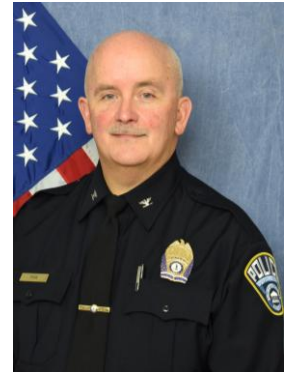




MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE

The Federal Trade Commission reports Americans lost \$15.9 billion in 2025 in a variety of scams. The Arlington County Police Department is warning the community about common scams and ways the public can spot and avoid them to keep their personal information and finances safe.



The Jury Duty Scam: Scammers will pose as local law enforcement and contact potential victims accusing them of failing to appear for jury duty and stating a warrant for their arrest will be issued unless a fine is paid. Payment is often requested in the form of gift cards, cryptocurrency or digital cash transfers. As a reminder, ACPD and the Sheriff's Office will never call, email or text to solicit funds or collect fines over the phone.

The Injured Family Member Scam: Scammers call potential victims pretending to be a family member or an attorney to extort money. The scammer states the family member has been injured in a car crash, arrested and needs money for bail. The scammer indicates they urgently need money sent to them to assist in the case.

Scam Text Message: Scammers send fake text messages to trick you into clicking on links and/or providing personal information such as passwords, bank/credit card account numbers or your Social Security number.

Safety Tips

Reduce the risk of becoming a victim of a scam by following the below crime prevention tips:

- **Pause** before sharing personal or financial information
- **Question** unsolicited requests – legitimate organizations won't pressure you into immediate action
- **Protect** personal information and report suspicious activities promptly

Andy Penn,
Chief of Police

ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY

- The Office of Professional Responsibility received eight external personnel complaints in the month of March.
- In March, the department received 14 personnel commendations through community emails and calls.
- Personnel completed 2,365.5 hours of training in March. Highlights of training topics include but are not limited to Fingerprint Detection and Collection, Weapons Defense and Reasonable Suspicion/Probable Cause.
- There were three applications of Narcan by officers for obvious narcotics overdoses prior to the arrival of medics on scene.
- There were three 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. Capizzi of the Special Operations Section was recognized for his commitment to Transportation Safety as demonstrated through his detailed organization and implementation of the department's operational plan to ensure the safe escort of Buddhist monks during their Peace Walk.
- Civilian of the Month: Ms. Darlene Logan of the Crossing Guard Unit was recognized for her dedication, professionalism and community engagement while fostering a safe and orderly environment at her post each day.
- In March, ACPD held a swearing-in ceremony for a lateral transfer officer and promotional ceremony recognizing recently promoted officers:
 - Rank of Sergeant: A. Poling
 - Rank of Corporal: K. Hill, N. Neptune, J. Quinn and R. Stroman

CRIME PREVENTION AND CONTROL – CRIME DATA

ARREST DATA ¹

Month	2024			2025			2026		
	Adult	Juvenile	Total	Adult	Juvenile	Total	Adult	Juvenile	Total
March	245	14	259	335	22	357	279	19	298
Total (YTD)	736	66	802	941	64	1,005	827	38	865

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.

March	2024	2025	2026
Total Group A Offenses	876	894	831
Crimes Against Persons			
Abduction/Kidnapping	5	8	6
Aggravated Assault	23	31	31
Simple Assault	118	112	100
Intimidation	7	12	24
Human Trafficking	0	0	0
Murder/Non-Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0
Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0
Sex Offenses – Forcible	10	20	9
Sex Offenses – Non-Forcible	0	0	0
Crimes Against Property			
Arson	1	0	0
Bribery	0	0	0
Burglary/Breaking & Entering	19	19	13
Counterfeiting/Forgery	10	7	6
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property	87	108	64
Embezzlement	1	0	0
Extortion/Blackmail	3	7	10
Fraud Offenses	149	168	171
Larceny/Theft Offenses	334	297	303
Motor Vehicle Theft	31	22	17
Robbery	26	15	15
Stolen Property Offenses	8	8	2
Crimes Against Society			
Drug/Narcotic Offenses	33	48	44
Gambling Offenses	0	0	0
Pornography/Obscene Material	1	3	6
Prostitution Offenses	1	3	0
Weapon Law Violations	9	6	10

