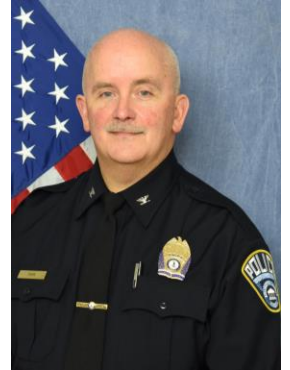




MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE

The Arlington County Police Department, Fire Department, Sheriff's Office and Department of Public Safety Communications and Emergency Management are actively developing a joint public safety Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) program, commonly referred to as drones, designed to enhance Arlington County's ability to respond to public safety and emergency incidents through the deployment of remotely operated aircrafts.

UAS's provide enhanced operational capability, safety, and situational awareness for first responders in support of public safety. The UAS Program will only be utilized for specific public safety missions and will be operated only by trained and authorized personnel in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations. For additional information on the UAS program, including answers to frequently asked questions, [visit our website](#).



Arlington County is seeking the public's input and feedback on draft policies regulating the training, operations, and oversight of the program. All comments provided will be reviewed and evaluated for incorporation into the policies. [Provide your comments here by Monday, January 1, 2024](#). The draft policies were developed after an extensive review of model policies and recommendations by the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), Department of Justice Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS), Department of Homeland Security (DHS), the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), and policies of police departments across the country with established UAS programs. The goal is to create model policies for Arlington County, utilizing established best practices while ensuring compliance with all applicable laws and regulations. Implementation of the UAS program is anticipated in early 2024 following the completion, review, and incorporation of community feedback on the draft policies.

Andy Penn
Chief of Police

ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY

- The Office of Professional Responsibility investigated eight external personnel complaints in the month of October.
- During October, the department received 11 personnel commendations through community emails and calls.
- Personnel completed 2,015 hours of training in October. Highlights of training topics include, but are not limited to Threat Evaluation and Reporting, Proactive Patrolling, and Emotional Intelligence.
- There was one instance of officers performing CPR on individuals experiencing a medical emergency.
- There were four 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 J. O'Daniel of the Special Operations Section for his dedicated response to a high volume of community traffic complaints and addressing them through education and enforcement to improve safety for all travelers.
- Civilian of the Month: Ms. Sobeida Rocha of the Criminal Investigation Section who was recognized for her knowledge, dependability, customer service and high-quality work.
- Officer K. Clark received well-deserved recognition at the 2023 Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) Virginia Law Enforcement Awards for his outstanding service in impaired driving enforcement.
- On October 25, Sgt. E. Einbinder was presented with the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal by the Sons of the American Revolution for his leadership, mentoring, and trailblazing style of management of the department's Community Action Team (CAT).
- ACPD's Restaurant and Nightlife Liaison, Sam Brien, accepted the Community Partnership Award on behalf the Arlington Restaurant Initiative (ARI) at the Washington Regional Alcohol Program's 41st Annual Meeting and WRAPPY Awards Ceremony.

CRIME PREVENTION AND CONTROL – CRIME DATA

ARREST DATA ¹

Month	2021			2022			2023		
	Adult	Juvenile	Total	Adult	Juvenile	Total	Adult	Juvenile	Total
October	246	5	251	278	15	293	234	22	256
Total (YTD)	2,153	45	2,198	2,454	95	2,549	2,631	234	2,865

OFFENSE DATA ²

October	2021	2022	2023
All Cases	1,297	1,444	1,357
Homicide	0	0	0
Robbery	15	11	17
Aggravated Assault	28	30	29
Simple Assault	120	125	120
Motor Vehicle Theft	26	38	33
Burglary	11	14	13
Trespass	32	34	30
Larceny from Auto	92	104	58
Other Larceny	223	243	294
Vandalism	102	216	102
Sexual Assault	20	7	10
Weapons Offenses	3	13	8
Substance-Related Offense	91	87	66

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 October 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](#).

FATAL PEDESTRIAN CRASH UPDATE – On the evening of August 1, 2022, [police responded to a crash](#) with injuries at 2nd Street S. and S. Old Glebe Road. The investigation determined the driver of the striking vehicle was traveling on S. Old Glebe Road when he turned onto 2nd Street S. and struck the pedestrian as she was crossing the roadway before fleeing the scene. The pedestrian was transported to an area hospital where she was pronounced deceased. During the course of the investigation, officers identified the driver, located him and took him into custody. Alcohol was determined to be a factor in the crash. On October 4, 2023, the driver entered a guilty plea to involuntary manslaughter. His sentencing is scheduled for early 2024.



