

MESSAGE FROM THE ACTING CHIEF OF POLICE

On May 10, the Arlington County Police Department and the Arlington County Sheriff's Office hosted a virtual Observance of Peace Officers Memorial Day. This solemn ceremony is held each year ahead of National Police Week as part of our ongoing commitment to never forgetting the service and sacrifice of the officers who lost their lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of others.

This year we honored the 295 officers who died in the line of duty in the United States in 2020. In moments of uncertainty and danger, these officers willingly and without hesitation risked their own safety by placing themselves in harm's way for the peace and security of others. Their unwavering devotion to their fellow community members and their selfless acts of heroism demand and deserve our recognition.

Tragically, 182 of the 295 line of duty deaths this past year were COVID related, highlighting the risks police officers and all public safety and frontline workers faced during the pandemic to ensure the safety and wellbeing of their communities.

We also paid tribute to Arlington's seven heroic officers who have died in the line of duty. Our fallen heroes gave their lives for a safer and more secure Arlington and we are committed to always remembering their sacrifices, honoring their service and living and serving by their legacy. A memorial in their honor is located outside the Arlington County Courthouse. I welcome you to visit the memorial and [watch our Observance of Peace Officers Memorial Day](#) to learn more about their acts of valor.



Sincerely,
Andy Penn
 Acting Chief of Police

ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY

- The Office of Professional Responsibility investigated 3 personnel complaints in the month of April.
- The Department received 11 personnel commendations, including 9 from community members and 1 from another law enforcement agency.
- Personnel attended 3095.5 hours of training in April. Highlights of training topics include, but are not limited to, Fair and Impartial Policing Approach, Crisis Intervention Team Training, Peer Support Program Seminar, Realistic De-escalation of Force for Instructors, Stress Management: Caring for Yourself and Others, and Anti-Bias Training for Law Enforcement.
- As a result of a recent spike in re-vinned vehicles being sold to unsuspecting buyers and dealers, the Property Crimes Unit purchased three OBD2 Auto Code Readers to assist in identifying these vehicles. All Auto Unit detectives are trained in the VIN verification process and using the readers. When possible, they will respond to VIN verification calls for service.

INTERNAL AGENCY UPDATES

- Congratulations to the following personnel who were promoted on April 11, 2021:
 - **Rank of Corporal:** C. Burns, K. Francis, J. Pardee, D. Roehring and K. Roussin.
- The Department celebrated the retirements of Lieutenant Joseph Kantor, Sergeant Sean Carrig, Detective Cynthia Garcia, Detective Scott Wanek, Corporal David Munn and Corporal Michael Ravinskas. Together, these officers provided over 150 years of dedicated service to the Arlington community. We wish each of them the best of luck in retirement and their future endeavors.
- As part of our ongoing commitment to officers' wellness, the Training and Career Development Unit continues to coordinate and develop fitness classes for the Department. These classes include Intro to Rowing, Barbell Weightlifting, and Bodyweight Movements. Additionally, Master Police Officer Bercovicz continues to coordinate and manage the Department's yoga program with instructor Claudia Cavazza.

CRIME PREVENTION AND CONTROL – CRIME DATA

ARREST DATA ¹

Month	2019			2020 ³			2021		
	Adult	Juvenile	Total	Adult	Juvenile	Total	Adult	Juvenile	Total
April	261	24	285	191	10	201	183	3	186
Total (YTD)	1,108	108	1,216	1,007	101	1,108	752	24	776

OFFENSE DATA ²

April	2019	2020 ³	2021
All Cases	882	776	992
Homicide	0	1	0
Robbery	7	1	3
Aggravated Assault	14	15	20
Simple Assault	63	53	96
Motor Vehicle Theft	13	12	32
Burglary	8	11	15
Trespass	28	35	33
Larceny from Auto	53	66	61
Other Larceny	136	114	120
Vandalism	67	66	80
Sexual Assault	10	7	20
Weapons Offenses	11	6	4
Substance-Related Offense	186	120	90

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. All data is preliminary and subject to change based upon follow-up investigations. Offenses determined to be unfounded through investigation are not included. The 13 listed case types do not reflect all incidents reported and/or the total number of cases in the month.

