incident to arrest, suspected narcotics were recovered. The suspect was arrested and charged with Possession of Schedule I/II Controlled Substance, Possession of Schedule III/IV/V/VI/Cannabimimetic Agent, Possession of a Firearm while in Possession of Narcotics and Felon in Possession of a Firearm.

**NARCOTICS VIOLATION**, 2024-10290024, Washington Boulevard at Wilson Boulevard. On October 29, an officer observed a vehicle traveling westbound on Wilson Boulevard driving recklessly and conducted a traffic stop. The officer made contact with Suspect One, who was the driver of the vehicle, and Suspect Two, who was the front passenger of the vehicle and observed signs of narcotics us age. During the course of the investigation, suspected narcotics were recovered, the vehicle was determined to be recently stolen out of Montgomery County, MD and Suspect One provided false personal identifying information to officers. Suspect One was arrested and charged with Grand Larceny Auto and Obstruction of Justice. Suspect Two was arrested and charged with Possession with Intent to Distribute Marijuana.

WARRANT SERVICE, 2024-10310187, 3000 block of Columbia Pike. On October 31, police conducted warrant service at a hotel. Officers made contact with the male and female suspects on scene who were occupying the hotel room. It was confirmed the male suspect was wanted by a neighboring jurisdiction and was subsequently taken into custody. While on scene, officers recovered distribution amounts of suspected narcotics. The male suspect was arrested and charged with Possession with Intent to Distribute Controlled Substance and the female suspect was arrested and charged with Possession of a Schedule I/II Controlled Substance.

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- The Special Operations Section (SOS) assisted with eight escorts and nine special events during the month of October.
- Arlington County proudly hosted the 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Marine Corps Marathon, including the start line at the Pentagon, the finish line at the lwo Jima War Memorial and the Finish Festival in Rosslyn. ACPD worked alongside hundreds of regional law enforcement, public safe ty and military partners providing a safe atmosphere for approximately 30,000 runners and thousands of spectators and volunteers.
- 12 current and past Arlington County Police Department Motor Officers participated in the 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Mid-Atlantic Police Motorcycle Rodeo and displayed their riding skills.
- October was recognized as Pedestrian Safety Month. Information on how to ensure you and your loved ones arrive to their destinations safely was shared all month long. Help keep pedestrians safe all year long with these <u>safety tips</u>.



### DEDICATED TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

### Mid-Atlantic Police Motorcycle Rodeo



2024 Marine Corps Marathon

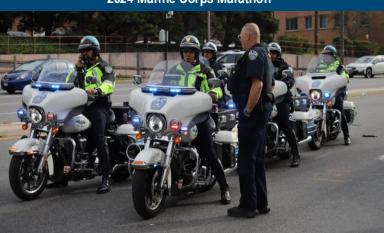
Program	Hours in October
Laser Speed Enforcement	244
Red Light	215
DMV Grant Funded Enforcement	62.5
Crash Reduction Program	49.5

### **CRASHES**

October

Crash Type		Crashes in October		
Total Crashes		131		
Fatal Crashes		1		
Serious Injury Crashes		6		
Pedestrian-Involved Crashes		10		
CITATIONS/WRITTEN WARNINGS				
Month Citations/Written Wa		rnings Issued		

2.179





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#### **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT HIGHLIGHTS**

Community Outreach Unit				
25				
10				
1				
1				
0				
Business Outreach Unit				
19				
0				
1				
1				
493				
Auxiliary Police Unit				

Monthly Service Hours	97			
Safety Seat Inspections Conducted	25			
Bicycles Registered	83			
Special Events Supported	2			
Prescription Drug Take-Back Program				
Prescription Medication Disposed Of	249.2 pounds			

#### COMMUNITY AND YOUTH OUTREACH UNITS



Members of ACPD celebrated National Coffee with a Cop Day at Idido's Coffee and Social House on S. Walter Reed Drive and Compass Coffee on Langston Boulevard on October 2.



On October 26, the Business Outreach Unit partnered with the Washington Regional Alcohol Program to host the 2024 Halloween Sober Ride event in Clarendon.



