



MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE

I am incredibly humbled to be selected to serve as the Chief of the Arlington County Police Department. Leading this agency is the greatest honor of my professional career. As Chief, I commit to having an open, accountable and accessible police department that will work collaboratively with everyone to build trust. I believe trust comes through increased transparency, accountability, respect and communication. I recognize that we cannot do our job effectively without working tirelessly to establish productive partnerships and relationships with those we serve. I will also continue implementing recommendations of the [police practices group](#), including: a focus on data transparency, advancing co-response for mental health crisis, increasing diversity of our workforce, strengthening officer training on bias-free principles, working with a newly established Civilian Review Board, establishing alternatives for dispute resolution and other important areas including racial equity.



This is a transformational time in the law enforcement profession and I see this as a true period of opportunity to work collaboratively with our community in determining the future of policing in Arlington. I believe it is important to first engage with the community, as well as members of the Department, before outlining our comprehensive strategic plan. Throughout the summer, I will be hosting a series of community conversations 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. These engagements, coupled with internal conversations with personnel, will assist us in formulating our plan. I encourage you to [watch my message to the Arlington Community](#) and subscribe to [police news](#) to stay informed about the upcoming community conversations and other police information.

Sincerely,
Andy Penn
Chief of Police

ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY

- The Office of Professional Responsibility investigated 5 personnel complaints for the month of May.
- The Department received 14 personnel commendations, including 3 from community members, 2 from other departments within Arlington County, and 4 from other law enforcement agencies.
- Personnel attended 2522 hours of training in May. Highlights of training topics include, but are not limited to, Alzheimer's and Autism Awareness for Law Enforcement, Basic Crisis Negotiation, Changing Perceptions: A Fair and Impartial Policing Approach, Police One: Anti-Bias Training for Law Enforcement, Trauma Response and the Criminal Justice System.
- There were 6 applications of Narcan by officers for obvious narcotics overdoses prior to the arrival of medics on scene.

INTERNAL AGENCY UPDATES

- Members of the Department attended a ceremony hosted by the Metropolitan Police Department, alongside the Arlington County Fire Department and other local police departments, in which they received the Medal of Valor, recognizing their assistance during the January 6th insurrection at the U.S. Capitol.
- Ten (10) Captain candidates participated in the promotional process during the month of May. The final eligibility list was certified by the Arlington County Human Resources Department and has been forwarded to Chief Penn for review.
- Sergeant Lutz conducted de-escalation meetings to begin developing an outline for a lesson plan to implement and present to all officers.
- Master Police Officer Bercovicz continued management of the Yoga Program for the month.

CRIME PREVENTION AND CONTROL – CRIME DATA

ARREST DATA ¹

Month	2019			2020 ³			2021		
	Adult	Juvenile	Total	Adult	Juvenile	Total	Adult	Juvenile	Total
May	255	19	274	214	8	222	184	3	187
Total (YTD)	1,363	127	1,490	1,221	109	1,330	947	28	975

OFFENSE DATA ²

May	2019	2020 ³	2021
All Cases	1,033	916	1,062
Homicide	0	1	0
Robbery	12	9	15
Aggravated Assault	20	19	23
Simple Assault	64	67	97
Motor Vehicle Theft	16	32	31
Burglary	16	15	23
Trespass	31	55	42
Larceny from Auto	74	75	62
Other Larceny	181	120	138
Vandalism	63	64	71
Sexual Assault	13	6	18
Weapons Offenses	8	9	7
Substance-Related Offense	188	159	83

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 – CALL FOR SERVICE HIGHLIGHTS

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 May 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](#).

CHECK ON THE WELFARE, 2021-05280121, Radnor/Ft. Myer Heights neighborhood. On May 28th, police were dispatched to the report of a female in her 80's who had not been heard from in a number of days. Officers vetted all reasonable options regarding the resident not responding to telephone calls nor officers attempting to make contact at her residence. Due to additional information concerning her welfare, officers were authorized to make entry and located the female on the floor in an altered state of consciousness. She was transported to an area hospital for treatment.

MISSING ENDANGERED ADULT, 2021-05090004, Columbia Heights neighborhood. On May 9th, officers responded to the report of a missing adult who had made threats to harm himself and left his residence with a kitchen knife. Officers searched the building and the surrounding areas for the individual. The Fairfax helicopter assisted with an aerial search and a bloodhound K-9 unit conducted a track. The missing adult was eventually located and provided with information on mental health resources.

