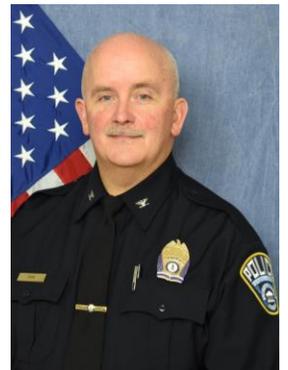




MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE

When I was appointed to Chief of Police in 2021, I reaffirmed our commitment to employee physical and mental health by establishing *Employee Wellness* as one of our department's four key initiatives. Collectively, as an agency, we recognize there is inherent stress associated with the law enforcement profession and we are focused on ensuring officers and civilian staff have the necessary support and resources for their health and wellbeing so they can provide the best services to our community.

In May 2021, the County accepted a donation of services from the [Cummins Foundation for Behavioral Health](#) to conduct research on occupational stressors and develop a holistic wellness model for Arlington County first responders that can also serve as a template for public safety agencies around the country. The Foundation has implemented the project in phases and began by asking officers to complete a needs assessment. The Foundation also completed a review of the police department's current programs and resources regarding mental health and wellness to refine our evidence-based approach and ensure alignment with best practices.



At the conclusion of the first year of the research project, another assessment was completed which indicated positive impacts on employee wellness through established programs and resources. In accordance with these findings, the Foundation recently approved funding for a second year of research with the department and will continue to support and expand wellness programs, including a health coach, nutritionist, physical fitness training, health fair and app-based resources. We are grateful for their continued partnership and ongoing commitment to the overall wellbeing of our personnel.

Andy Penn
Chief of Police

ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY

- The Office of Professional Responsibility investigated three external personnel complaints in the month of February.
- During the month of February, the department received a total of eight personnel commendations through community emails and calls.
- Personnel completed 1,541 hours of training in February. Highlights of training topics include, but are not limited to, Resiliency Training, Fentanyl Safety and Awareness and Peer Support Training.
- There were four instances of officers performing CPR on individuals experiencing a medical emergency.
- There were six applications of Narcan by officers for an obvious narcotics overdose 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: A detective in the Criminal Investigations Division for his demonstrated commitment to the department's key initiative of Crime Prevention and Control through effective criminal investigations.
- Civilian Employee of the Month: Ashley Savage of the Media Relations and Public Affairs Office for her professionalism, dependability, dedication and knowledge in support and management of the agency's communications.
- During the month of February, ACPD celebrated the distinguished careers of the following retiring officers:
 - Corporal T. Binckley – 28 years of service
 - Corporal K. Treakle – 26 years of service
- On February 21, ACPD's Recruitment and Retention Unit was recognized during the CARES Employee Spotlight at the Recessed County Board Meeting for their dedicated efforts to recruiting and hiring qualified police officer candidates.
- On February 22, ACPD's Community Engagement Division was recognized during the County Manager's Excellence Awards for their commitment to public safety and enhancing relationships across Arlington.

CRIME PREVENTION AND CONTROL – CRIME DATA

ARREST DATA ¹

Month	2021			2022			2023		
	Adult	Juvenile	Total	Adult	Juvenile	Total	Adult	Juvenile	Total
February	163	11	174	210	4	214	254	29	283
Total (YTD)	365	13	378	442	8	450	515	47	562

OFFENSE DATA ²

February	2021	2022	2023
All Cases	929	1,107	1,211
Homicide	0	1	0
Robbery	7	9	20
Aggravated Assault	13	25	30
Simple Assault	49	98	102
Motor Vehicle Theft	26	22	25
Burglary	22	12	16
Trespass	45	30	24
Larceny from Auto	95	53	44
Other Larceny	133	200	194
Vandalism	57	63	92
Sexual Assault	7	11	8
Weapons Offenses	13	5	12
Substance-Related Offense	112	60	75

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.

CRIME PREVENTION AND CONTROL

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 February in support of the Department's key initiative of Crime Prevention and Control. Additional investigative information can be found in the [Police News & Crime Reports](#), [Online Crime Map](#) and [Open Data Portal](#).

SUSPECT CHARGED IN COURTHOUSE ROAD SHOOTING

On February 15, police were dispatched to the report of a shooting inside a parking garage in the 1300 block of N. Courthouse Road. Responding officers located an adult male suffering from a gunshot wound and immediately began rendering aid. He was transported to an area hospital with injuries considered serious but non-life-threatening.