The Community Engagement Division held its second of two Essentials Drive events benefitting unsheltered individuals in the community at the Arlington County Courthouse on October 4.

### **PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS**



Members of ACPD were recognized during the annual Arlington County Crime Solvers Award Luncheon for the exemplary work by first responders during the N. Burlington Street response.



On October 10, members of ACPD, friends and family gathered to recognize Detective Rosa Ortiz as she entered retirement after 33 years of dedicated and outstanding service to the Arlington Community.



Women of ACPD attended the Virginia Women in Law Enforcement Inaugural Summit held in Crystal City on October 7 and 8. Chief Penn helped kickoff the conference by providing opening remarks.



Congratulations Sergeant P. Smithgall for being recognized as a 40 Under 40 Awardee at the International Association of Chiefs of Police Annual Conference in Boston, Massachusetts.



The Sons of the American Revolution presented their Law Enforcement Commendation and Medal Award to Detective P. Malone for her exemplary work locating missing youth in our community.



Deputy Chief Giroux spent Halloween night in the Tara-Leeway Heights neighborhood making sure all trick-or-treaters were safe on their candy collecting adventures!





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# ARLINGTON COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT

## NEWS AND HIGHLIGHTS FROM ACROSS THE AGENCY

# MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE

Happy Holidays from all of us at the Arlington County Police Department! We extend our warmest wishes to you, our community, for a safe, happy and joyous winter season. We remain grateful for the support we receive from the Arlington community throughout the year and for the strong partnerships we've built through proactive community engagement strategies and outreach events. We look forward to continuing to build upon these relationships in the new year to best serve the Arlington community!

Officer staffing has remained a significant challenge facing our agency and the law enforcement profession throughout 2024. While there is still significant work to do to return our agency to full staffing, I'm pleased to welcome the <u>17 graduates of Session 151</u> from the Northern Virginia Criminal Justice Academy. These officers plus a recent graduate of the Option 5 Lateral Academy represent our

largest recruit class in recent years and we anticipate a similar size class beginning the academy in January. ACPD continues to recruit top candidates to serve our diverse and inclusive community. A sworn officer position comes with many benefits including a starting salary of \$68,503 and a hiring bonus up to \$25,000. Interested candidates can learn more and get started with their application by visiting <u>ACPD.JOBS</u>.

Despite reduced staffing, our incredibly dedicated officers and professional staff continue to provide exceptional police services to the Arlington community. They work each day with the safety and security of our community as their guiding priority. I am incredibly proud of the work they perform to prevent and solve crime, maintain transportation safety and build relationships in the community.

### Andy Penn,

November 2024

Chief of Police

# ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY

- The Office of Professional Responsibility received seven external personnel complaints in the month of November.
- In November, the department received eight personnel commendations through community emails and calls.
- Personnel completed 3,115.5 hours of training in November. Highlights of training topics include but are not limited to Assisting Individuals in Crisis, Civil Disturbances and Driving While Intoxicated Detection.
- There was one instance of officers performing CPR on an individual experiencing a medical emergency.
- There was one application of Tactical Emergency Casualty Care (TECC) by officers prior to the arrival of medics on scene.

# **INTERNAL AGENCY UPDATES**

- Officer of the Month: Detective J. Bamford of the Homeland Security Section for acting as an invaluable department resource
   and subject matter expert on technologies available to police departments to capitalize on digital evidence during investigations.
- Civilian of the Month: Leslie Geer of the Public Safety Wellness Section for diligence in her duties and going above and beyond to ensure she is an accessible resource to all public safety personnel.
- In November, ACPD welcomed Officer Battaglia following his graduation from the Option 5 Lateral Academy. We are excited to have him join ACPD and bring his prior law enforcement experience and knowledge to serve the Arlington community.
- On Election Day on November 5, ACPD conducted extra checks around polling places and shared <u>safety information</u> with the community.
- On November 7, members of ACPD celebrated the retirement of Corporal Richard St. Clair after 26 years of dedicated service.
- On Black Friday on November 29, ACPD <u>shared safety tips</u> for holiday shoppers to keep in mind as they looked for the perfect gifts for the season. ACPD officers also conducted a high-visibility Black Friday Retail Theft Detail and responded to approximately 10 shoplifting calls for service and made 8 arrests for various offenses, including Shoplifting, Identify Theft, Drunk in Public and Obstruction of Justice.