³ Monthly data for CY 2020 is reflective of impacts during COVID-19 closures. As a result, three years worth of data has been added to this report to allow for a multi-year comparison.

CRIME PREVENTION AND CONTROL – APRIL SIGNIFICANT ARRESTS

The Police Department works diligently to provide high quality service to the community through the successful investigation of criminal offenses occurring in Arlington County. Below are some of the notable investigations undertaken during the month of April in support of the Department's key initiative of Crime Prevention and Control. Additional investigative information can be found in the [Police Newsroom](#), [Daily Crime Report](#), [Online Crime Map](#) and [Open Data Portal](#).

STRANGULATION, 2021-04130189, 1800 block of N. Uhle Street. On April 13th, police responded to the report of an assault in progress. Upon arrival it was determined that the male suspect approached the female victim from behind and tightly placed a rope or cord around her neck. The victim attempted to pull the object loose and fell to the ground with the suspect over her. The suspect then began to strangle her with his hands and stopped the attack when two witnesses arrived in the area. Detectives launched a thorough investigation, resulting in the identification of the suspect. He was [arrested and charged](#) with Strangulation and Abduction with Intent to Defile.

COMMERCIAL BURGLARY, 2021-04240046, 6000 block of Wilson Boulevard. On April 24th, officers conducting extra checks at commercial establishments observed a vehicle backed in front of a business with both front doors open. The front window of the business had been broken out and three suspects were observed exiting. Officers attempted to stop the suspects but they fled the scene on foot. During a search of the area, one juvenile suspect was located and taken into custody. He was [charged with various criminal offenses](#).

CRIME PREVENTION AND CONTROL – INVESTIGATIVE HIGHLIGHTS

NARCOTICS VIOLATION, 2021-04140035, 300 block of Army Navy Drive. On April 14th, an officer conducting proactive patrol observed a vehicle with signs of drug paraphernalia, and usage, in plain view parked at a hotel. Officers detained two suspects as they returned to the vehicle. One suspect was in possession of marijuana, and there were two empty gun holsters, and ammunition located in the vehicle. Detectives were notified and search warrants for the hotel room and vehicle were obtained. Inside the hotel room were two loaded Glock handguns, just under a pound of marijuana, and over \$16,000 in cash. The suspect was arrested and charged with Possession with Intent to Distribute Marijuana.

NARCOTICS VIOLATION, 2021-04160083, 400 block of 12th Street S. On April 16th, an officer conducted a traffic stop on an unregistered vehicle. During the course of the investigation, the officer determined the driver was operating the vehicle without a valid license. During an inventory search prior to towing the vehicle, a large quantity of crystal methamphetamine and cash were found. Detectives were contacted and a search warrant on a related hotel room was executed resulting in the recovery of approximately \$3,200 in cash and 2oz of crystal methamphetamine. The suspect was arrested and charged with Possession with Intent to Distribute Schedule II, Possession of Schedule IV and Transporting Controlled Substances into the Commonwealth.

POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY, 2021-04030122, 4800 block of 2nd Road N. On April 3, Arlington County Police received a report about possible crimes involving child pornography. During the course of the investigation, a suspect was identified and a search warrant related to his property was executed. Following a forensic review of the evidence, the suspect was arrested on five counts of possession of child pornography.