CRIME PREVENTION AND CONTROL – INVESTIGATIVE HIGHLIGHTS

WEAPONS VIOLATION, 2021-05070131, Columbia Pike at S. Wakefield Street. On May 7th, a patrol officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle displaying an improper registration. During the course of the investigation, it was determined that the registration and license plate were fraudulent. During an inventory search prior to towing the vehicle, a firearm and controlled substance were recovered. The driver was arrested and charged with various offenses including Felon in Possession of a Firearm, Felon in Possession of Ammunition, Felon in Possession of a Concealed Weapon and Possession with Intent to Distribute a Schedule I Controlled Substance.

NARCOTICS VIOLATION, 2021-05240103, Crystal City. Acting on intelligence information from the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Boston and the Metropolitan Area Drug Task Force Parcel Interdiction HIDTA group, detectives initiated an investigation into a subject picking up freight from a facility located in Baltimore. The freight was suspected to be a large amount of Marijuana and was being delivered to a storage facility in Arlington. A suspect was developed and search warrants were obtained for two storage units and an apartment in Crystal City. On May 27th, the search warrants were executed and over 530 lbs. of marijuana and \$67,000 was seized and one arrest was made in the case. The investigation into this incident is ongoing.

NARCOTICS VIOLATION, 2021-05150122, 1100 block of S. Hayes Street. On May 15th, police received an alert for a stolen vehicle in the area. Responding officers located the vehicle parked and unoccupied. Further investigation determined that it was not the stolen vehicle but that it was improperly registered and displaying the license plate from the stolen vehicle. The suspect was taken into custody when he returned to the vehicle. The suspect provided false identifying information to officers but was identified utilizing law enforcement resources and determined to have six outstanding warrants. During a search incident to arrest, narcotics were located on the suspect's person and in the vehicle. The suspect was arrested and charged with Possession of Schedule I/II Controlled Substance, Identity Theft Use to Avoid Arrest, Improper Registration and Possession of Marijuana.

RECOVERED STOLEN AUTO, 2021-05050016, 4200 block of 2nd Road N. On May 5th, a patrol officer observed a parking violation and determined the vehicle had previously been reported stolen. When the subject returned to the vehicle, he was taken into custody without incident and charged with Possession of Stolen Property and Unauthorized Use of a Vehicle.

RECOVERED STOLEN AUTO, 2021-05130031, Arlington Boulevard at N. Courthouse Road. On May 13th, an officer driving to work in his personal vehicle observed a vehicle with a flat tire nearly tip over as it turned from N. Pershing Drive onto Eastbound Route 50 at a high rate of speed. The vehicle became disabled and stopped at the ramp from Route 50 to N. Courthouse. Two males then exited the vehicle and got into one of two accompanying vehicles, fleeing the scene. The disabled vehicle was found to have just been stolen from the 1000 block of N. Edgewood street, along with another vehicle belonging to the same owner. The second stolen vehicle, which had been one of the accompanying vehicles, was located unoccupied and recovered a short while later in Washington D.C. The investigation is ongoing.

IDENTITY THEFT, 2021-05110135, NB 110 at Marshall Drive. On May 11th, an officer conducted a traffic stop on a speeding vehicle. The driver of the vehicle verbally provided false identifying information, but produced an old registration card with a possible real name. Upon researching the information, the driver was identified and determined to have six outstanding warrants. The driver was arrested and charged with Identity Theft to Avoid Arrest and No Operator's License.

ASSAULT & BATTERY, 2021-05130125, 3200 block of Columbia Pike. On May 31st, police responded to the report of an assault with injury inside a business. The investigation revealed that an intoxicated man with a history of acting disorderly in the business returned and began harassing employees. When asked to leave, he confronted a female employee. The employee displayed a knife to defend herself and a physical altercation ensued. The employee suffered several minor injuries and the suspect received a non-life-threatening cut to his face. Both were transported to an area hospital for treatment. The male suspect was arrested and charged with Assault & Battery.

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.

- During the month of May, the police department participated in the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's high-visibility *Click-it or Ticket* campaign. The campaign, which coincides with the Memorial Day holiday, runs from May 24th to June 6th, and works towards reducing the number of fatalities that occur when drivers and passengers fail to buckle up.
- The Special Operations Section (SOS) supported 12 significant escorts during the month of May including assisting with the escort of Retired Colonel Ralph Pucket Jr., who received the Medal of Honor, the nation's highest award of military valor in action, from the President of the United States at the White House on May 21st. Puckett received the award for his combat actions at Hill 205 in the vicinity of Unsan, Korea on November 25-26, 1950. [Read about his acts of valor.](#)
- Officers continued enforcement of the hands-free law and allocated a total of 37 hours towards these efforts.
- SOS assisted with road closures connected to the Pacers Friday Night 5K Race at National Landing on May 7th. This was the first 5K race conducted on Arlington roadways since December of 2019.
- SOS assisted our regional law enforcement partners with Rolling to Remember events during Memorial Day weekend.
- 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 18 DUI arrests, issued 89 traffic summons and 14 reckless driving summons, and made 5 felony arrests.

