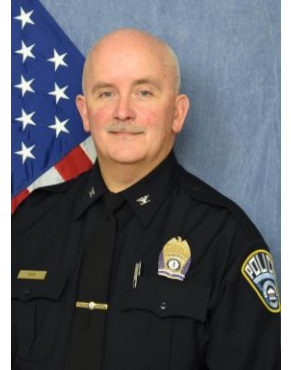


## MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE

The Arlington County Police Department, in cooperation with the Northern Virginia Critical Incident Response Team (CIRT), the Arlington County Fire Department and our federal law enforcement partners continue to investigate a [home explosion](#) in the 800 block of N. Burlington Street which occurred on the evening of December 4, 2023.

The preliminary investigation indicates a suspect discharged a flare gun approximately 30 – 40 times from inside his residence into the surrounding neighborhood. No property damage or injuries were reported related to the discharge of the flare gun. During the course of the investigation, officers obtained a search warrant for the suspect's residence and attempted to make contact with the suspect over the telephone and through loudspeakers. The suspect did not respond and remained barricaded inside the residence. As officers were attempting to execute the search warrant, the suspect discharged several rounds, from what is believed to be a firearm, inside the home. Subsequently, at approximately 8:25 p.m., an explosion occurred at the residence, resulting in a structure fire. The Arlington County Fire Department responded to the scene and extinguished the fire.



"I would like to thank the Arlington Community for their support during this time and patience as we complete what will be an extensive and time-consuming investigation," said Chief Andy Penn. "I also want to express how proud I am of the members of the police department and our public safety partners for their courageous and professional actions to ensure the safety of our community."

The investigation into the incident, including the cause of the explosion, is ongoing. Anyone with digital media regarding this incident, including but not limited to videos and photos, is asked to [use this link](#) to securely share them with investigators.

**Andy Penn**  
Chief of Police

## ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY

- The Office of Professional Responsibility investigated 10 external personnel complaints in the month of November.
- During November, the department received 10 personnel commendations through community emails and calls.
- Personnel completed 7,623.5 hours of training in November. Highlights of training topics include but are not limited to Trauma Informed Policing & Self Care, Peer Support Training and Supervising Critical Incidents.
- There was one instance of officers performing CPR on individuals experiencing a medical emergency.
- There were three applications of Narcan by officers for obvious narcotics overdoses 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: Corporal S. Londono of the Patrol Section for his dedication to conducting comprehensive and thorough criminal investigations and, in his role as a Field Training Officer, ensuring new officers receive the knowledge, information and mentorship they need to be successful police officers.
- Civilian of the Month: Katie Pavelka of the Special Operations Section for her planning and execution of special events including coordinating Unified Command logistics for the Marine Corps Marathon.
- On November 3, ACPD celebrated the outstanding career of Detective Gleason who retired after 25 years of exemplary service to the Arlington community. We are thankful for his significant contributions as a patrol officer, academy instructor, financial crimes investigator and human resources detective.
- ACPD held a promotional ceremony on November 17 to recognize the following recently promoted personnel:  
**Rank of Lieutenant:** A. Green, **Rank of Sergeant:** C. Mulrain, M. Ravinskas, **Rank of Corporal:** J. Nelson, N. Phan, **Public Safety Support Supervisor:** L. Stewart, A. Symns, **Public Safety Information Technology Manager:** G. Reyes

# CRIME PREVENTION AND CONTROL – CRIME DATA

## ARREST DATA <sup>1</sup>

Month	2021			2022			2023		
	Adult	Juvenile	Total	Adult	Juvenile	Total	Adult	Juvenile	Total
November	202	10	212	262	13	275	288	43	331
Total (YTD)	2,355	55	2,410	2,716	108	2,824	2,919	277	3,196

## OFFENSE DATA <sup>2</sup>

November	2021	2022	2023
All Cases	1,180	1,270	1,360
Homicide	0	0	0
Robbery	12	19	21
Aggravated Assault	13	29	26
Simple Assault	103	114	145
Motor Vehicle Theft	37	40	54
Burglary	20	14	21
Trespass	38	48	38
Larceny from Auto	83	106	61
Other Larceny	179	215	284
Vandalism	119	90	102
Sexual Assault	12	12	9
Weapons Offenses	14	13	9
Substance-Related Offense	53	86	70

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> 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 November 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](#) and [Online Crime Map](#).

**SUSPECT ARRESTED IN ROSSLYN SHOOTING** - On November 12, police were dispatched to the 1800 block of N. Lynn Street for the report of a juvenile male suffering from a non-life-threatening gunshot wound. The investigation determined a group of juvenile teens entered a fenced property in the 1400 block of Langston Boulevard when the suspect, who was operating as a security guard, drove towards them, exited the vehicle and confronted them while brandishing his firearm. The suspect then discharged the firearm, striking and injuring the victim. The [suspect was arrested](#) and charged with Malicious Wounding and Use of a Firearm During the Commission of a Felony.



