



Arlington County Police Department

Policing in Arlington

About the Agency



Mission

The mission of the Arlington County Police Department is the reduction of the incidence of crime and the improvement of the quality of life in Arlington County by making it a place where all people can live safely and without fear.

Key Initiatives



Crime Prevention and Control



Transportation Safety



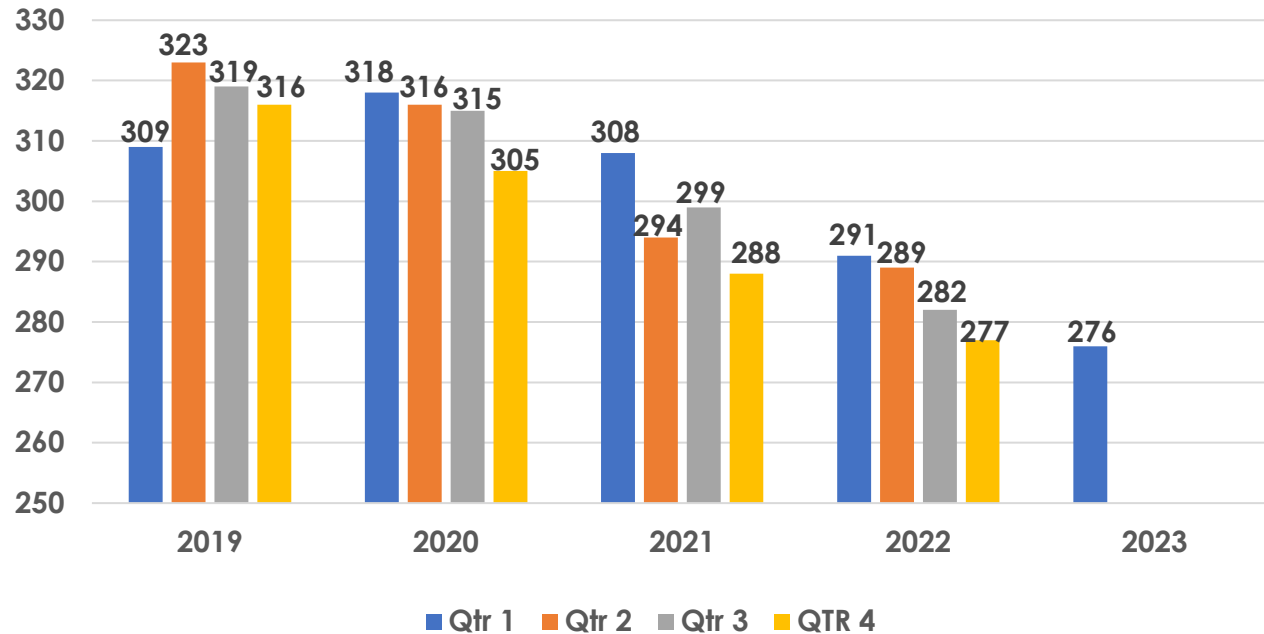
Community Engagement



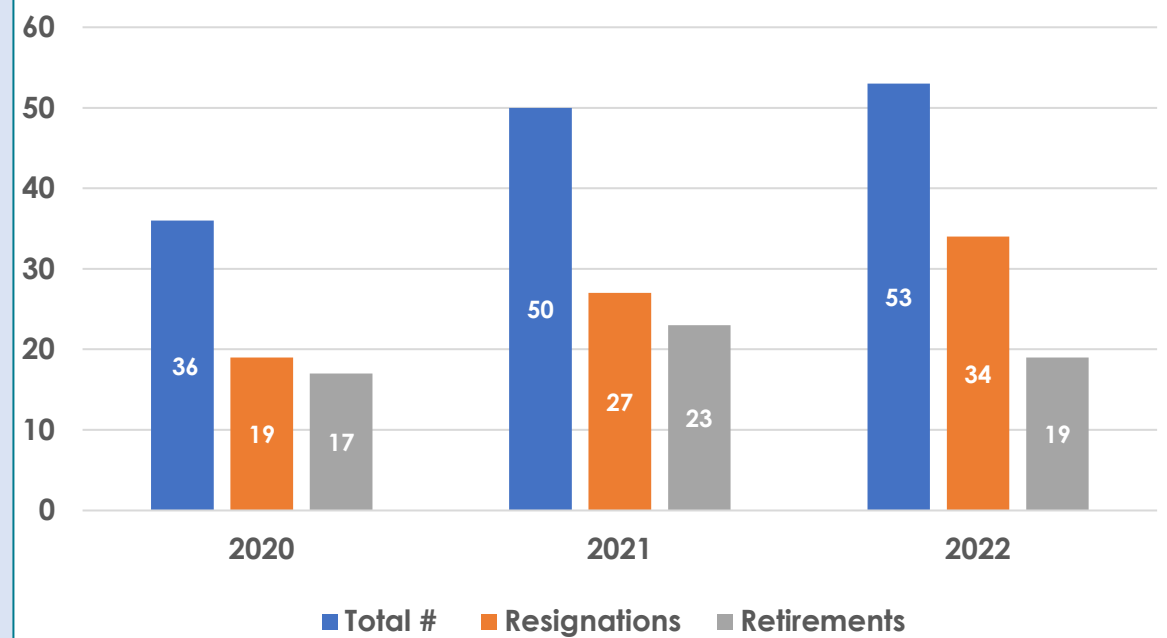
Employee Wellness

Agency Staffing

Functional Staffing – 2019 to 2023



Staffing Trend- 2020 to 2022



Building Diversity

Race and Ethnicity	Arlington Community	Arlington Police – Current Staff	Arlington Police – Hires Since January 2018
White	58.5%	69.3%	61.9%
Black	8.5%	10.1%	14.7%
Hispanic	15.7%	12%	15.2%
Asian	11.4%	2.2%	4.9%
Other/Multi-Race	5.8%	6.3%	3.3%
Female	49.6%	26.9%	33.7%

Arlington community data source: 2020 Census



Recruitment and Training Timeline (9-12 months)



Commitment to Training



ACPD provides our officers with exceptional training built around the principles of de-escalation.

Last fiscal year, ACPD Sworn Staff attended just under 80,000 hours of training.

New officers receive approximately 800 hours of formal Academy training followed by 630 hours of field training. This training includes, but is not limited to: use of force, implicit bias, fair and impartial policing, communicating with those with disabilities and cognitive disorders and active listening.

In addition to our basic training cycle, we have a robust continuing education program including response-oriented, communication and critical thinking skills.