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

March 2026 Criminal Investigation Press Releases

- [Alexandria Man Arrested in Unprovoked Attack on Officers in Clarendon](#) - ACPD arrested a 26-year-old Alexandria, VA man following an unprovoked early morning attack on officers in the Clarendon area on March 20. At approximately 3:07 a.m., the suspect, described as bloody and agitated, approached a marked police vehicle stopped at Wilson Boulevard and N. Irving Street, opened the driver's door and assaulted an officer before fleeing. During a subsequent foot pursuit, the suspect knocked another officer to the ground and attempted to disarm him of his taser before additional officers arrived and took him into custody. Both officers sustained minor injuries and were treated on scene. The suspect was arrested and charged with Assault on Police (x2), Obstruction of Justice (x2), Attempted to Disarm an Officer and Vehicle Tampering. The investigation is ongoing.
- [Police Announce Arrest in Armed Robbery Series](#) - ACPD's Homicide/Robbery Unit has arrested a 19-year-old Centreville, VA man in connection with a series of armed robberies targeting local businesses, employees and customers. The suspect faces 20 charges, including Robbery (x8), Use of a Firearm in the Commission of a Felony (x8), Wearing a Mask to Conceal Identity (x4), and is being held without bond. The incidents occurred across multiple locations on February 24 and 25, where the masked suspect displayed a firearm, demanded cash and in several cases stole money from businesses and individuals. Detectives linked the cases through their investigation, identified the suspect and took him into custody at his home on March 20 with assistance from federal and regional law enforcement partners. The investigation remains ongoing.

WEAPONS VIOLATION, 2026-03010025, 4200 block of Wilson Boulevard. On March 1, police and fire personnel were dispatched to the report of a cardiac arrest. Upon arrival, it was determined there was not a cardiac arrest and the male suspect was under the influence. During the course of the investigation, brass knuckles and a firearm were recovered from the suspect. The suspect did not possess a valid Virginia conceal carry permit. After being medically cleared, he was arrested and charged with Carrying a Concealed Weapon, Public Intoxication and Carrying a Concealed Handgun Under the Influence.

HIT AND RUN/DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE, 2026-03080007, 900 block of Army Navy Drive. On March 8, police were dispatched to the report of a vehicle crash. It was determined the male suspect was driving northbound on S. Joyce Street when he struck the victim vehicle that was stopped at the traffic light. The suspect vehicle then continued into the intersection where the suspect exited and ran from the scene. The driver of the victim vehicle sustained non-life threatening injuries and was transported to an area hospital. A lookout was broadcast and responding officers located an individual matching the description of the suspect in the 1400 block of Columbia Pike and detained him. The suspect was arrested and charged with Hit and Run, Driving Under the Influence and Breath Test Refusal.

UNLAWFUL ENTRY, 2026-03160059, 2100 block of 18th Street N. On March 16, police were dispatched to the report of individuals who made entry into the victim's unoccupied apartment. Upon arrival, police made contact with the male suspect and female suspect inside the home and detained them. A search of the male suspect incident to arrest yielded two credit cards not belonging to the suspect. He was arrested and charged with Unlawful Entry and Credit Card Theft (x2). A search of the female suspect incident to arrest yielded suspected narcotics. She was arrested and charged with Unlawful Entry and Possession of Schedule I/II Controlled Substance (x2). She was also determined to be wanted out of Prince William County, Va. and was served with the outstanding warrant.

DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE/NARCOTICS VIOLATION, 2026-03290217, Langston Boulevard at Spout Run Parkway. On March 29, an officer observed the suspect vehicle traveling in the Clarendon area with a suspended registration as well as exhibiting suspicious driving behaviors. The officer conducted a traffic stop at Langston Boulevard and Spout Run Parkway and determined the male suspect, who was the driver of the vehicle, appeared to be under the influence. During a search of the suspect's vehicle prior to towing, distribution amounts of marijuana and open containers of marijuana were recovered. The suspect was arrested and charged with Driving Under the Influence, Possession with Intent to Distribute Marijuana and Consuming Marijuana while Operating a Motor Vehicle.

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

- The Special Operations Section (SOS) assisted with eight escorts and nine special events during the month of March, including the 2026 Four Courts Four Miler.
- ACPD [announced](#) the arrest of the driver in a critical hit-and-run crash on Arlington Boulevard.
- Corporal O'Daniel of SOS went above and beyond the call for service when responding to a disabled bus full of students -- he not only directed traffic but also ordered pizzas and water for the students to enjoy while they waited for a tow.
- As part of the monthly school zone traffic safety detail, SOS conducted high-visibility enforcement and education in response to community traffic safety concerns around Yorktown High School and Dorothy Hamm Middle School.

School Zone Traffic Safety Detail



DEDICATED TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

Program	Hours in March
Laser Speed Enforcement	182.5
Red Light	169.5
DMV Grant Funded Enforcement	99.5
Crash Reduction Program	286.5

CRASHES

Crash Type	Crashes in March
Total Crashes	109
Fatal Crashes	0
Serious Injury Crashes	6
Pedestrian-Involved Crashes	8

CITATIONS/WRITTEN WARNINGS

Month	Citations/Written Warnings Issued
March	2,898

Corporal O'Daniel to the Rescue!



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

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

Community Outreach Unit

Community Engagements (events, meetings, presentations, etc.)	48
Residential Safety Survey Requests	1
Community Complaints Addressed	31
Transportation Safety	21.75 hours
Community Focused Safety	59 hours

Business Outreach Unit

Meetings Attended	22
Fake Identifications Collected	22
Bar Safe Violations Issued	0
Special Event Permit Reviews	2
Proactive Engagement Contacts During Nightlife Detail	222

Auxiliary Police Unit

Monthly Service Hours	42.5
Bicycles Registered	0
Special Events Supported	2

Prescription Drug Take-Back Program

Prescription Medication Disposal	403.4 pounds
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COMMUNITY AND YOUTH OUTREACH UNITS



On March 25, Corporal Skelton stopped by Hunter's Park in Cherrydale to present fraud and scam safety tips as well as visit with senior residents over a cup of coffee.



Members of the 30th Community Police Academy enjoyed an Experience Day on March 30 at the Northern Virginia Criminal Justice Academy where they suited up and participated in hands-on training scenarios.



The Business Outreach Unit held its annual St. Patrick's Day Sober Ride event in Clarendon on March 14. Over 70 patrons signed the pledge to not drink and drive and tried out our impairment goggles!

PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS



Members of ACPD's Honor Guard had the privilege of visiting the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery and meeting with the sentinels who stand watch over the memorial.



ACPD attended Culpepper Gardens 6th annual First Responders BBQ on March 18. We are so grateful for their continued partnership and support!



Surprise! Lieutenant Smithgall served as a mystery reader at Cardinal Elementary School and brought Corporal Gardner and K9 Lucas along for a discussion on the importance of personal wellness.



Executive Staff and Chief's Advisory Council (CAC) representative John Carten presented Dr. Alfred Taylor with a Resolution of Appreciation for his 20+ years of service as a CAC member.



During First Responder Wellness Week, officers learned about their health benefits, attended fitness classes and received free biometric screenings. Health is wealth at ACPD!



ACPD held a swearing-in ceremony for a lateral transfer officer as well as recognized officers recently promoted to the rank of Sergeant and Corporal. Congratulations to all!



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