

MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE

Arlington Public Schools will welcome students back into their classrooms on Monday, August 25, 2025 which means there will soon be an increase in children walking, bicycling and riding the bus to schools throughout Arlington. The Arlington County Police Department (ACPD) will conduct a coordinated high-visibility transportation safety campaign in and around school zones to ensure the trip to class is as safe as possible.

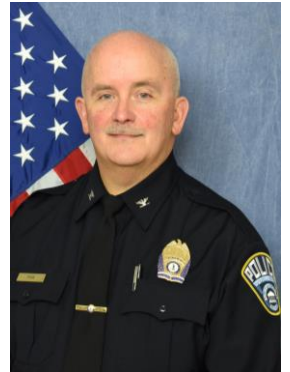
Additionally, motorists are reminded that as part of our overall transportation safety program and in support of the County's [Vision Zero](#) program efforts, [speed safety cameras](#) are located in select school zones throughout Arlington County. Speed safety cameras are operational when the school zone lights are flashing during school arrival and departure. The cameras take digital images and video footage of vehicles traveling in excess of the posted speed limit.

Transportation safety is a group effort; it takes all of us working together and following the rules of the road to keep our community safe. Drivers are reminded to:

- Obey posted speed limits which may change during school zone times.
- Avoid distracted driving and keep your attention on the road.
- Watch for students walking and riding bikes to school.
- Do not pass a stopped school bus loading or unloading passengers.
- Have all vehicle occupants wear their [seatbelts](#). On July 1, Virginia House Bill 2475 took effect, requiring all vehicle occupants, regardless of age and where they sit, to buckle up.
- Pick-up and drop-off students in designated locations.

Read our [Back-to-School Transportation Safety Campaign release](#) for additional safety tips and information.

Andy Penn,
Chief of Police



ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY

- The Office of Professional Responsibility received nine external personnel complaints in the month of July.
- In July, the department received 12 personnel commendations through community emails and calls.
- Personnel completed 4,267 hours of training in July. Highlights of training topics include but are not limited to Legal Updates, CPR and High-Risk Vehicle Stops Training.
- There was one instance of officers performing CPR on individuals experiencing a medical emergency.
- There was one application of Narcan by officers for an obvious narcotics overdose prior to the arrival of medics on scene.
- There was one application of Tactical Emergency Casualty Care (TECC) by officers prior to the arrival of medics on scene.

INTERNAL AGENCY UPDATES

- Officer of the Month: Master Police Officer Tara Crider of the Criminal Investigations Section for the key role she played in organizing and instructing the Forensic Science Experience, a week-long summer camp for high school students, and her dedication to supporting the Friends and Family Fund, a 501c3 that assists ACPD employees, their family members and friends who have experienced a hardship, such as illness or injury.
- Civilian of the Month: Halle Datko of the Crime Analysis Unit for her ability to hit the ground running in her new role with her resourcefulness and wealth of knowledge of investigative tools.
- On July 1, Arlington County increased the starting salary for new police officers to \$72,014 annually. The Arlington County Police Department is where purpose meets possibility. Get started on your future by visiting [JoinArlingtonCountyPD.com](#).

CRIME PREVENTION AND CONTROL – CRIME DATA

ARREST DATA ¹

Month	2023			2024			2025		
	Adult	Juvenile	Total	Adult	Juvenile	Total	Adult	Juvenile	Total
July	282	17	299	273	18	291	258	13	271
Total (YTD)	1,789	130	1,620	1,790	123	1,622	1,876	119	1,995

GROUP A OFFENSE DATA ²

The Arlington County Police Department reports all crimes using the Federal Bureau of Investigations' National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS) and statistics presented below are consistent with data reported to Virginia State Police. All data is preliminary and subject to change based upon follow-up investigations.

July	2023	2024	2025
Total Group A Offenses	964	921	856
Crimes Against Persons			
Abduction/Kidnapping	7	2	4
Aggravated Assault	35	32	31
Simple Assault	102	113	145
Intimidation	11	11	17
Human Trafficking	0	0	0
Murder/Non-Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0
Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0
Sex Offenses – Forcible	16	11	9
Sex Offenses – Non-Forcible	0	0	0
Crimes Against Property			
Arson	0	0	0
Bribery	0	0	0
Burglary/Breaking & Entering	8	11	9
Counterfeiting/Forgery	7	12	12
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property	108	73	109
Embezzlement	2	3	1
Extortion/Blackmail	4	7	7
Fraud Offenses	166	161	107
Larceny/Theft Offenses	372	354	308
Motor Vehicle Theft	43	33	15
Robbery	25	25	14
Stolen Property Offenses	5	10	5
Crimes Against Society			
Drug/Narcotic Offenses	38	46	48
Gambling Offenses	0	0	0
Pornography/Obscene Material	1	7	2
Prostitution Offenses	2	4	2
Weapon Law Violations	12	6	11

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. Offenses determined to be unfounded through investigation are not included.

