



MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE

I truly believe the Arlington County Police Department is at our best when we are working collaboratively with the community. I also recognize that this is a transformational time in the law enforcement profession and a true period of opportunity to work with the community in determining the future of policing in Arlington. As we continue to advance best practices in alignment with 21st Century Policing, I want to ensure the department is providing a level of service that reflects the values and expectations of the Arlington community.



I invite members of the Arlington community, organizations, and businesses to join me at [Community Conversations with the Chief](#) throughout Arlington this summer. Similar to our popular *Coffee with a Cop* series, these community conversations will have no speeches or agenda. This is an informal opportunity for the police department to hear directly from you, our community, on areas we are doing well, areas for continued growth, and the vision of the agency moving forward. This critical feedback, along with internal conversations with ACPD personnel, will assist in the formulation of our strategic plan, which will be shared with the community later this year.

I recognize that we cannot do our job effectively without working tirelessly to establish productive partnerships and relationships. I am proud of the strong relationships we've built in the community but recognize there is still more work to do. Through events such as these *Community Conversations*, I hope to build trust, increase transparency, and establish open lines of communication. I look forward to speaking with you this summer and hearing your thoughts and concerns.

Sincerely,
Andy Penn
 Chief of Police

ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY

- The Office of Professional Responsibility investigated 5 personnel complaints for the month of June.
- The Department received 17 personnel commendations for the month of June, including 10 emails and 3 letters from community members, 3 from Arlington County Government agencies and 1 from an outside law enforcement agency.
- Personnel attended 3,553 hours of training in June. Highlights of training topics include, but are not limited to, Police One: Anti-Bias Training for Law Enforcement, Assisting Individuals in Crisis, Police One: Constitutional and Community Policing, Ethics, Integrity, and Procedural Justice, Project Lifesaver, and Crisis Communication Basics.
- There were 4 applications of Narcan by officers for obvious narcotics overdoses prior to the arrival of medics on scene.

INTERNAL AGENCY UPDATES

- During Arlington Chamber of Commerce's State of the County and Public Safety Awards, Detective Sloan received the Meritorious Service Award and Lieutenant Pilco, Corporal Pehrson, and Corporal Lugasi received Life-Saving Awards.
- On June 4th, ACPD celebrated the distinguished career of MPO Keith Ahn who retired after serving the Arlington community for 30+ years.
- On Monday, June 14th, the 23 recruit officers from Session 144 [graduated](#) from the Northern Virginia Criminal Justice Training Academy (NVCJTA) and began their post-academy local training program the following day. Post academy training is a four-week program designed to act as a bridge between basic training and field training, where recruit officers learn Arlington specific protocols and procedures, including critical legal constructs, court and courtroom procedures, methods pertaining to responding to in progress calls and DUI investigations. De-escalation techniques are incorporated into and constantly reinforced throughout our department training curriculum.

CRIME PREVENTION AND CONTROL – CRIME DATA

ARREST DATA ¹

Month	2019			2020 ³			2021		
	Adult	Juvenile	Total	Adult	Juvenile	Total	Adult	Juvenile	Total
June	256	26	282	164	5	169	225	7	232
Total (YTD)	1,619	153	1,772	1,385	114	1,499	1,179	35	1,214

OFFENSE DATA ²

June	2019	2020 ³	2021
All Cases	1,043	907	1,129
Homicide	0	1	0
Robbery	13	7	14
Aggravated Assault	13	13	11
Simple Assault	82	52	99
Motor Vehicle Theft	25	26	26
Burglary	11	17	20
Trespass	56	40	40
Larceny from Auto	92	55	68
Other Larceny	159	149	177
Vandalism	78	76	78
Sexual Assault	19	10	15
Weapons Offenses	7	8	5
Substance-Related Offense	168	121	105

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

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 June 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](#).

FALSE REPORT TO POLICE, 2021-06200149, Clarendon neighborhood. On June 20, police were dispatched to the Clarendon Metro for the report of a strong-arm robbery. The reporting party advised that a known individual, who he is prohibited from having contact with, approached him and forcefully took his cell phone from his hand. Upon further investigation, it was determined that the reporting party, in violation of a protective order, went to the place of employment of the individual and then fabricated the robbery story. The reporting party was charged with Violation of Protection Order and Filing a False Police Report.