CRIME PREVENTION AND CONTROL – INVESTIGATIVE HIGHLIGHTS

STOLEN VEHICLE, 2023-10020161, 2000 block of 14th Street N. On October 2, an officer conducted a traffic stop on a stolen vehicle and took the driver into custody without incident. During a search of her person, identification and credit cards not belonging to the suspect were recovered. She was arrested and charged with Unauthorized Use of a Vehicle, Credit Card Larceny (x3) and Identity Theft. While the officer was on the traffic stop, an unrelated driver stopped and engaged the officer in conversation before exiting his vehicle and running from the scene. Additional responding officers located the suspect and detained him. Once in custody, he continued to act erratically and was transported to an area hospital for medical evaluation and treatment. He was subsequently arrested and charged with Driving Under the Influence.

WANTED SUSPECT, 2023-10040177, 200 block of N. George Mason Drive. On October 4, a detective observed a suspect wanted by the Arlington County Sheriff's Office driving in the area of 2nd Road N. and N. Thomas Street. An officer attempted a traffic stop and the suspect disregarded the officer's emergency equipment and continued driving. On N. George Mason Drive, the suspect exited the vehicle and fled on foot. Officers initiated a foot pursuit and took the suspect into custody. He was arrested and charged with Eluding and Driving on a Revoked License.

NARCOTICS VIOLATION, 2023-10100224, 1200 block of S. Hayes Street. On October 10, police were dispatched to the report of a suspicious person in possession of a machete. An officer located the suspect, who appeared agitated and was screaming, and attempted to take him into custody. The suspect resisted and was detained with the assistance of additional arriving officers. During a search of his person, a controlled substance was recovered and the machete was located nearby. The suspect was arrested and charged with Drunk in Public, Possession of Schedule I/II Controlled Substance, Brandishing a Machete, and Obstruction of Justice.

ELUDING, 2023-10130182, S. Rolfe at 12th Street S. On October 13, an officer conducting traffic enforcement attempted a traffic stop on a vehicle with an expired registration. The driver disregarded the officer's emergency equipment and fled at a high rate of speed and subsequently struck an unoccupied vehicle. During the course of the investigation, officers determined the vehicle had entered a parking garage and the two occupants had exited the vehicle and left on foot. Officers located the occupants in the 1200 block of S. Hayes Street and detained them. No injuries were reported in the traffic crash. The driver was arrested and charged with No Driver's License, Eluding, Hit and Run and issued a summons for Expired Registration and Expired Inspection Sticker. He was also determined to be wanted by other jurisdictions.

WEAPONS VIOLATION, 2023-10140040, 2500 block of Washington Boulevard. On October 14, police were dispatched to the report of a hit and run crash. Upon arrival, it was determined the driver of the striking vehicle had fled the scene on foot. Responding officers canvassed the area, observed the suspect running and gave him commands to stop which he did not comply with. Following a foot pursuit, the suspect was taken into custody. During the course of the investigation, officers recovered controlled substances, a stolen firearm and a glock switch. The suspect was arrested and charged with Possession with Intent to Distribute Schedule I/II Controlled Substance, Possession with Intent to Distribute Schedule I/II Controlled Substance While Armed, Felony Hit and Run, Receive Stolen Firearm, Possession of Trigger Activator, Driving Under the Influence, Concealed Weapon Violation and Carrying a High-Capacity Magazine in a Prohibited Jurisdiction.

ELUDING, 2023-10190005, Fort Myer Drive at Langston Boulevard. During the early morning hours of October 19, an officer was patrolling the area when they observed an illegally parked vehicle and, upon investigating, determined the vehicle was displaying improper registration. The officer approached the vehicle and made contact with the occupant who was non-compliant and refused to follow commands. The occupant then reversed the vehicle and fled the scene at a high rate of speed. Later in the day, officers observed the vehicle parked in the 3800 block of Cathedral Lane. Upon making contact with the occupant, she was non-compliant. Officers issued additional commands and the occupant eventually complied, exited the vehicle and was taken into custody. She was arrested and charged with Eluding and Improper Registration.