CRIME PREVENTION AND CONTROL – INVESTIGATIVE HIGHLIGHTS

July 2025 Criminal Investigation Press Release

- **Instructional Assistant Charged; Possible Additional Victims Sought**: On May 28, police initiated a criminal investigation after receiving information that an Instructional Assistant assigned to Washington-Liberty High School had inappropriate contact, both online and in person, with a juvenile female student. As a result of the investigation, the suspect was arrested on July 1 and charged with Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor and Stalking: 2nd Offense Within 5 Years. This remains an active criminal investigation and detectives believe there could be additional victims.
- **Update to Labor Day 2024 Shooting in Columbia Heights Neighborhood**: On July 24, 2025, following a comprehensive criminal investigation, two additional suspects were taken into custody for their involvement in a non-fatal shooting that took place in the 1200 block of S. Ross Street on September 2, 2024. The suspects remain held in the Arlington County Detention Facility on firearm and other various charges.

GRAND LARCENY, 2025-07030064, 3300 block of Langston Boulevard. On July 3, officers responded for the report of a stolen firearm. Upon arrival, it was determined on July 2, the male suspect stole the male victim's bag containing a firearm from a shared space inside a hotel. Responding officers located the suspect on scene and took him into custody. During the course of the investigation, the firearm and suspected narcotics were recovered and the suspect was determined to be a convicted felon. The suspect was arrested and charged with Grand Larceny, Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon and Possession of Schedule I/II Controlled Substance.

DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE, 2025-07060202, 2300 block of 11th Street N. On July 6, an officer observed a vehicle driving recklessly westbound on 10th Street N. with expired tags and conducted a traffic stop. The suspect, who was the driver of the vehicle, was suspected of being under the influence and was taken into custody. During the course of the investigation, it was determined the suspect did not possess a valid driver's license and a firearm and suspected narcotics were recovered. The suspect was arrested and charged with Driving Under the Influence, Possession with Intent to Distribute Controlled Substance, Carrying a Concealed Weapon while Under the Influence, Possession of a Firearm while in Possession of Narcotics, Driving with a Suspended License and Registration Violation.

SHOPLIFTING, 2025-07110190, 1200 block of S. Hayes Street. On July 11, police were dispatched to the report of a larceny just occurred. Upon arrival, it was determined the male suspect allegedly entered the business, concealed merchandise and subsequently exited the store without payment. A responding officer located the suspect in the area and attempted to take him into custody during which he was non-compliant and resisted. With the assistance of additional responding officers, the suspect was taken into custody. Suspected narcotics, burglarious tools and a credit card not belonging to the suspect were recovered. During the course of the investigation, it was determined the suspect was also wanted out of Fairfax County, Va. and Arlington County, Va. for a separate larceny incident. The suspect was arrested and charged with Shoplifting, Possession of Schedule I/II Controlled Substance, Credit Card Theft, Possession of Burglarious Tools, Petit Larceny and Obstruction of Justice and was served with the outstanding warrants.

DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE, 2025-07140008, Washington Boulevard at Kirkwood Road. On July 14, an officer observed a vehicle traveling westbound on Washington Boulevard without headlights on and conducted a traffic stop in the area of Kirkwood Road. The suspect, who was the driver of the vehicle, was suspected of being under the influence and was taken into custody. During the course of the investigation, it was determined the suspect was a convicted felon and a firearm was recovered from the vehicle prior to towing. The suspect was arrested and charged with Driving Under the Influence and Felon in Possession of a Firearm.

RECOVERED STOLEN VEHICLE, 2025-07250229, 3300 block of Wilson Boulevard. On July 25, officers received an alert for a stolen vehicle and located it traveling eastbound on Fairfax Drive. The vehicle came to a stop outside a business and officers subsequently conducted a traffic stop and took the suspect, who was the driver of the vehicle, into custody. During the course of the investigation, the vehicle was confirmed to be stolen and suspected narcotics were recovered. The suspect was also determined to be wanted out of Prince William County, Va. He was arrested and charged with Receiving Stolen Goods, Possession of Schedule I/II Controlled Substance (x3) and was served with the outstanding warrant.