MAY DEDICATED TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

Program	Hours in May
Radar Speed Enforcement	204.5
Red Light	161
DMV Grant Funded Enforcement	55
Crash Reduction Program	174

CRASHES

Crash Type	Crashes in May
Total Crashes	115
Fatal Crashes	0
Serious Injury Crashes	3
Pedestrian-Involved Crashes	5

CITATIONS/WRITTEN WARNINGS

Month	Citations/Written Warnings Issued in May
May	1,840



SIGNIFICANT ESCORT

Retired Colonel Ralph Pucket Jr. received the Medal of Honor from the President of the United States on May 21st.



TRAFFIC EVENT

Motor officers assisted with traffic control during the Bike Ride to End Domestic Violence on May 24th.

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

COMMUNITY EVENTS

- On May 13th, officers from Adam Squad, the Special Operations Section (SOS), and the Community Outreach Unit assisted with public safety patrols and traffic control for the Eid al-Fitr Prayer Congregation at Barcroft park.
- On May 20th, Detective Parsons attended the Arlington Neighborhood Village *Coffee and Conversations* and discussed ways those in attendance could keep themselves safe from consumer scams and identity theft.
- Lieutenant Troyano of the Operational Support Section coordinated and assisted with staffing and security arrangements for COVID-19 vaccination pop-up locations.
- The Community Outreach Unit participated in six (6) civic association meetings as well as two (2) community events, while addressing five (5) community-related concerns from residents.
- Community Outreach Unit members continued the [permanent prescription drug take back program](#) and safely disposed of 243.8 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 305 bags of groceries.
- Community Outreach Unit members conducted a *Fill the Cruiser* food drive in support of AFAC on May 18th. In 2 hours, across 3 locations, community members donated 3,671 lbs. of food to benefit neighbors in need. We appreciate your generosity, Arlington!

ENGAGEMENT

- Sergeant Chung of the School Resource Officer (SRO) Unit met with the owner of a local Asian restaurant and initiated preliminary talks on forming a coalition for Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) outreach.
- On May 11th, Corporal Smithgall met with students and faculty from the Program for Employment Preparedness (PEP) at the Arlington Career Center. During his visit, he shared information and engaged with those in attendance.
- ACPD has recently investigated reports of residential burglaries where the suspect(s) gained entry to the victim's garage through an open door, or they've accessed a garage door opener from inside an unlocked vehicle. During routine patrols, Midnight officers located residences with open garage doors and made contact with the homeowners, reminding them the importance of protecting and securing their property during the nighttime hours.
- Lieutenant Washington of Charlie Squad continues to work with Restorative Arlington to implement the Youth and Young Adult Restorative Justice Program.
- Baker Squad officers conducted numerous park checks which resulted in five (5) park safe violations for various quality of life offenses.
- On May 30th, Baker Squad officers participated in a meeting with children involved in the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (TAPS) outside of Fire Station 5. The officers handed out stickers and took pictures with the children.
- Frank Squad officers decreased the likelihood of accidents caused by intoxicated drivers by ensuring individuals participating in Nightlife activities had safe rides home.
- Frank Squad officers met with the managers and security staff of various restaurants to establish relationships and discuss ways to better assist with disputes, fights, fake identifications, as well as loud noise complaints.

ARLINGTON RESTAURANT INITIATIVE (ARI) AND THE NIGHTLIFE DETAIL

- The Nightlife Detail saw increased patron counts during the month of May in Clarendon and Crystal City.
- Members of the ARI organized and participated in nine (9) meetings with restaurant and business owners.
- Members attended the National Institute of Crime Prevention's Advanced Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) course in Fort Collins, Colorado. This course certifies attendees to complete evaluations for businesses and assist them in creating best practices for a safer establishment.
- Members conducted three (3) security trainings for businesses in Arlington County and held two (2) SoberRide® outreach events.
- There were three (3) [Bar Safe](#) Violations issued during the month of May.
- A total of 52 fake identifications were collected by the Nightlife detail during the month of May.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT (continued)

CRISIS INTERVENTION TEAM (CIT)

- Lieutenant Troyano worked with the Department of Human Services (DHS) and the Business Outreach Unit (BOU) to coordinate training for DHS clinicians to better equip them for work in the field. These trainings are expected to begin in June.
- Lieutenant Troyano continues to liaison with CIT staff to reestablish regular CIT training for ACPD staff as pandemic restrictions begin to lift. An 8-hour refresher training course for all staff is under development.