# **CRIME PREVENTION AND CONTROL – CRIME DATA**

### **ARREST DATA**<sup>1</sup>

2022			2023			2024			
Month	Adult	Juvenile	Total	Adult	Juvenile	Total	Adult	Juvenile	Total
November	235	13	248	296	22	318	297	18	315
Total (YTD)	2,530	94	2,624	2,781	195	2,976	2,907	187	3,094

### **GROUP A OFFENSE DATA <sup>2</sup>**

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November	2022	2023	2024
Total Group A Offenses	843	984	893
Crimes Against Persons			
Abduction/Kidnapping	7	8	2
Aggravated Assault	33	22	45
Simple Assault	123	138	153
Intimidation	17	11	4
Human Trafficking	0	0	0
Murder/Non-Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0
Negligent Manslaughter	1	0	0
Sex Offenses – Forcible	7	13	7
Sex Offenses – Non-Forcible	0	0	0
Crimes Against Property			
Arson	0	0	0
Bribery	0	1	0
Burglary/Breaking & Entering	15	21	24
Counterfeiting/Forgery	12	9	6
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property	70	87	67
Embezzlement	2	1	1
Extortion/Blackmail	4	10	8
Fraud Offenses	133	174	104
Larceny/Theft Offenses	306	351	372
Motor Vehicle Theft	40	54	21
Robbery	19	23	25
Stolen Property Offenses	8	10	6
Crimes Against Society			
Drug/Narcotic Offenses	31	39	37
Gambling Offenses	0	0	0
Pornography/Obscene Material	1	3	2
Prostitution Offenses	0	0	0
Weapon Law Violations	14	9	9

<sup>1</sup> Arrest month refers to the arrest date, not the date of the offense leading to the arrest. All counts refer to the number of individuals arrested, not the number of charges levied. This is a highlight of common offenses and is not inclusive of every criminal incident investigated by the Department. <sup>2</sup> Offense data includes both primary and additional offenses associated with a single case number. Offenses determined to be unfounded through investigation are not included.

# **CRIME PREVENTION AND CONTROL – INVESTIGATIVE HIGHLIGHTS**

Press Releases On Criminal Investigations:

- <u>United States Attorney's Office Washington DC: Alleged Serial Armed Robber Wanted for Crimes throughout the DMV,</u> including Arlington, Arrested at His D.C. Home
- Arlington Public Schools Employee Charged with Sexually-Based Offense; Possible Additional Victims Sought
- Police Investigate Shooting in Green Valley Neighborhood
- Police Investigate Green Valley Shooting

**DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE**, 2024-11050106, S. Walter Reed Drive at S. Four Mile Run Drive. On November 5, an officer observed a vehicle proceed through a red light at the intersection and conducted a traffic stop. The officer made contact with the male suspect who was the driver and sole occupant of the vehicle. The officer determined the suspect did not possess a valid driver's license and asked the suspect to exit the vehicle. The suspect then threw suspected narcotics into the roadway and subsequently resisted the officer's attempts to detain him. With the assistance of additional responding officers, the suspect was taken into custody. The suspect was arrested and charged with Driving Under the Influence, Possession of Schedule I/II Controlled Substance, Obstruction of Justice (x2), Driving on a Revoked License, Driving Under the Influence on a Suspended License, Breath Test Refusal and Improper Turn on Red.

**SHOPLIFTING**, 2024-11060118, 1100 block of S. Hayes Street. On November 6, police were dispatched to the report of a robbery. Upon arrival, it was determined the two juvenile male suspects entered the business, collected merchandise and exited the store without payment. Suspect One subsequently returned to the business and confronted an employee. The suspect then assaulted the employee during which responding officers arrived and took him into custody. No injuries were reported. Petitions were obtained for the juvenile suspect for Grand Larceny: Shoplifting, Assault and Battery and Conspiracy to Commit Larceny. Suspect Two was not located. The investigation is ongoing.