VANDALISM, 2021-04064010, 1500 block of Crystal Drive. On April 6th, police received an online report for a series of stickers with hate messaging placed at a train station. The Gang Unit, which reviews all reports of graffiti in the County, contacted the reporting party and obtained images of the stickers. The stickers were identical to a series previously investigated by the Unit which resulted in the identification and arrest of the suspect. The suspect was currently wanted by the Arlington County Sheriff's Office for Failure to Appear. On April 7th, officers were dispatched to the report of an individual trespassing on the train tracks from Long Bridge Park towards Crystal City and determined the individual was the wanted suspect. He was taken into custody without incident. The investigation into the stickers is ongoing at this time.

RECOVERED STOLEN AUTO, 2021-04080189, 900 block of S. Columbus Street. On April 8th, police received a report of a suspicious vehicle and recovered an unoccupied stolen vehicle. During the course of the investigation, detectives identified a juvenile suspect and sought petitions for Possession of a Stolen Vehicle and Conspiracy to Commit Grand Larceny Auto. The vehicle is believed to have been used in a separate criminal offense and that investigation is ongoing.

FELONY ELUDING, POSSESSION OF STOLEN VEHICLE, ALTERED VIN, 2021-03300177, Route 110 at Marshall Drive. On March 30th, an officer attempted a traffic stop on a vehicle displaying improper registration. The vehicle fled from the officer and was later recovered in Washington D.C. by United States Capitol Police. The vehicle was transported back to the Arlington County impound lot. Upon further investigation, it was determined that the vehicle was stolen out of Prince George's County, Maryland. The driver was arrested in D.C. for possession of a stolen firearm.

LARCENY, 2020-09140139, 4800 block of Old Dominion Drive. On April 28th, a wanted suspect responded to the police station to turn himself in on outstanding warrants for credit card theft and conspiracy to commit credit card theft. The investigation determined that the suspect and several conspirators targeted victims parked at a business in Arlington County and stole wallets containing credit and debit cards from their vehicles. The suspects used the cards immediately at businesses in Maryland to purchase laptops which they later sold for cash.

SEX OFFENSE, 2020-12110007, 2500 block of Arlington Boulevard. On December 11th, 2020, police investigated the report of a sexual battery during a residential burglary. The suspect was arrested on December 15th and [charged with various offenses](#). In April, following an extensive investigation, detectives obtained additional warrants against the suspect for Burglary with the Intent to Commit Rape and Attempted Rape.

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 April in support of the Department's key initiative of Transportation Safety.

- The Special Operations Section (SOS) supported 8 significant escorts during the month of April including the April 13th funeral escort for United States Capitol Police Officer William Evans who was killed in the line of duty defending the U.S. Capitol on April 2nd, 2021.
- A vehicle crash that occurred during the early morning hours of April 17th is being [investigated as a fatality](#) after the driver of one of the involved vehicles passed away from injuries sustained as a result of the crash.
- Officers continued enforcement of the hands-free law and allocated a total of 94.5 hours towards these efforts.
- Motor Officers assigned to the SOS competed in the NOVA Motorcycle Rodeo on April 24th & 25th. Officer Stephen Capizzi finished 1st in the Law Enforcement Novice Category and was one of the TOP 10 riders in the entire competition!
- The Alcohol Saturation Action Program (ASAP) is an enforcement campaign designed to make our roadways safer by identifying, stopping, and apprehending drivers who are under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Officers working ASAP made 7 DUI arrests, apprehended 2 fugitives, issued 113 traffic summonses, and 18 reckless driving summonses.
- Officers continue to conduct enforcement at specific locations based upon community concerns and crash data. These efforts resulted in an increased police presence, enforcement and education.

APRIL DEDICATED TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

Program	Hours in April
Radar Speed Enforcement	25*
Red Light	212.5
DMV Grant Funded Enforcement	58
Crash Reduction Program	142.75

*The department has completed the allotted hours of Radar Speed Enforcement for the fiscal year.



