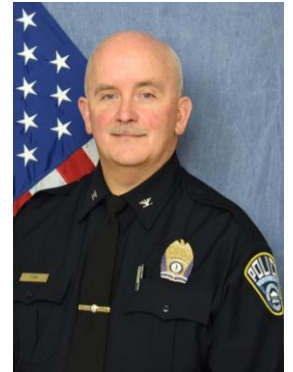




MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE

On behalf of the men and women of the Arlington County Police Department, our deepest condolences and heartfelt sympathy remains with all who lost loved ones in the tragic midair aircraft collision near Reagan National Airport on January 29, 2025.

This incident and the recent Presidential Inauguration highlights the interagency cooperation that occurs between public safety agencies throughout the National Capitol Region (NCR) to maintain and restore community safety during largescale special events and in response to emergency incidents. The NCR is a unique area with a large number of local, state and federal law enforcement, fire services and emergency management agencies operating in the area. Despite having different missions and jurisdictions, this broad and dedicated group of first responders quickly mobilize and work together during planned and emergency incidents with a shared goal of ensuring public safety.



The successful response to these incidents is a direct result of years of advanced planning, training and relationship building. Public Safety agencies in the NCR are committed to maintaining operational readiness and are prepared to work collaboratively when the community needs us most. The region remains focused and intentional in these efforts.

After more than 33 years of service, I continue to be incredibly honored and proud to stand with the public safety professionals in this agency and across the region and thank all those who responded and supported the midair aircraft collision operations.

Andy Penn,
Chief of Police

ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY

- The Office of Professional Responsibility received four external personnel complaints in the month of January.
- In January, the department received nine personnel commendations through community emails and calls.
- Personnel completed 1,881 hours of training in January. Highlights of training topics include but are not limited to Spiritual Wellness for First Responders, Drug Identification and Recognition and DNA Collection and Packaging.
- There was one instance of officers performing CPR on an individual experiencing a medical emergency.
- There was one application of Narcan by officers for an obvious narcotics overdose prior to the arrival of medics on scene.

INTERNAL AGENCY UPDATES

- Officer of the Month: Corporal S. Londono of the Patrol Section for his special attention to ensuring unhoused individuals in the County had essential items and were prepared for the cold temperatures in December.
- Civilian of the Month: Tracy Reiten of the Human Resources Management Section for her dedication to ensuring her unit reaches its goals through clear communication, strong inter-agency relationships and commitment to subject matter knowledge.
- Members of ACPD deployed to assist with several large-scale events and incidents in and near Washington D.C. including the election certification on January 6, Inauguration Day on January 20 and the aircraft collision on January 29.
- ACPD and local law enforcement partnered with the United States Secret Service to visit businesses, conduct outreach with the business managers and check for skimming devices. During the operation, which occurred at locations throughout the District, Maryland and Virginia, 24 skimming devices were located and removed. [Watch coverage by NBC](#) for details and safety tips.
- On January 14, ACPD gathered for a promotion ceremony. Congratulations to the following personnel who were recently promoted: **Rank of Lieutenant:** G. Gammell, L. Mason, P. Smithgall, **Rank of Sergeant:** R. Mason, **Rank of Corporal:** J. Bell, J. Daley, M. Griffiths, J. Hammer, T. Mares, A. Paulina, M. Rahaim, M. Spencer

CRIME PREVENTION AND CONTROL – CRIME DATA

ARREST DATA ¹

Month	2023			2024			2025		
	Adult	Juvenile	Total	Adult	Juvenile	Total	Adult	Juvenile	Total
January	249	16	265	214	27	241	279	19	298
Total (YTD)	249	16	265	214	27	241	279	19	298