AUXILIARY UNIT

- Auxiliary officers provided a total of 183 hours of service for the month of May (1,291 total for the 2021 calendar year). This service includes 71 safety seat inspections, 121 bicycle registrations, and 2 security surveys.

RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION

- The Recruitment and Retention Unit (R&RU) hosted two (2) testing dates for patrol officer applicants. In total, 18 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.
- On May 25th, Officer B. Gilkes attended the Philadelphia Law Enforcement Hiring Expo hosted by Reliant Hiring Solutions and the King of Prussia Crowne Plaza.
- Members of the Special Operations Section (SOS) attended the VALE Law Enforcement Appreciation and Recruitment Event in Ashland, Virginia on May 16th.
- The R&RU continues to utilize Handshake to conduct outreach to potential applicants and share information about careers within the Department.

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS (SRO)

- Members of the SRO Unit provided classroom instruction for the Second Chance program, an educational program for Arlington middle and high school students designed to deter their use of alcohol, drugs, and other illegal substances.

HOMELESS OUTREACH PROGRAM (HOP)

- HOP received 15 referrals for service and had 35 contacts with unsheltered individuals in need of service.
- Members of the program continue to perform joint homeless outreach with DHS at various locations throughout the County. During the month, members distributed 23 meals and 14 backpacks containing personal protective equipment (PPE) and hygiene kits.
- Officer Keen and Officer Hirschman assisted with the removal of an encampment adjacent to the VRE tracks in Crystal City.
- Officer Keen assisted a HOP client with moving into his new apartment and arranged for delivery of furniture from donors.
- Officer Keen and the nursing staff from Arlington Street People's Assistance Network (A-SPAN) performed joint medical outreach for the homeless, which will continue to take place on a weekly basis.

ENGAGEMENT SPOTLIGHT: PATROL OFFICERS IN THE COMMUNITY



On May 14th, officers responded to a disabled school bus and, while waiting for a replacement, shared stories about their favorite animals and passed around homemade stuffed bunnies.



While conducting routine patrols in the County on May 22nd, daywork officers visited a lemonade stand. The officers enjoyed some lemonade and took photos with the young entrepreneurs.



On May 27th, Corporal Levy had the pleasure of meeting junior officer Axel! He was dressed for the occasion and told her all about his police car at home!

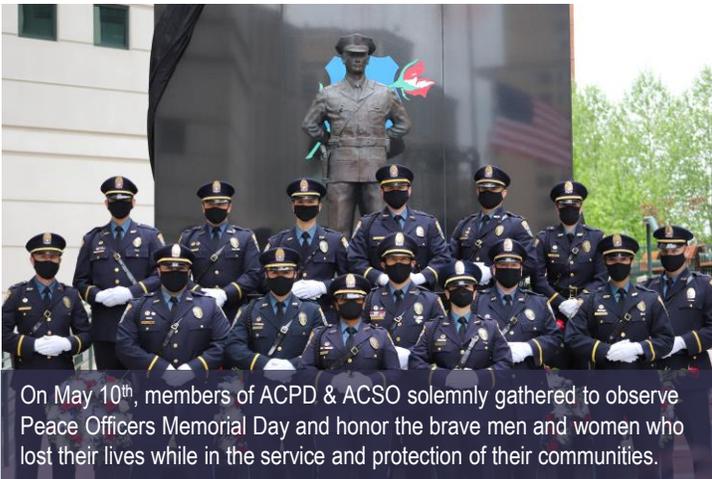
PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS



On May 18th, ACPD conducted the 2nd annual *Fill the Cruiser* Food Drive in support of AFAC. In 2 hours across 3 locations, Arlingtonians donated 3,671 lbs. of food to be distributed neighbors in need.



ACPD Officers and Professional Staff engaged with patrons & businesses at the Quarterfest Crawl on May 15th, showcasing the SoberRide® Vehicle as a reminder to arrive home safely after drinking.



On May 10th, members of ACPD & ACSO solemnly gathered to observe Peace Officers Memorial Day and honor the brave men and women who lost their lives while in the service and protection of their communities.



ACPD participated in regional Critical Incident Response Team (CIRT) training to promote public confidence that an objective investigation will occur when an officer is involved in a critical incident.



On May 24th, the Metropolitan Police Department presented members of ACPD who responded to the January 6th insurrection at the U.S. Capitol with a Ribbon of Valor, recognizing their assistance.



On May 24th, Lidl US grocery store donated breakfast to our staff, showing their appreciation of the work that we do. We gratefully appreciate their continued support and generosity!



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