2021 NOVA Motorcycle Rodeo – April 24 & 25, 2021

CRASHES

Crash Type	Crashes in April
Total Crashes	105
Fatal Crashes	1
Serious Injury Crashes	1
Pedestrian-Involved Crashes	7

CITATIONS/WRITTEN WARNINGS

Month	Citations/Written Warnings Issued in April
April	1,636



ACPD conducted a Funeral Escort for Retired Police Chief William K. Stover on April 30, 2021

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 April in support of the department's key initiative of Community Engagement.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

- The Community Outreach Unit organized/participated in 8 civic association meetings and addressed 11 community-related concerns from residents.
- Members of the Unit continued the [permanent prescription drug take back program](#) and safely disposed of 215.8 lbs. of unused, unwanted or expired prescription medications turned into the four secure locations.
- Members of the Unit continued to assist the Arlington Food Assistance Center (AFAC) with their weekly food distribution in the Woodbury Park neighborhood.
- An Organized Crime Section detective attended a Drug Take Back event with the Department of Human Services at Culpepper Gardens on April 13th. Participants safely disposed of 11 pounds of prescription medication.
- Members of the Unit assisted Operation Gratitude with assembling 500 care packages to be sent to U.S. military personnel.
- On April 30th, members of ACPD and other regional law enforcement partners paid final respects to retired Chief of Police William K. "Smokey" Stover, who passed away from natural causes at the age of 89 years old on April 17th, 2020. Chief Stover was laid to rest at Arlington National Cemetery.

ENGAGEMENT

- Patrol officers from several squads, alongside members of the Community Outreach Unit, participated in the Green Valley Earth Day clean-up event on April 24th, where residents walked the neighborhoods to pick-up and remove trash.
- Patrol officers participated in the YMCA's Awaken Summer Imagination Event where they played games, engaged with attendees and showcased their cruisers.
- Members of the Community Outreach Unit participated in a Facebook Live event held in Spanish with representatives from the Colombian Consulate to provide information about the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) and education on Virginia traffic laws.
- Patrol officers from Adam Squad continued working with Officer M. Keen, Homeless Outreach Program coordinator, to identify individuals in need of services that they interacted with throughout the County. Officers also spoke with community members about the resources available to them if they are assisting with concerns regarding the mental health of neighbors.
- Members of the Tactical Operations Section met with a local family and their two children during training exercises. The children were excited to meet the officers and one of the children was even dressed in his own police uniform.
- Patrol officers from several squads provided establishments throughout Arlington County with information from the Business Outreach Unit on how to safeguard their businesses from criminal activity.
- Officer Velez of Adam Squad continues to provide fellow officers with stuffed bears to hand out to children that they encounter while on patrol in Arlington. The bears are handmade by the mother of fallen Metropolitan Police Department Officer Paul Dittamo.

ARLINGTON RESTAURANT INITIATIVE (ARI) AND THE NIGHTLIFE DETAIL

- The Nightlife detail saw an increase in patron counts in Clarendon and Crystal City during the month of April.
- On March 23rd, Governor Northam issued Fourth Amended Executive Order (EO) 72, which allowed for all indoor private bookings to be limited to 50 people, and outdoor private bookings to be limited to 100 people. On April 21st, Governor Northam issued Fifth Amended EO 72, which allowed for patrons to be seated at the bar of establishments for service, provided a minimum of six feet is maintained between parties. All Virginians five years of age and older are required to wear a facial covering in indoor public spaces and outdoors when unable to maintain at least six feet of distance between parties. All restaurant dining and congregation areas can be open until 12 a.m., while delivery and take-out services may be offered between the hours of 12 a.m. and 5 a.m. The on-site sale, consumption, and possession of alcohol is prohibited after 12 a.m. in any restaurant. Delivery and take-out of mixed beverages can be sold until 11 p.m. and beer and wine can be sold until 12 a.m.
- There were five [Bar Safe Violations](#) issued during the month of April by the Nightlife Detail.
- A total of eleven fake identifications were collected by the Nightlife Detail for the month of April.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT (continued)

CRISIS INTERVENTION TEAM (CIT)