WEAPONS VIOLATION, 2025-07260193, Columbia Pike at S. Glebe Road. On July 26, an officer patrolling the area observed the male suspect outside wearing a facemask and carrying a knife. The officer briefly lost sight of the suspect before locating him in the area of the 3500 block of Columbia Pike. The officer issued commands and subsequently took the suspect into custody. During the course of the investigation, knives were recovered. The suspect was arrested and charged with Carrying a Concealed Weapon and Wearing a Mask in a Public Place.

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

- The Special Operations Section (SOS) assisted with five escorts and 13 special events during the month of July.
- SOS assisted our regional partners in escorting Jordan Ramirez from Arlington County Fire Station 5 to the 9/11 Memorial at the Pentagon as he spread his message of gratitude to first responders and military personnel during his Thank You for Your Service tour.
- Under the coordination of SOS, the entire department worked tirelessly on July 4th to ensure everyone's safety throughout Independence Day festivities. In this month's edition of [stories behind the badge](#), learn how department personnel work collaboratively to ensure community safety during special events.
- The department shared important tips about how community members can keep their vehicles safe during July, which is [National Vehicle Theft Prevention Month](#).

July 4th Celebration



DEDICATED TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

Program	Hours in July
Laser Speed Enforcement	199
Red Light	193.5
DMV Grant Funded Enforcement	12.5
Crash Reduction Program	86.5

CRASHES

Crash Type	Crashes in July
Total Crashes	118
Fatal Crashes	0
Serious Injury Crashes	2
Pedestrian-Involved Crashes	7

CITATIONS/WRITTEN WARNINGS

Month	Citations/Written Warnings Issued
July	3,118

Jordan Ramirez – Thank You for Your Service Tour



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

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

Community Outreach Unit

Events Attended	28
Meetings Attended	3
Presentations Conducted	2
Community Complaints Addressed	6
Residential Safety Survey	0

Business Outreach Unit

Meetings Attended	9
Fake Identifications Collected	54
Bar Safe Violations Issued	2
Special Event Permit Reviews	0
Proactive Engagement Contacts During Nightlife Detail	499

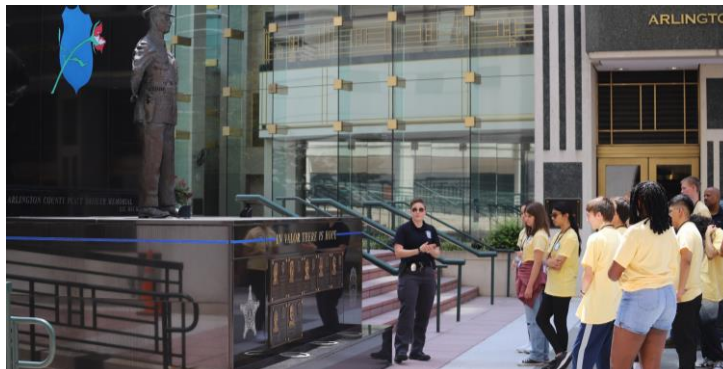
Auxiliary Police Unit

Monthly Service Hours	187.5
Bicycles Registered	62
Special Events Supported	0

Prescription Drug Take-Back Program

Prescription Medication Disposed Of	422 pounds
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COMMUNITY AND YOUTH OUTREACH UNITS



Sessions 1 and 2 of the Teen Police Academy included demonstrations and tours of the police station as well as an opportunity to learn more about the 7 officers who paid the ultimate sacrifice in service to Arlington.



The Community Engagement Division hosted rising 5th graders during Summer Safety Patrol Camp and taught campers the importance of personal safety skills and what it takes to be a leader amongst their peers.



Sergeant Butzer, Corporal Ullom and Corporal Hicken spent the morning of July 4th attending community parades and providing route security for neighborhoods like Fairlington.

PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS



Family and friends were invited to attend their loved ones' graduation from the 2025 Summer Teen Police Academy. The overflow of support was felt by all.



Please join ACPD in congratulating Corporal Torres and his partner, K9 Nico, on their graduation from Basic Patrol K9 School! K9 Nico is a 1.5-year-old German Shepherd/Malinois mix.



With profound sadness, The Arlington County Police Department and members of the K9 Unit announced the passing of retired K9 Duke, a 12-year-old German Shepherd.



Master Police Officer Crider gives some members of ACPD's Summer Patrol Camp a closer look at Forensic Science Investigations.



Students in the Forensic Science Experience, a week-long camp hosted by our Crime Scene Unit, visited the National Law Enforcement Museum and put their policing knowledge to the test!



ACPD's pre-academy recruits visited the Animal Welfare League of Arlington to learn more about animal control resources, meet adoptable animals and assist with some facility cleaning.



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