**WEAPONS VIOLATION**, 2024-11090198, 2900 block of S. Glebe Road. On November 9, officers were on scene for a dispute and determined the involved male party was wanted by another jurisdiction and took him into custody. During the course of the investigation, a stolen firearm and ammunition were recovered. The suspect was arrested and charged with Possession of a Firearm by a Felon (x2), Carrying a Concealed Weapon, Receiving a Stolen Weapon and Public Intoxication.

**NARCOTICS VIOLATION**, 2024-11100176, 2600 block of Richmond Highway. On November 10, police were dispatched to the report of trespassing at a hotel. Upon arrival, it was determined the female suspect remained in a hotel room after her reservation ended. Responding officers made contact with the female suspect at the room where they observed suspected narcotics in plain view and took her into custody. She was arrested and charged with Possession of Schedule I/II Controlled Substance.

**SHOPLIFTING**, 2024-11140077, 300 block of 23<sup>rd</sup> Street S. On November 14, police were dispatched to the report of a larceny. It was determined the two male suspects entered the business, concealed merchandise and exited without payment. A lookout was broadcast and responding officers located the suspects in the area and detained them. The suspects were arrested and charged with Shoplifting.

**RECOVERED STOLEN VEHICLE**, 2024-11160166, 800 block of Army Navy Drive. On November 16, an officer observed a stolen vehicle in a parking garage, conducted a stop and detained the female suspect, who was the driver of the vehicle, and male suspect, who was a passenger. During the course of the investigation, suspected narcotics were recovered from inside the vehicle. The female suspect was arrested and charged with Unauthorized Use of a Vehicle and Possession of Schedule I/II Controlled Substance. The male suspect was arrested and charged with Unauthorized Use of a Vehicle.

WARRANT SERVICE, 2024-11170124, 1200 block of S. Hayes Street. On November 17, police were dispatched to the report of a larceny in progress. Upon arrival, it was determined the male suspect entered the business and concealed merchandise. A responding officer made contact with the suspect inside the store and took him into custody without incident. During the course of the investigation, the stolen merchandise and suspected narcotics were recovered. The suspect was also determined to be wanted by a neighboring jurisdiction as well as ACPD for a separate incident. The suspect was arrested and charged with Attempted Shoplifting and Possession of Schedule I/II Controlled Substance and served with the outstanding warrants.

WEAPONS VIOLATION, 2024-11180229, 2300 block of 25<sup>th</sup> Street S. On November 18, an officer observed a vehicle traveling with no taillights and attempted a traffic stop. The driver of the suspect vehicle initially disregarded the officer, continued driving and made an illegal left turn at a red light. The driver eventually came to a stop in the 2300 block of 25<sup>th</sup> Street S. The officer issued commands and the three occupants exited the vehicle. During the course of the investigation, it was determined the driver of the vehicle did not possess a valid driver's license and a firearm with an altered serial number was recovered. The driver was charged with Carrying a Concealed Weapon, Remove/Alter Serial Number on Firearm, No Taillights and No Operator's License.

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- The Special Operations Section (SOS) assisted with six escorts and four special events during the month of November including the Girls on the Run 5k, Jennifer Bush-Lawson 5k, and 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Arlington Turkey Trot.
- ACPD conducted two high-visibility traffic education and enforcement activations for the Fall Street Smart campaign. The campaign focuses on ensuring transportation safety among travelers as the roads become darker, earlier due to Daylight Savings.
- During National Crash Responder Safety Week, various municipalities, including ACPD, shared information encouraging community members to slow down and move over for all vehicles with flashing lights to ensure the safety of first responders and road workers.
- ACPD participated in the national <u>Click It or Ticket Campaign</u> during the busy Thanksgiving holiday travel timeframe. The campaign aims
  to reduce the number of serious injuries or deaths related to seatbelt non-compliance by drivers and passengers.