FALSE REPORT TO POLICE, 2021-06200136, Arlington Mill neighborhood. On June 20, police responded to the report of a breaking and entering in progress. The reporting party stated that 1 to 4 armed males were attempting to kick in his door. Responding officers made entry to the building and did not observe anyone in the hallway of the residence. Contact was made with the reporting party and it was determined that he was suffering from a mental health crisis. He was referred to services.

CRIME PREVENTION AND CONTROL – INVESTIGATIVE HIGHLIGHTS

POSSESSION WITH INTENT TO DISTRIBUTE METHANPHETAMINE, GD-20-0055. As part of an ongoing narcotics investigation, detectives executed a search warrant on the suspect's vehicle, resulting in the seizure of approximately six pounds of crystal methamphetamine and a handgun. A search warrant obtained and executed at the suspect's residence resulted in the seizure of approximately two ounces of crystal methamphetamine and three more handguns. The investigation is ongoing.

POSSESSION WITH INTENT TO DISTRIBUTE MARIJUANA, 2021-06100153, 1200 block of N. Queen Street. Acting on intelligence information from the FBI Cross Borders Task Force regarding marijuana and promethazine codeine traffickers, detectives initiated an investigation into an Arlington residence. As a result of the investigation, a search warrant was obtained and executed which resulted in the recovery of approximately 4.5 pounds of marijuana, over \$36,000 cash, over 2,000 pre-printed unused bags, a money counter, 5.7 mm ammunition, and 9 mm handgun ammunition. The investigation is ongoing.

POSSESSION WITH INTENT TO DISTRIBUTE SCHEDULE I, 2021-06290202, I-66 WB at Glebe Road. On June 29, an officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle displaying improper registration. An inventory search prior to towing the vehicle resulted in the recovery of a distribution amount of fentanyl, user amount of cocaine and cash. The investigation is ongoing.

NARCOTICS VIOLATION, 2021-06030086, 6500 block of 29th Street N. As part of an ongoing narcotics investigation, detectives from Arlington, Fairfax, and the Drug Enforcement Administration executed a search warrant at a residence resulting in the discovery of a large-scale marijuana manufacturing operation. The residents associated with the location were distributing several pounds of marijuana, THC wax, THC liquid and THC vapes through an Instagram account. The search warrant resulted in the recovery of \$11,380 cash, 219 lbs. of THC cartridges, 144 lbs. of THC liquid, 65.6 lbs. of marijuana, 11.8 lbs. of edibles, 80.8 lbs. of THC wax, and 5.2 lbs. of mushrooms. The investigation is ongoing.

NARCOTICS VIOLATION, 2021-06050263, Lee Highway at N. Glebe Road. On June 5, police received an alert for a stolen vehicle associated with a wanted subject. A responding officer located the vehicle, conducted a traffic stop and took the driver into custody. A search of the vehicle incident to arrest resulted in the recovery of fentanyl, heroin, and drug paraphernalia. The driver was charged with Possession of Scheduled I/II Substances and Driving While Suspended.

NARCOTICS VIOLATION, 2021-06110001, 2400 block of South Glebe Road. On June 11, a patrol officer conducting extra checks in the area received information about an individual asleep behind the wheel of a running vehicle. Upon approaching the vehicle, the officer observed suspected drugs and drug paraphernalia in plain view. A search of the vehicle resulted in the recovery of approximately 1.5 ounces of cocaine and a user amount of fentanyl. The driver was arrested and charged Possession with Intent to Distribute Schedule I/II, Importation of a Controlled Substance, and Possession of a Schedule I/II.

WEAPONS VIOLATION, 2021-06280018, I-395 at S. Eads Street. On June 28, an officer conducting speed enforcement in the area of Washington Boulevard and Columbia Pike observed a vehicle traveling faster than the posted speed limit and effected a traffic stop. Upon making contact with the driver, he was determined to be driving without a license. During a search of the vehicle prior to towing, a bag containing a handgun was recovered. The driver was charged with Reckless Driving, No Operators License, and Carrying a Concealed Weapon.

RECOVERED CARJACKED VEHICLE, 2021-06220073, 800 block of Army Navy Drive. On June 22, police received an alert for a stolen vehicle taken in an armed carjacking in Washington D.C. Officers located the unoccupied vehicle and monitored the area. Four suspects were taken into custody when they returned to the vehicle. During a search of the vehicle, two loaded semi-automatic handguns were recovered. An adult and juvenile suspect were charged. The investigation is ongoing.