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	2023	2024	2025
Total Group A Offenses	813	800	770
Crimes Against Persons			
Abduction/Kidnapping	4	2	0
Aggravated Assault	39	26	30
Simple Assault	108	118	105
Intimidation	10	17	8
Human Trafficking	0	0	0
Murder/Non-Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0
Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	1
Sex Offenses – Forcible	10	10	3
Sex Offenses – Non-Forcible	1	0	0
Crimes Against Property			
Arson	0	0	3
Bribery	0	0	0
Burglary/Breaking & Entering	16	12	21
Counterfeiting/Forgery	3	9	2
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property	96	73	74
Embezzlement	0	0	0
Extortion/Blackmail	6	12	19
Fraud Offenses	136	139	107
Larceny/Theft Offenses	281	276	316
Motor Vehicle Theft	26	26	15
Robbery	17	18	20
Stolen Property Offenses	7	8	3
Crimes Against Society			
Drug/Narcotic Offenses	34	40	32
Gambling Offenses	0	0	0
Pornography/Obscene Material	4	5	3
Prostitution Offenses	3	0	0
Weapon Law Violations	12	9	8

¹ 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.

² 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:

- [Police Announce Arrest in Glebe Road Shooting](#)

An arrest was made following a shooting inside a residential building on January 1. The suspect was charged with Aggravated Malicious Wounding, Use of a Firearm During the Commission of a Felony and Felon in Possession of a Firearm.

- [Substitute Teacher Charged; Possible Additional Victims Sought](#)

An APS substitute teacher was arrested for Taking Indecent Liberties with a Child by a Person in a Supervisory or Custodial Relationship and Stalking after initiating an inappropriate sexual relationship with a juvenile female student in September 2022.

- [Police Renew Requests for Tips on 5th Anniversary of Ballston Homicide](#)

On January 17, ACPD renewed requests for information on the 5th year anniversary of Scott Ratigan's homicide in his Ballston apartment. The Ratigan family continues to offer a reward of \$50,000 for information leading to an arrest and conviction of the suspect(s) responsible for Scott's homicide.

WARRANT SERVICE, 2025-01140170, 24th Street S. at S. Kenmore Street. On January 14, an officer observed a wanted subject inside a parked vehicle in the area and broadcast a lookout. With the assistance of additional responding officers, a subject stop was initiated during which the suspect exited the vehicle and attempted to run from the scene. Following a brief foot pursuit, the suspect was taken into custody. During the course of the investigation, suspected narcotics were recovered. The suspect was arrested and charged with Obstruction of Justice and Possession of Schedule I/II Controlled Substance. He was also served with outstanding warrants from five different jurisdictions.

RECOVERED STOLEN VEHICLE, 2025-01150189, 15th Street N. at N. Courthouse Road. On January 21, a sheriff's deputy received an alert for a vehicle that was reported stolen on January 15 and observed it parked and unoccupied in the area. A short time later, the two male suspects returned to the vehicle and responding officers attempted to conduct a subject stop during which the suspects ran from the area. Following brief foot pursuits, both suspects were taken into custody. Suspect One was arrested and charged with Unauthorized Use of a Vehicle and Obstruction of Justice. Suspect Two was arrested and charged with Obstruction of Justice.

SHOPLIFTING, 2025-01170163, 1200 block of S. Hayes Street. On January 17, police were dispatched to the report of a larceny in progress. Upon arrival, it was determined male Suspects One and Two entered the business, concealed merchandise and exited the store without payment during which they were confronted by an officer. The suspects then ran from the scene and following a brief foot pursuit, Suspect One was taken into custody. Officers conducted a canvass of the area for Suspect Two yielding negative results. During the course of the investigation, it was determined Suspect One was wanted out of another jurisdiction and provided officers with false personal identification information. Suspect One was arrested and charged with Shoplifting, Obstruction of Justice and Giving False Identity to a Law Enforcement Officer. He was served with the outstanding warrant. The investigation is ongoing.

PEEPING (Series), 2024-11240081/2025-01084009/2025-01190003/2025-01260022/2025-01260028, 600 block of N. Nelson Street/600 block of N. Nelson Street/600 block of N. Nelson Street/600 block of N. Monroe Street/600 block of N. Nelson Street. On January 26, officers investigating the reports of peeping in the area observed the male suspect peeping into two different residences and subsequently took him into custody in the 2900 block of Clarendon Boulevard. During the course of the investigation, it was determined the suspect was involved in an attempted burglary and several other peeping incidents that occurred on November 3, 2024, November 24, 2024, January 1, 2025 and January 19, 2025. The suspect was arrested and charged with Peeping (x6) and Attempted Burglary.