19th Annual Arlington Turkey Trot

Program	Hours in November
Laser Speed Enforcement	193
Red Light	205.5
DMV Grant Funded Enforcement	59.5
Crash Reduction Program	46.5

### **CRASHES**

Crash Type		Crashes in November	
Total Crashes		141	
Fatal Crashes		0	
Serious Injury Crashes		4	
Pedestrian-Involved Crashes		8	
CITATIONS/WRITTEN WARNINGS			
Month Citations/Written Wa		rnings Issued	
November	2 353		





# DEDICATED TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

### **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

Since the 1990's, the Police Department has embraced community policing, a philosophy and practice that seeks to involve everyone in the safety and welfare of their community. The Agency is committed to actively engaging with the public to build strong community-based partnerships and foster police interaction and cooperation with those we serve. Below are some of the notable highlights from the month of November in support of the department's key initiative of Community Engagement.

#### **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT HIGHLIGHTS**

Community Outreach Unit			
Events Attended	7		
Meetings Attended	12		
Presentations Conducted	5		
Community Complaints Addressed	3		
Residential Safety Survey	2		
Business Outreach Unit			

Meetings Attended	12
Fake Identifications Collected	0
Bar Safe Violations Issued	4
Special Event Permit Reviews	6
Proactive Engagement Contacts During Nightlife Detail	281

#### **Auxiliary Police Unit**

Monthly Service Hours	102.5		
Safety Seat Inspections Conducted	29		
Bicycles Registered	45		
Special Events Supported	1		
Prescription Drug Take-Back Program			
Prescription Medication Disposed Of	215 pounds		

#### COMMUNITY AND YOUTH OUTREACH UNITS



Corporal Hicken traveled around Arlington to distribute stationary Fill the Cruiser boxes to businesses and organizations for those who wish to donate toys but were unable to attend our in-person collection events.



On November 16, the Community Engagement Division held its first of two 2024 Fill the Cruiser holiday toy drive events at Our Lady of Lourdes Church and collected over 450 toys! Thank you to those who donated!



Members of the Community Engagement Division distributed supplies collected during our 2024 Essentials Drive to community groups/organizations assisting those experiencing housing instability.

### **PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS**



Members of ACPD, along with Arlington's public safety agencies, held the second Hurricane Relief Donation Drive event to collect essential supplies for North Carolina residents impacted by Hurricane Helene.



Congratulations to Officer Battaglia on his recent graduation from the Option 5 Lateral Academy! Learn more about opportunities for experienced law enforcement officers at <u>ACPD.Jobs</u>.



On November 7, the Arlington County Police Department celebrated the retirement of Corporal Richard St. Clair after 26 years of service to Arlington County. Congratulations!



ACPD presented Mr. I. Fuller, loss prevention personnel with T.J. Maxx, with the community policing partnership certificate recognizing his actions and assistance during an incident on Aug. 23 in Pentagon City.



Representatives from each of Arlington's four public safety agencies and Paul Davis Restoration transported items collected during the Hurricane Relief Donation Drive to North Carolina supply hub, Jimmy and Jeans.



On November 9, officers conducted a DUI Saturation Patrol. Officers conducted 28 traffic stops resulting in 4 DUI arrests, 1 Open Container arrest, 3 Reckless Driving summonses and issued 17 traffic tickets.





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# ARLINGTON COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT

## NEWS AND HIGHLIGHTS FROM ACROSS THE AGENCY

# MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE

Happy New Year, Arlington! As we begin 2025, the Arlington County Police Department (ACPD) reaffirms our longstanding commitment to working collaboratively with you, our community, to ensure the safety of all who live in, work in and visit Arlington County. We believe an informed community is a safer one and work tirelessly to establish open lines of communication through productive partnerships and relationships. Below are some of the many ways the community can stay informed and engage with ACPD throughout the year:

- File an online police report for applicable non-emergency criminal incidents.
- <u>Subscribe to Police News & Updates</u> to receive emailed copies of news releases on significant criminal incidents, community engagement opportunities, traffic alerts and more!
- Visit the <u>Police Newsroom</u> to read the Daily Crime Report which summarizes significant criminal incidents generally from the day before.
- Register for <u>Arlington Alert</u> to receive emergency alerts from Arlington County Government.
- Learn about crime and arrest data by viewing the dashboards and maps included on the Crime Data Hub.
- Review available <u>online services and forms</u> including requesting traffic or parking enforcement, registering a residential or commercial alarm, scheduling a child safety seat inspection, requesting a community engagement service and much more.
- Engage with ACPD using key engagement contacts and social media channels.