The male initially reported to police that he was placing items into his vehicle when an unknown individual wearing a ski mask approached, demanded his wallet and shot him. During the course of the investigation, detectives uncovered numerous inconsistencies between the suspect's account of the incident and evidence recovered. The investigation ultimately determined the suspect shot himself and tried to make it appear as though an attempted robbery had occurred. He was taken into custody on the afternoon of February 27, 2023, after his release from the hospital for injuries sustained during the incident. He was [arrested and charged](#) with Felon in Possession of a Firearm, Discharge Firearm in Public and False Police Report. He is being held without bond in the Arlington County Detention Facility.

CRIME PREVENTION AND CONTROL – INVESTIGATIVE HIGHLIGHTS

ASSAULT & BATTERY, 2023-02010147, 1000 block of N. Vermont Street. On February 1, police were dispatched to the report of a dispute inside a vehicle. Responding officers located the vehicle and the investigation determined the known occupants became engaged in a verbal dispute which escalated into an active fight, during which the suspect attempted to strangle the victim. As officers attempted to take the suspect into custody, he actively resisted arrest. Following a brief struggle, he was arrested and charged with Assault & Battery, Attempted Strangulation and Obstruction of Justice.

NARCOTICS VIOLATION, 2023-02060204, I-395 at Boundary Channel Drive. On February 6, a patrol officer observed a vehicle traveling in the area whose registered owner was wanted out of Fairfax County, Virginia. The officer conducted a traffic stop and took the driver into custody without incident. During a search of the vehicle prior to towing, suspected narcotics were recovered. The suspect was arrested and charged with a narcotics violation and served with the Fairfax County warrant.

WEAPONS VIOLATION, 2023-02070006, 3300 block of Langston Boulevard. On February 7, an officer conducting checks in the area observed a child who appeared to be unattended inside a vehicle. Upon further investigation, the officer observed the female suspect in the backseat in the process of using Schedule I/II narcotics. During a search of the vehicle, suspected narcotics and a firearm were recovered. The suspect was arrested and charged.

WARRANT SERVICE, 2023-02070034, 1600 block of 26th Street S. On February 7, the Arlington County Police Department assisted Fairfax County Police Department with serving a petition on a juvenile suspect for an armed carjacking that occurred in their jurisdiction. The suspect was taken into custody without incident and a search warrant was executed at the residence.

FRAUD, 2023-02080099, 2400 block of Columbia Pike. On February 8, police were dispatched to the report of fraud. Upon arrival, it was determined the female suspect attempted to pass a fraudulent check at a bank. While the bank was researching the check, the suspect fled the scene on foot. During the course of the investigation, the officer identified the suspect and obtained warrants for her arrest for fraud charges.

WEAPONS VIOLATION, 2023-02090010, 18th Street S. at S. Fern Street. On February 9, a patrol officer observed a vehicle fail to stop at a red light and conducted a traffic stop. During the course of the investigation, it was determined that the vehicle was not registered and a loaded firearm was located concealed in the driver's pocket. He was arrested and charged with weapon and traffic offenses.

WARRANT SERVICE, 2023-02100267, 2400 block of S. Lowell Street. On February 10, officers conducted a traffic stop and took a suspect wanted out of Alexandria, Virginia into custody for a shooting that occurred earlier in the day in their jurisdiction. The suspect was transferred to the custody of Alexandria Police.

RECOVERED STOLEN AUTO, 2023-02120137, 800 block of Army Navy Drive. On February 12, an officer conducting extra checks in the area located a parked, unoccupied vehicle displaying what appeared to be a fictitious temporary license plate. The investigation determined the vehicle had been stolen out of Manassas Park, Virginia. The suspect was detained as he returned to the vehicle and charged with vehicle-related offenses.

FRAUD, 2023-02190090, 1200 block of S. Hayes Street. On February 19, police were dispatched to the report of a fraud in progress. Upon arrival, it was determined two suspects rented a hotel room by using a stolen identity and credit card information. Responding officers made contact with the suspects in the hotel room, during which they provided false identifications. During a search of one of the suspects incident to arrest, suspected narcotics were located on his person. The two suspects were arrested and charged with fraud offenses and one suspect was charged with a narcotics offense.