- Members of the Operational Support Section met with CIT staff to reestablish regularly scheduled CIT training. A 40-hour class for 10 officers and 10 Arlington County Sheriff's Deputies was held beginning on April 19th.
- The Operational Support Section continues to liaison with the Department of Human Services (DHS) and attends monthly meetings held by different departments within the County, including Mental Health Criminal Justice Review Committee, Arlington Addiction Recovery Initiative and other diversionary programs.
- The Co-Responder program has continued through the month of April, but has transitioned to being based out of the Emergency Communications Center. Following this transition, multiple calls for service have been addressed by DHS clinicians either over the phone or by scheduling an appropriate response to the individuals needs.
- The Alternative Transportation detail continued through April. Alternative Transportation is a Department funded initiative where overtime officers provide safe and secure transportation for those under a temporary detention order (TDO) to treatment facilities throughout the Commonwealth when the State funded transportation company is unavailable. The transportation is trauma-informed and focused on the individuals' recovery and engagement in treatment.

AUXILIARY UNIT

- Auxiliary officers provided a total of 361 hours of service for the month of April (1,108 total for the calendar year 2021). This service includes 64 safety seat inspections, 101 bicycle registrations, and seven security surveys.

RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION

- The Recruitment and Retention Unit (R&RU) hosted three testing dates for police officer applicants. In total, 20 applicants completed the Police Entrance Exam and the Physical Agility Test (PAT), with 15 of those applicants advancing to the next stage of the hiring process.
- The Unit continues to utilize Handshake to conduct outreach to potential applicants and share information about careers within the Department.

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS

- Members of the SRO Unit continued participating in the retail theft program. While participating at County malls and shopping areas, they received three calls for service, resulting in one misdemeanor arrest and two banning notices.
- Members of the Unit assisted APS in coordinating several graduation parades for middle schools across the County.

HOMELESS OUTREACH PROGRAM (HOP)

- HOP received seven referrals for service and had 97 contacts with unsheltered individuals in need of services.
- Members of the program continue to perform joint homeless outreach with the DHS at various locations throughout the County, distributing food, clothing and personal protective equipment (PPE), and discussing compliance with upcoming appointments with DHS.
- Members of the program, along with the help of additional County employees, assisted with the removal of an encampment in the 5100 block of Wilson Boulevard and connected the individual with services.
- Members of the Community Outreach Unit provided a presentation to the Rotary Club of D.C. about the Homeless Outreach Program.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH UNIT:

National Prescription Drug Take Back Day– April 24, 2021

The Community Outreach Unit and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) provided the public with the opportunity to dispose of potentially dangerous expired, unused, unwanted prescription drugs on April 24th. This was the DEA's 20th event since its inception over 10 years ago. During this free and anonymous contactless drive-thru event, Arlingtonians disposed of 205 lbs. of medications. Community members who were unable to attend this event can continue to utilize the [four permanent prescription drug take back boxes](#) available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS



On Friday, April 23rd, ACPD held a promotional ceremony to recognize officers recently promoted to the ranks of Captain, Lieutenant, Sergeant and Corporal. Congratulations to all on your hard work!



Thank you to everyone who helped K9 Lucas celebrate his 5th birthday on April 27th! He spent the day taking in all of the sights and sounds that Arlington County has to offer.



ACPD officers had a great time interacting with community members, playing games and showcasing their cruisers at YMCA's Awaken Summer Imagination Event on April 24th.



Members of the Arlington Restaurant Initiative (ARI) began placing 'Ask for Angela' stickers on the doors/windows of participating establishments, letting patrons know that they can ask for assistance if needed.



ACPD has previously been the recipient of Operation Gratitude and was honored to have the opportunity to pay it forward by joining their efforts in assembling care packages for military members and their families.



DHS conducted another iteration of Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) for ACPD, ACSO, community corrections and federal partners to provide them with the skills to work safely and effectively with those in crisis.



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