We hope to have an opportunity to engage with you this year!

### Andy Penn,

December 2024

Chief of Police

# ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY

- The Office of Professional Responsibility received seven external personnel complaints in the month of December.
- In December, the department received five personnel commendations through community emails and calls.
- Personnel completed 20,397.5 hours of training in December. Highlights of training topics include but are not limited to Ambush Prevention, Commercial and Retail Crime Prevention and Eyewitness Identification and Follow Up.
- There were five applications of Tactical Emergency Casualty Care (TECC) by officers prior to the arrival of medics on scene.

# **INTERNAL AGENCY UPDATES**

- Officer of the Month: Officer J. Gambino of the Patrol Section for his persistence in pursuing wanted subjects, leading to numerous significant arrests since his arrival at the department and especially during November 2024.
- Civilian of the Month: Alexius Everette of the Organized Crime Section for the valuable assistance she provides to detectives through her strong work ethic and extensive job knowledge that allows for continuous smooth operations within the section.
- On December 2, ACPD's K9 Unit announced the passing of retired K9 Jax. We thank him for faithfully serving the Arlington community from 2015-2021 alongside his handler, Lt. B. Morrison, and send our deepest condolences to his family.
- During December, ACPD celebrated the retirements of Lieutenant D. Mathews (34 years) and Corporal H. Buchhofer (31 years). We thank them for their many years of dedicated service and wish them the best in their next chapter!
- Corporal A. Kumar was recognized at the 2024 Mothers Against Drunk Driving Virginia Law Enforcement Awards for her work as a DUI Instructor and ongoing commitment to impaired driving enforcement.
- Corporal. K. Costello-Mays was honored at the Washington Regional Alcohol Program's Law Enforcement Awards for Excellence in Impaired Driving.
- ACPD welcomed the department's 17 newest officers as Session 151 graduated from the Northern Virginia Criminal Justice Training Academy. Visit our <u>newsroom</u> to learn what's next for the officers in their training curriculum.



# **CRIME PREVENTION AND CONTROL – CRIME DATA**

### **ARREST DATA**<sup>1</sup>

2022			2023			2024			
Month	Adult	Juvenile	Total	Adult	Juvenile	Total	Adult	Juvenile	Total
December	210	28	238	227	18	245	288	22	310
Total (YTD)	2,740	122	2,862	3,008	213	3,221	3,195	209	3,404

### **GROUP A OFFENSE DATA 2**

The Arlington County Police Department reports all crimes using the Federal Bureau of Investigations' National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS) and statistics presented below are consistent with data reported to Virginia State Police. All data is preliminary and subject to change based upon follow-up investigations.

December	2022	2023	2024
Total Group A Offenses	863	888	933
Crimes Against Persons			
Abduction/Kidnapping	6	7	4
Aggravated Assault	39	33	42
Simple Assault	101	115	131
Intimidation	7	8	8
Human Trafficking	0	0	0
Murder/Non-Negligent Manslaughter	0	1	1
Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0
Sex Offenses – Forcible	19	6	14
Sex Offenses – Non-Forcible	0	0	0
Crimes Against Property			
Arson	0	2	0
Bribery	0	0	0
Burglary/Breaking & Entering	20	21	11
Counterfeiting/Forgery	6	12	4
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property	97	90	86
Embezzlement	2	0	2
Extortion/Blackmail	6	4	9
Fraud Offenses	134	141	108
Larceny/Theft Offenses	312	325	415
Motor Vehicle Theft	51	35	32
Robbery	16	30	19
Stolen Property Offenses	8	3	5
Crimes Against Society			
Drug/Narcotic Offenses	25	42	30
Gambling Offenses	0	0	0
Pornography/Obscene Material	1	2	1
Prostitution Offenses	0	0	1
Weapon Law Violations	13	11	10

<sup>1</sup> Arrest month refers to the arrest date, not the date of the offense leading to the arrest. All counts refer to the number of individuals arrested, not the number of charges levied. This is a highlight of common offenses and is not inclusive of every criminal incident investigated by the Department. <sup>2</sup> Offense data includes both primary and additional offenses associated with a single case number. Offenses determined to be unfounded through investigation are not included.