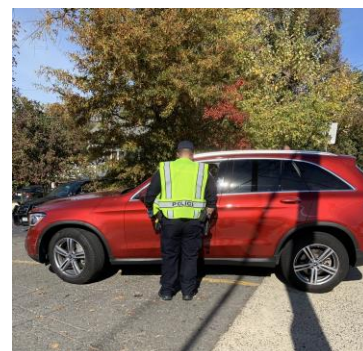
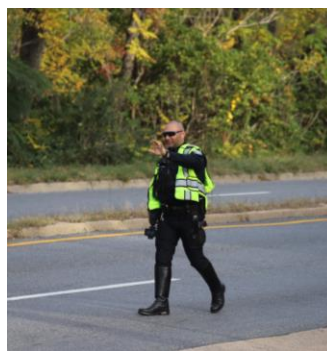
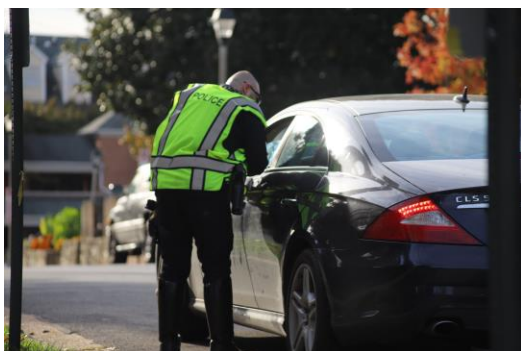
WANTED SUSPECT, 2023-10300166, 2700 block of S. Arlington Mill Drive. On October 30, a patrol officer observed a suspicious vehicle and upon investigating, determined the driver was actively wanted in another jurisdiction. The driver entered a parking lot and officers conducted a traffic stop. The suspect was initially non-compliant and subsequently exited the vehicle and was taken into custody.

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

- The Special Operations Section (SOS) assisted with six escorts and two special events during the month of October.
- On October 29, Arlington County Police and our public safety and military partners ensured the safety of thousands of runners and spectators during the 48th annual Marine Corps Marathon.
- Officers continued enforcement of the hands-free law and allocated a total of 25.5 hours towards these efforts.
- From October 25 – November 19, police participated in the Council of Government (COG) [Street Smart Campaign](#) to identify and change unsafe behavior patterns among travelers with the goal of reducing collisions on our roadways.
- Members of SOS assisted the Ashton Heights community with their Halloween festivities.

COG Street Smart Campaign – October 6 High-Visibility Enforcement and Education Activation



DEDICATED TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

Program	Hours in October
Laser Speed Enforcement	487
Red Light	194
DMV Grant Funded Enforcement	45
Crash Reduction Program	60.5

CRASHES

Crash Type	Crashes in October
Total Crashes	182
Fatal Crashes	0
Serious Injury Crashes	5
Pedestrian-Involved Crashes	15

CITATIONS/WRITTEN WARNINGS

Month	Citations/Written Warnings Issued in October
October	1,356

Ashton Heights Community Halloween Festivities



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

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

Community Outreach Unit

Events Attended	28
Meetings Attended	13
Presentations Conducted	8
Community Complaints Addressed	0

Business Outreach Unit

Meetings Attended	25
Fake Identifications Collected	70
Bar Safe Violations Issued	0
Special Event Permit Reviews	15
Proactive Engagement Contacts During Nightlife Detail	857

Auxiliary Police Unit

Monthly Service Hours	143
Safety Seat Inspections Conducted	24
Bicycles Registered	93
Special Events Supported	1
Residential Safety Survey	1

Prescription Drug Take-Back Program

Prescription Medication Disposed Of	279.2 pounds
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COMMUNITY AND YOUTH OUTREACH UNITS



Officers from our Community Engagement Division had a RAWR-some time seeing all of the dino-mite costumes at the Arlington Parks and Recreation's Trunk or Treat event!



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At the annual Arlington County Crime Solvers Luncheon & Awards Ceremony, ACPD's Community Engagement personnel were recognized for their commitment to strengthening police/community relations.

PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS



The Optimist Club presented the Community Action Team (CAT) with the Respect of Law Program Award for their outstanding work supporting the department's three key initiatives and ensuring public safety.



Special thanks to Idido's Coffee and Social House and Compass Coffee for hosting our 2023 National Coffee with a Cop Day events on October 4! Thank you to everyone who joined us for coffee and conversation!



Thank you to everyone who joined us for the 2nd annual Pupusas with the Police and Sheriff at Sofa's Pupuseria on October 3 to celebrate Hispanic Heritage month through community engagement.



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The Community Engagement Division held two Essentials Drive collection events in the month of October to collect toiletries and cold weather items to benefit unsheltered individuals in Arlington.



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