RECOVERED STOLEN VEHICLE, 2025-01270030, Crystal Drive at 23rd Street S. On January 27, an officer conducted a traffic stop of a vehicle listed as stolen. With the assistance of additional responding officers, the male suspect, who was the driver of the vehicle, and the female suspect, who was the passenger, were taken into custody. During the course of the investigation, it was determined the male suspect did not possess a valid driver's license, the female suspect was in possession of credit cards not belonging to her and suspected narcotics were recovered. The vehicle was confirmed to be stolen out of a neighboring jurisdiction. The male suspect was arrested and charged with Possession of a Stolen Vehicle, Possession of Schedule I/II Controlled Substance and No Operator's License. The female suspect was arrested and charged with Credit Card Theft (x2), Possession of Schedule I/II Controlled Substance and Public Intoxication.

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 one special event during the month of January.
- On January 31, SOS held a team building event for Crossing Guards ahead of Crossing Guard Appreciation Day in February.
- During the Presidential Inauguration, SOS conducted several escorts and detail assignments to assist neighboring jurisdictions in ensuring public safety throughout the events.
- ACPD continues to investigate a [fatal crash](#) that occurred on Wilson Boulevard on January 27.
- Eight new School Zone Speed Safety Camera locations were announced and will be fully active following a 30-day warning period.

Crossing Guard Appreciation Event



DEDICATED TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

Program	Hours in January
Laser Speed Enforcement	178
Red Light	155
DMV Grant Funded Enforcement	43
Crash Reduction Program	18



CRASHES

Crash Type	Crashes in January
Total Crashes	151
Fatal Crashes	1
Serious Injury Crashes	4
Pedestrian-Involved Crashes	12



CITATIONS/WRITTEN WARNINGS

Month	Citations/Written Warnings Issued
January	2,263

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	6
Meetings Attended	6
Presentations Conducted	0
Community Complaints Addressed	6
Residential Safety Survey	0

Business Outreach Unit

Meetings Attended	4
Fake Identifications Collected	132
Bar Safe Violations Issued	0
Special Event Permit Reviews	0
Proactive Engagement Contacts During Nightlife Detail	0

Auxiliary Police Unit

Monthly Service Hours	93.5
Safety Seat Inspections Conducted	30
Bicycles Registered	30
Special Events Supported	2

Prescription Drug Take-Back Program

Prescription Medication Disposed Of	178 pounds
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COMMUNITY AND YOUTH OUTREACH UNITS



The Community Engagement Division hosted a Frozen double-movie feature on January 11 at the Courthouse Library complete with hot cocoa, popcorn and a surprise appearance from Elsa herself!



Corporal Burgess attended Rosslyn's Lunar New Year celebration on January 28 and had the opportunity to try on the lion's head! Happy Year of the Snake!



Following the aircraft collision on January 29, businesses across the community, including Colony Grill and Chick-Fil-A in Crystal City, provided dinner to officers. Thank you for your continued support!

PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS



ACPD joined DC Police and law enforcement agencies from across the country in ensuring the safety and security of the Presidential Inauguration on January 20.



A community member dropped off snacks and other food items as a show of appreciation for first responders working and supporting the aircraft collision operations on the Potomac River.



K9 Loki was among many who decided to take advantage of an Arlington snow day after winter weather hit the DC-Metro area. His human colleagues remained on duty to ensure public safety on the snowy day!



On January 14, ACPD held a promotional ceremony to recognize officers recently promoted to the ranks Lieutenant, Sergeant and Corporal. Please join ACPD in congratulating each of these officers!



Members of ACPD and ACFD, along with other law enforcement partner agencies, provided enhanced security at the U.S. Capitol during the certification of the 2024 election on January 6.



On the 5th anniversary of Scott Ratigan's homicide, ACPD issued a [press release](#) renewing requests for tips. WUSA9 spoke with Scott's dad, John, about the family's need for justice on behalf of Scott.



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