## **CRIME PREVENTION AND CONTROL – INVESTIGATIVE HIGHLIGHTS**

#### Press Releases on Criminal Investigations:

#### Student Charged after Firearm Recovered at High School

On December 2, police responded to Arlington Community High School, located in the 4400 block of Fairfax Drive, after a school security guard located a loaded firearm with an extended magazine and suspected marijuana inside a student's backpack. Responding officers took the student into custody and took possession of the firearm and narcotics. Petitions were obtained for the 17-year-old student for Possession of a Weapon on School Property, Carrying a Concealed Weapon, Possession of a Firearm by a Juvenile and Possession of Marijuana by Persons less than 21 Years Old.

#### <u>CIRT Investigates Officer-Involved Shooting in Rosslyn</u>

The <u>Critical Incident Response Team</u> continues to investigate an Arlington County Police Department officer-involved shooting at the entrance to the Rosslyn Metro Station on the evening of December 10, 2024.

#### Police Announce Arrest in Pentagon City Double Stabbing

On December 14, police were dispatched to the report of a stabbing in the 900 block of Army Navy Drive. Upon arrival, officers located two victims, an adult female and a toddler female, suffering from lacerations and began administering lifesaving measures. The victims sustained serious injuries and were transported by medics to area hospitals. The suspect, who is known to the victims, was subsequently located in a nearby parking garage and taken into custody. He was arrested and charged with Aggravated Malicious Wounding (x2), Contributing to the Delinquency of a Child (x2) and Child Abuse (x2). On December 30, detectives obtained an additional charge of Murder - 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree after the adult female victim succumbed to her injuries and died at the hospital.

#### Police Investigate Sexual Battery Series in Arlington Mill

Following a series of sexual batteries in November and December in the Arlington Mill neighborhood, ACPD shared incident information, personal safety tips and details on how to report additional incidents and/or share information with police that may assist with the investigation.

• <u>United States Attorney's Office-DC: Charges Filed in the Armed Robbery of a Postal Maintenance Worker and Multiple High-</u> Volume Thefts of U.S. Mail, Including Arlington Incidents

On December 4, the United States Attorney's Office, DC, announced charges for the male suspect who allegedly stole large volumes of mail around the Washington D.C. Metro area including an incident that occurred in March 2024 in National Landing.

**SHOPLIFTING**, 2024-12050214, 1000 block of S. Hayes Street. On December 5, police were dispatched to the report of a larceny just occurred. It was determined the male suspect entered the business, collected merchandise and exited without payment during which loss prevention personnel followed him. A lookout was broadcast and a responding officer located the suspect in the 1100 block of Army Navy Drive and took him into custody without incident. During the course of the investigation, it was determined the suspect was wanted by a neighboring jurisdiction and suspected narcotics were recovered. The suspect was arrested and charged with Shoplifting and Possession of Schedule I/II Controlled Substance and served with the outstanding warrant.

NARCOTICS VIOLATION, 2024-12080128, 2900 block of Wilson Boulevard. On December 8, police were dispatched to the report of a dispute. Upon arrival, it was determined the male suspect was acting disorderly inside of a business. Responding officers subsequently took the suspect into custody and various suspected narcotics were recovered. The suspect was arrested and charged with Possession of Schedule I/II Controlled Substance (x2) and Public Intoxication.

**WARRANT SERVICE**, 2024-12100141, 2300 block of 11<sup>th</sup> Street N. On December 16, an officer observed a vehicle traveling in the 1100 block of S. Hayes Street associated with a wanted suspect. The officer subsequently located the suspect outside of the vehicle in the 2300 block of 11<sup>th</sup> Street N. and took him into custody. The suspect was arrested on his outstanding warrant for Sexual Battery.