## CRIME PREVENTION AND CONTROL – INVESTIGATIVE HIGHLIGHTS

**WEAPONS VIOLATION**, 2023-11020204, 1600 block of Crystal Drive. On November 2, an officer observed a vehicle idling in the bicycle lane. After conducting a traffic stop and making contact with the driver, the officer confirmed the driver was operating the vehicle without a license. During the course of the traffic stop, the officer determined the suspect had a loaded firearm concealed on his person. The firearm was recovered and the suspect was arrested and charged with No Driver's License and Concealed Weapon Violation.

**STOLEN VEHICLE**, 2023-11070222, 3500 block of 22<sup>nd</sup> Street S. On November 7, police responded to the report of a stolen vehicle. A lookout for the vehicle was broadcast and officers located it parked on S. Lincoln Street. As officers approached to investigate, the three occupants exited and ran from the vehicle. Officers initiated a foot pursuit and took two of the occupants, both juveniles, into custody. During the search of one of the occupants, a loaded firearm was located on his person. Suspect One was charged with Unauthorized Use of a Vehicle, Conspiracy to Commit Unauthorized Use of a Vehicle and Obstruction. Suspect Two was charged with Possession of a Concealed Firearm, Possession of a Firearm by a Juvenile, Theft of a Firearm, Unauthorized Use of a Vehicle, Conspiracy to Commit Unauthorized Use of a Vehicle and Obstruction. Suspect Three was later identified, taken into custody and charged with Unauthorized Use of a Vehicle and Conspiracy to Commit Unauthorized Use of a Vehicle.

**VEHICLE TAMPERING**, 2023-11090101, 900 block of S. Frederick Street. On November 9, police responded to the report of a suspect tampering with a vehicle in a parking lot. Upon arrival, officers located a vehicle with a smashed window and a damaged ignition. Officers canvassed the area and located the juvenile suspect, who was with a group of other juveniles. Following the investigation, the suspect was charged with Attempted Grand Larceny of a Motor Vehicle, Possession of Burglarious Tools, Providing False ID, and Destruction of Property. During the course of the investigation, it was determined the group of juveniles were involved in a robbery that occurred in the 5000 block of Columbia Pike on November 6. On that date, a group of juveniles approached the victim, assaulted him and stole his wallet before fleeing the scene on foot. Four juveniles were charged with Robbery and Conspiracy to Commit Felony.

**WEAPONS VIOLATION**, 2023-11110174, 800 block of Army Navy Drive. On November 11, an officer conducting patrols in the area observed a vehicle stopped in a handicap parking space without a placard. As the officer approached on foot, the suspect partially opened the door and the officer observed the handle of a firearm. With the assistance of additional responding officers, the suspect was taken into custody and the loaded firearm was recovered. The suspect was charged with Concealed Weapon Violation.

**DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE**, 2023-11120023, Washington Boulevard at Route 110. On November 12, police were dispatched to the report of a single vehicle crash with injuries. Upon arrival, it was determined the driver of the vehicle struck a concrete barrier surrounding the median in the roadway. The driver and passenger of the vehicle were transported to an area hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. During a search of the vehicle, a loaded rifle and ammunition were recovered. Alcohol was determined to be a factor in the crash. The driver was arrested and charged with Driving Under the Influence, Carrying a Firearm while Intoxicated and Carrying a Loaded Firearm.

**CREDIT CARD THEFT**, 2023-11150219, 1300 block of S. Joyce Street. On November 15, police were dispatched to the late report of a larceny. Upon arrival, it was determined the suspect entered the business and stole a backpack and credit card. A lookout was broadcast and officers located the suspect in the 1200 block of Army Navy Drive and took him into custody. The suspect provided false identifying information to officers who subsequently positively identified him. During a search incident to arrest, credit cards not belonging to the suspect were located on his person. Following the investigation, the suspect was charged with 45 counts of felony Credit Card Theft, six counts of felony Credit Card Forgery, two counts of misdemeanor Larceny, misdemeanor Credit Card Fraud, misdemeanor False ID to Law Enforcement and misdemeanor Identity Theft. He was also determined to be wanted by other jurisdictions.