NARCOTICS VIOLATION, 2023-02250001, Columbia Pike at S. Dinwiddie Street. On February 25, an officer observed a vehicle traveling in the area whose registered owner was wanted by the Arlington County Sheriff's Office. A traffic stop was conducted and the driver was taken into custody without incident. During a search of the vehicle, a firearm was located under the driver's seat and suspected narcotics were recovered. The driver was arrested and charged with weapon and narcotics offenses.

WARRANT SERVICE, 2023-02270119, 800 block of Army Navy Drive. On February 27, officers located a parked, unoccupied stolen vehicle. The suspect, who was wanted out of Stafford County, Virginia in relation to the stolen vehicle, was taken into custody when he returned to the vehicle.

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

- The Special Operations Section (SOS) assisted with seven escorts and one special event during the month of February.
- Officers continued enforcement of the hands-free law and allocated a total of 42.5 hours towards these efforts.
- The Alcohol Safety 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 three DUI arrests, issued 41 traffic summonses, 12 speeding summonses, and eight reckless driving summonses.
- SOS's Motor Officers had the distinct honor of conducting a series of escorts for veterans of the Battle of Iwo Jima and their families.
- ACPD investigated a [fatal single vehicle crash in Shirlington](#) that occurred in the early morning of February 21.
- In partnership with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, ACPD [shared information ahead of Super Bowl LVII](#) about the importance of planning ahead with a sober ride home.
- On February 8, ACPD celebrated Crossing Guard Appreciation Day. No matter the weather, our crossing guards ensure that Arlington Public School students can safely travel to and from school. We appreciate all they do for the community and in support of our department's key initiative of Transportation safety.

DEDICATED TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

Program	Hours in February
LIDAR Speed Enforcement	315.5
Red Light	189
DMV Grant Funded Enforcement	65
Crash Reduction Program	118

CRASHES

Crash Type	Crashes in February
Total Crashes	124
Fatal Crashes	1
Serious Injury Crashes	2
Pedestrian-Involved Crashes	7

CITATIONS/WRITTEN WARNINGS

Month	Citations/Written Warnings Issued in February
February	2,183



Crossing Guard Appreciation Day – February 8



Veterans of the Battle of Iwo Jima Escort – February 17

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

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

Community Outreach Unit

Events Attended	17
Meetings Attended	23
Presentations Conducted	11
Community Complaints Addressed	1

Business Outreach Unit

Meetings Attended	19
Fake Identifications Collected	44
Bar Safe Violations Issued	1
Special Event Permit Reviews	11
Proactive Engagement Contacts During Nightlife Detail	326

Auxiliary Police Unit

Monthly Service Hours	99
Safety Seat Inspections Conducted	48
Bicycles Registered	56
Special Events Supported	0
Residential Safety Survey	1

Prescription Drug Take-Back Program

Prescription Medication Disposed Of	260.2 pounds
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COMMUNITY AND YOUTH OUTREACH UNITS



Corporal Ernesto from the Youth Outreach Unit (YOU) escorted Cardinal Elementary school lottery winners to school and met with the safety patrols to thank them for their hard work.



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Thank you BUGATA (Buckingham and Gates of Arlington Tenants Association) for inviting Chief Penn and Cpl. Montoya to your meeting to discuss public safety concerns and to answer questions.

PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS



ACPD's Recruitment and Retention Unit was recognized during the CARES Employee Spotlight at the Recessed County Board Meeting on February 21.



Members of ACPD took an icy dip during the Polar Plunge on February 18 at Leesylvania State Park to raise funds to benefit Special Olympics Virginia.



Corporal Ernesto of the Community Engagement Division's Youth Outreach Unit (YOU) stopped by this lemonade stand operated by some young entrepreneurs on a warm February day.



Det. Mazzella of the Digital Forensics Unit and Det. Bello of the Financial Crimes Unit recently presented to a group of APS students enrolled in a FBI Cyber STEM program.



Officers graduated from the CIT program which provides personnel with the skills to work safely and effectively with people in crisis and provides options beyond incarceration to people with mental illness.



Kusshi Sushi in Pentagon Row donated bento boxes to officers working Patrol-Delta Squad in recognition of their hard work in our community. Thank you for your kind generosity!



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