**TRESPASSING**, 2024-12260030, 4600 block of S. Four Mile Run Drive. On December 26, police were dispatched to the report of a trespassing. Upon arrival, it was determined the male suspect entered a shared common space inside a residential building, acted disorderly and subsequently exited. A lookout was broadcast, and a responding officer observed an individual matching the description of the suspect outside the residential building. The officer issued commands to the suspect who then ran from the officer. With the assistance of an additional responding officer, the suspect was taken into custody. During the course of the investigation, the suspect provided officers with false personal identification information, and it was determined he was wanted by a neighboring jurisdiction. The suspect was arrested and charged with Trespassing, Obstruction of Justice, Giving False Identity to a Law Enforcement Officer and Public Intoxication and was served with the outstanding warrants.

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- The Special Operations Section (SOS) assisted with eight escorts and five special events during the month of December.
- Motor officers assisted the Cherrydale Volunteer Fire Department with escorting Santa around the area to spread holiday cheer.
- Ahead of the Wreaths Across America event, members of SOS rode to Arlington National Cemetery to lay a wreath at the gravesite of fallen Arlington County Police Officer Arthur Chorovich and pay their respects.
- ACPD participated in the <u>NHTSA's Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over campaign</u> throughout the holiday season and encouraged motorists to always plan a sober ride home before the celebration begins.

### Wreath Laying at Arlington National Cemetery for Fallen Officer Arthur Chorovich



### DEDICATED TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

Program	Hours in December
Laser Speed Enforcement	178
Red Light	184.5
DMV Grant Funded Enforcement	53
Crash Reduction Program	18

### CRASHES

December

Crash Type		Crashes in December	
Total Crashes		130	
Fatal Crashes		0	
Serious Injury Crashes		2	
Pedestrian-Involved Crashes		14	
CITATIONS/WRITTEN WARNINGS			
Month Citations/Written Wa		rnings Issued	

1,721



2024 Cherrydale VFD Santa Parade



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#### **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT HIGHLIGHTS**

Community Outreach Unit			
Events Attended	5		
Meetings Attended	10		
Presentations Conducted	1		
Community Complaints Addressed	0		
Residential Safety Survey	1		
Business Outreach Unit			
Meetings Attended	10		
Fake Identifications Collected	102		
Bar Safe Violations Issued	0		
Special Event Permit Reviews	3		
Proactive Engagement Contacts During Nightlife Detail	367		

#### **Auxiliary Police Unit**

Monthly Service Hours	66.5
Safety Seat Inspections Conducted	22
Bicycles Registered	39
Special Events Supported	1
Prescription Drug Take-Back Program	
Prescription Medication Disposed Of	271.6 pounds

#### COMMUNITY AND YOUTH OUTREACH UNITS



The last 2024 Fill the Cruiser Toy Drive event, held on December 14 at the Lee Harrison Shopping Center, was a huge success with thousands of toys donated by generous community members.



Throughout the Fill the Cruiser Toy Drive, members of the Community Engagement Division picked up toys from community organizations and businesses who held supplemental toy collections.



Over 4,400 toys were collected during the 2024 Fill the Cruiser Toy Drive! Each one of these toys were distributed by the Community Engagement Division to help Arlington children in need during the holiday season.

### **PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS**



After 34 years of dedicated service to the Arlington community, friends and colleagues gathered on December 17 to celebrate the retirement of Lieutenant D. Mathews.



Corporal A. Kumar was recognized at the 2024 Mothers Against Drunk Driving Virginia Law Enforcement Awards for her outstanding service in impaired driving enforcement.



Corporal K. Costello-Mays was recognized at the Washington Regional Alcohol Program's Law Enforcement Awards for Excellence in Impaired Driving on December 13.



ACPD deployed additional police resources as part of a <u>Holday Retain</u> Their Detail designed to keep shoppers and retail employees safe during the busy holiday shopping season.\_\_



On December 31, we gathered to celebrate the retirement of Corporal H. Buchhofer after over 31 years of service to the Arlington community. Congratulations!



Thank you to our friends at the Nam-Viet Restaurant for dropping off food for Patrol-Delta Squad as they headed out to keep the Arlington community safe on Christmas Eve!





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