WARRANT SERVICE, 2021-06300035, N. Highland Street at 11th Street N. On June 30, a parking service aide conducting parking enforcement received an alert on a parked, unoccupied vehicle whose registered owner was wanted related to a felony hit and run out of Fairfax City. Officers established a perimeter and observed a male matching the suspect description approach and enter the vehicle. The officers took the suspect into custody without incident.

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

- During the month of June, the police department participated in the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's high-visibility *Click-It or Ticket* Campaign. Officers dedicated 864.5 hours to the campaign's education and enforcement efforts.
- The Special Operations Section (SOS) supported nine significant escorts during the month of June, including three for military veterans being laid to rest at Arlington National Cemetery.
- The SOS also assisted with three Special Events, including the Armed Forces Cycling Classic held at National Landing, and the Clarendon Cup. The races occurred the weekend of June 5th – 6th, and involved professional and amateur cyclists from around the country.
- Officers continued enforcement of the hands-free law and allocated a total of 97 hours towards these efforts.
- Officers continue to address community traffic concerns throughout the County. During the month of June, these efforts included stop sign violations and speeding near Yorktown High School and speed enforcement on east and westbound Lee Highway. Community members can report ongoing transportation safety complaints using an [online form](#).
- 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 14 DUI arrests, issued 71 traffic summons and 17 reckless driving summonses, and made two felony arrests.

DEDICATED TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

Program	Hours in June
Radar Speed Enforcement	251
Red Light	135
DMV Grant Funded Enforcement	111
Crash Reduction Program	64



Heroes Charity Golf Tournament – June 24th

CRASHES

Crash Type	Crashes in June
Total Crashes	120
Fatal Crashes	0
Serious Injury Crashes	1
Pedestrian-Involved Crashes	2



Outside Arlington National Cemetery - June 3rd

CITATIONS/WRITTEN WARNINGS

Month	Citations/Written Warnings Issued in June
June	1,875

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

COMMUNITY EVENTS

- The Community Outreach Unit participated in six civic association meetings as well as six community events, while addressing eight community-related concerns from residents.
- Community Outreach Unit members continued the [permanent prescription drug take back program](#) and safely disposed of 349.8 lbs. of unused, unwanted, or expired prescription medications turned into the four secure locations.
- Community Outreach Unit members continued to assist the Arlington Food Assistance Center (AFAC) with their weekly food distribution in the Woodbury Park neighborhood, filling and distributing approximately 315 bags of groceries.
- Lieutenant Washington, along with members of the Community Outreach Unit, attended and participated in Arlington County's Juneteenth Peace Rally at the Bozman Government Center.
- On June 25th, members of the LGBTQ+ Liaison Team and Arlington Restaurant Initiative (ARI) held a *Pride with the Police* event at Freddie's Beach Bar and Restaurant. This informal event provided community members with an opportunity to discuss any of their public safety concerns or issues with team members and other ACPD personnel.
- Members of the LGBTQ+ Liaison Team attended a panel discussion hosted by Freddie's Beach Bar and Restaurant, with speakers from the National Landing BID, Amazon, Equality Chamber of Commerce, and the Arlington Gay and Lesbian Alliance, to learn how to create safe spaces for LGBTQ+ employees.

ENGAGEMENT

- Lieutenant Washington continued working with Restorative Arlington to implement the Youth and Young Adult Restorative Justice Program. Along with the county coordinator, they conducted a restorative justice familiarization training session with members of the Special Operations Section.
- Officer Douglas of Adam Squad engaged with community members living in the neighborhoods off of Military Road, Lorcom Lane, and Old Dominion Road and informed them about the ways they could ensure their homes and vehicles were secured during the nighttime hours.
- Multiple Midnight Officers engaged with community members experiencing homelessness, hunger, and mental illness. Officers obtained food and water for these individuals, discussed available services with them and made referrals to services offered by other county agencies.
- During routine patrols, Officer Mellone of Echo Squad located residences with open garage doors and made contact with the homeowners, reminding them of the importance of securing their property during the nighttime hours.
- Members of the Community Outreach Unit attended the Green Valley Civic Association public safety work group meeting to discuss recent community concerns and begin developing ways to address the issues.

ARLINGTON RESTAURANT INITIATIVE (ARI) AND THE NIGHTLIFE DETAIL

- The Nightlife Detail saw increased patron counts during the month of June in Clarendon and Crystal City.
- Members of ARI organized and participated in 12 meetings with restaurant and business owners.
- There were nine [Bar Safe](#) Violations issued during the month of June.
- A total of 215 fake identifications were collected by the Nightlife detail during the month of June.

RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION

- The Recruitment and Retention Unit (R&RU) hosted two testing dates for patrol officer applicants. In total, 20 applicants completed the Police Entrance Exam and the Physical Agility Test (PAT), with 13 of those applicants advancing to the next stage of the hiring process.
- The R&RU continues to utilize Handshake to conduct outreach to potential applicants and share information about careers within the Department.
- Corporal Brooks, who previously played for the Pittsburgh Steelers, attended and participated in the [NFL Players Association's](#) virtual career development program and spoke with student athletes who are interested in pursuing careers in law enforcement.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT (continued)

CRISIS INTERVENTION TEAM (CIT)

- On June 29th and 30th, members of the Business Outreach Unit (BOU) provided training to the Department of Human Services (DHS) clinicians to better equip them for work in the field. Lieutenant Troyano worked with DHS and Business Outreach Unit to coordinate and establish these training sessions.
- The Co-Responder program has continued through the month of June, but has transitioned to being based out of the Emergency Communications Center, and is now staffed by a DHS clinician full-time. Incidents continue to be diverted from patrol to the clinician for assistance over the phone or for help scheduling a more appropriate response to the individual's needs.

AUXILIARY UNIT

- Auxiliary officers provided a total of 322.5 hours of service for the month of June (1,613.5 total for the 2021 calendar year). This service includes 60 safety seat inspections, 187 bicycle registrations, and two residential/business security surveys.

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS (SRO)

- Members of the School Resource Officer (SRO) unit continued high-visibility presence in local neighborhoods and around public schools.
- Members of the SRO unit processed 16 community member walk-in police incident reports at the Records Office, 47 reports from the telephone reporting number, and 103 online reports.
- During the last two weeks of school, SROs provided traffic control assistance at three school crossings for morning arrival and afternoon dismissal to supplement the Crossing Guard Unit.

HOMELESS OUTREACH PROGRAM (HOP)

- HOP received 10 referrals for service and had 31 contacts with unsheltered individuals in need of service.
- Members of HOP visited a formerly homeless subject to deliver household goods, which were donated by ACPD officers. This subject is newly housed and acquired housing as a result of a housing lottery facilitated by the joint homeless outreach coalition in Arlington County.
- Members of HOP delivered donated clothing, books, toys, and household items to [Bridges to Independence](#), a shelter for women and children located in Arlington County.
- HOP performed joint homeless outreach with Stephanie Funkhauser, a [PathForward](#) nurse. Food, medical supplies, and medication were delivered to several unsheltered subjects in need.
- HOP received an email from a woman in the Shenandoah Valley who had heard of the program and was attempting to locate her adult son, who she believed to be in Arlington. She had not heard from her son in six weeks and knew her son to be experiencing substance abuse. She was concerned for his well-being and wanted to determine his status. Coordinating with other members of the larger Homeless Outreach Coalition, Officer Keen was able to locate her son within the day. Additional follow-up is pending.

ENGAGEMENT SPOTLIGHT: OFFICERS IN THE COMMUNITY



On June 6th, K9 Lucas and his handler, Cpl. Gardner, worked to ensure the safety of participants and spectators at the 2021 Armed Forces Cycling Classic.



On June 30th, the Community Outreach Unit attended the Laurel Mews neighborhood gathering thanks to an invite from the HOA President, a Citizen's Police Academy grad!



On June 30th, Officer Montoya treated himself to a freshly-made snow cone in an effort to stay cool and refreshed during these warm summer months!

PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS



On June 14th, Arlington County swore in 23 new Police Officers, following graduation from Session 144 of the Northern Virginia Criminal Justice Academy.



On June 5th, the Rogers family graciously donated a taco bar lunch from District Taco to ACPD's Baker and Delta Squad officers. We are truly grateful for their generosity and support!



Chief Penn presented Lt. Pilco, Cpl. Pehrson, and Cpl. Lugasi with the Life-Saving Award and Det. Sloan with the Meritorious Service Award on behalf of the Arlington Chamber Public Safety Awards.



In recognition of Pride Month, ACPD hosted *Pride with the Police* at Freddie's Bar & Restaurant, where community members engaged with members of ACPD and discussed any public safety concerns.



Chief Penn, Deputy Chief Cassidy, and Deputy Chief Vincent met with Representative Don Breyer to discuss ways to improve transparency and collaboration to keep Arlington a safe community.



On June 16th, officers participated in the annual Law Enforcement Torch Run to help raise awareness and support for the Virginia Special Olympics athletes.



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