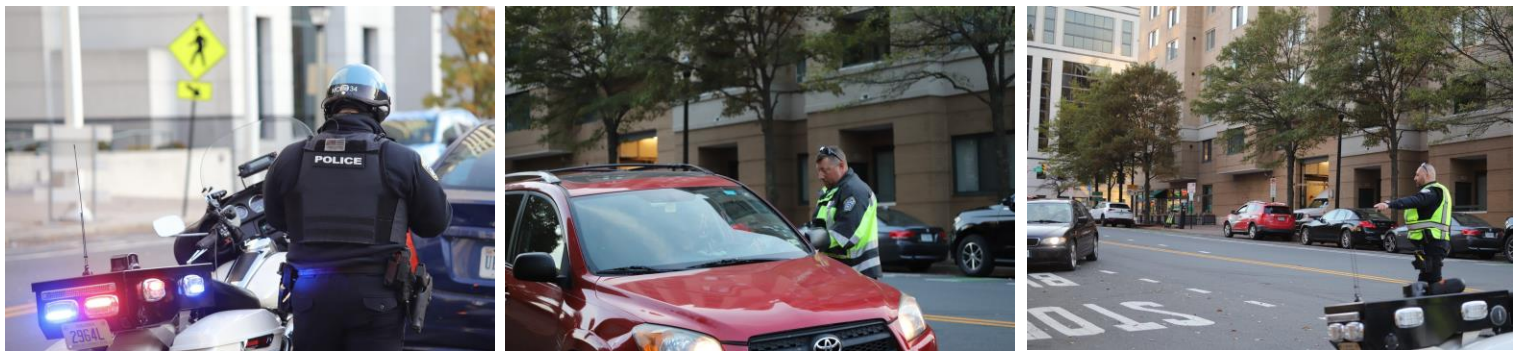
**RECOVERED STOLEN AUTO**, 2023-11230021, 400 block of Army Navy Drive. On November 23, an officer was conducting extra patrols in the area when they located a parked, unoccupied stolen vehicle. Officers took the suspect into custody after observing him enter and exit the vehicle and he provided the officers with false identifying information. He was properly identified and charged with Unauthorized Use of a Vehicle and Identity Theft.

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

- The Special Operations Section (SOS) assisted with five escorts and four special events during the month of November.
- Police participated in the annual high-visibility [Click it or Ticket seat belt awareness campaign](#) during the busy Thanksgiving travel season to reduce the number of fatalities that occur when vehicle passengers fail to buckle up.
- As part of our participation in the [regional Street Smart campaign](#), officers conducted high-visibility transportation safety education and enforcement throughout the County from October 25-November 19.
- Crossing Guards M. Martinez and M. Canas graduated from the 2023 Latino Community Police Academy (LCPA) on November 2, highlighting their ongoing commitment to being actively engaged in the Arlington community.

## Fall 2023 Street Smart Campaign Activation in Courthouse Neighborhood



### DEDICATED TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

Program	Hours in November
Laser Speed Enforcement	212.5
Red Light	210.5
DMV Grant Funded Enforcement	20.5
Crash Reduction Program	65

### Crossing Guards Graduate from the LCPA



### 2023 Turkey Trot 5k-November 23, 2023



### CRASHES

Crash Type	Crashes in November
Total Crashes	149
Fatal Crashes	0
Serious Injury Crashes	6
Pedestrian-Involved Crashes	11

### CITATIONS/WRITTEN WARNINGS

Month	Citations/Written Warnings Issued in November
November	1,548

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

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

### Community Outreach Unit

Events Attended	8
Meetings Attended	9
Presentations Conducted	5
Community Complaints Addressed	0

### Business Outreach Unit

Meetings Attended	13
Fake Identifications Collected	181
<a href="#">Bar Safe</a> Violations Issued	1
Special Event Permit Reviews	5
Proactive Engagement Contacts During Nightlife Detail	1,549

### Auxiliary Police Unit

Monthly Service Hours	304
Safety Seat Inspections Conducted	27
Bicycles Registered	47
Special Events Supported	1
Residential Safety Survey	1

### Prescription Drug Take-Back Program

Prescription Medication Disposed Of	279.4 pounds
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## COMMUNITY AND YOUTH OUTREACH UNITS



The Community Engagement Division kicked off the Fill the Cruiser holiday toy drive events on November 18 at Westover Baptist Church and the Lee Harrison Shopping Center.



Members of the Community Engagement Division continued the Fill the Cruiser in-person collection events on November 25 at Arlington Assembly of God and Central Library.



Members of the 2023 Latino Community Police Academy graduated on November 2. We thank them for their commitment to learning more about ACPD, their active engagement and thoughtful discussions.

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# PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS



ACPD held a promotional ceremony to formally recognize recently promoted officers and civilian staff. Please join ACPD in congratulating each of them on their hard work and continued dedication to the Arlington community.



Police and Fire personnel partnered with The Arc of Northern Virginia for another 'Practice Emergency Interactions' event where participants were guided through missing persons training scenarios and more.



ABC 7 News highlighted the partnership between ACPD, AHC Inc., and LEC allowing sworn and civilian staff to tutor students in reading during after-school programs.



ACPD celebrated the outstanding career of Detective Gleason who retired after 25 years of exemplary service to the Arlington community. Congratulations on your well-deserved retirement!



With the winter months approaching, the Community Engagement Division distributed backpacks filled with cold-weather items collected during ACPD's Essentials Drive to our community partners.



The Tactical Training Unit hosted civilian staff and Department chaplains at our firearms range and provided an overview of the training officers receive in order to maintain a high level of firearms proficiency.



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