Service Changes and Reallocation of Resources

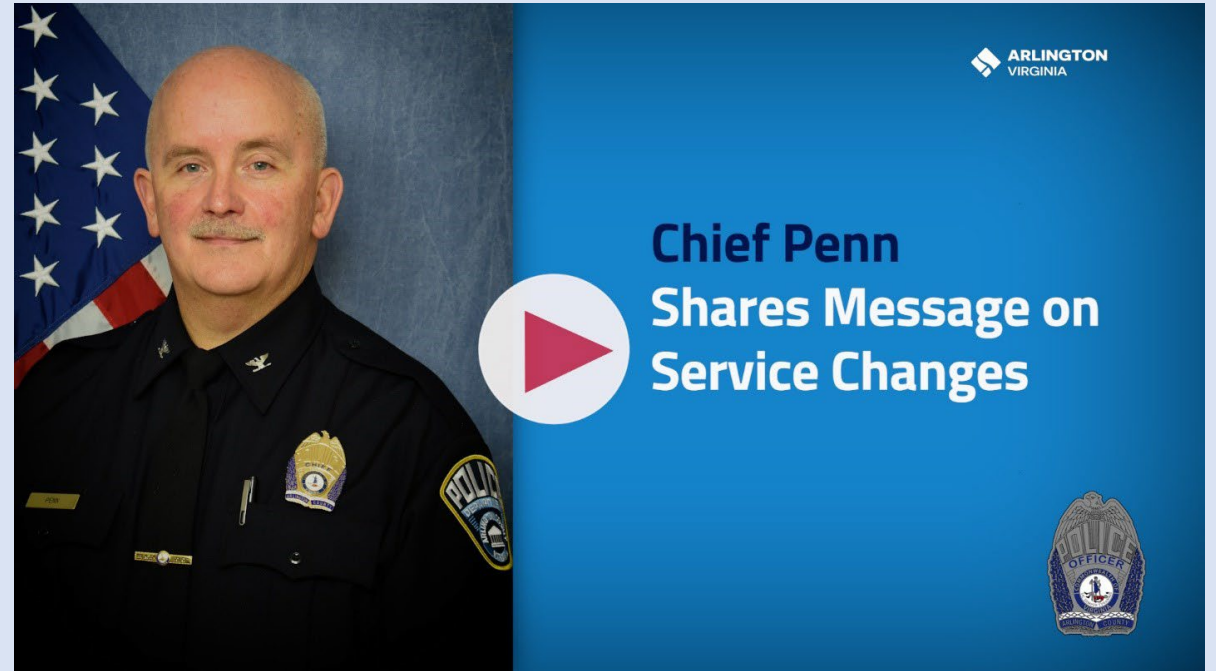
Police Response Focused on In-Progress Crimes and Emergency Calls For Service

ACPD, like most law enforcement agencies across the country, has experienced a significant reduction in our workload over the last several years due to attrition, retirements and officers seeking other opportunities.

- Our top priority remains the safety of the Arlington community. Officers continue to respond to in-progress crimes and emergency calls for service where there is a threat to life, health or property.

The service changes included:

- Utilizing the online reporting system or telephone reporting in lieu of an in-person officer response for applicable reports of non-emergency criminal activity which is currently not-in-progress
- Prioritizing investigative follow-up on crimes against people and serious property crimes
- Reducing investigative follow-up on some property crimes, particularly when the incident lacks solvability factors.



While overall police staffing has declined, we have utilized overtime to ensure our patrol shifts are staffed to ensure capability to maintain public safety

Crime and Safety

Crime Trends



- Auto-Related Property Crimes
 - Compared to last year, motor vehicle thefts and larcenies from vehicles have increased
- Burglaries
 - Projected to decrease compared to 2021
- Larcenies
 - Generally, larcenies have increased compared to 2021
- Assaults
 - Consistent with 2021 crime trends, aggravated assaults and simple assaults are projected to increase
 - Both these offenses continue to be a significant driver in the Crimes Against Person category
- Firearms
 - Officers seized 147 firearms in 2022, an increase from 126 firearms in 2021
 - Of these, 15 were ghost guns

Highlight of Safety Tips



- With spring around the corner, more people will soon be using our trails. Remember to remain aware of your surroundings, travel with another person when possible and limit the use of devices that distract you such as cell phones and headphones.
- Stay ahead of scams by always being suspicious of unsolicited calls, texts or emails. If the caller puts you in fear, requests you to act quickly or states there is an emergency, it's likely a scam.
- Burglaries and thefts are often crimes of opportunity with thieves stealing items left unattended or out in plain view. Participate in the 9 P.M. Routine each evening and ensure the following are completed:
 - Vehicles, residences, garages, windows, gates, sheds have been locked
 - Valuables from vehicles (including keys), yards, patios have been brought inside
 - Exterior lights and cameras are activated

Addressing Opioids in our Community



Police Investigated Incidents

Year	Total Incidents Involving Opioids	Total Opioid Overdoses	Total Opioid Overdoses – Non-Fatal	Total Opioid Overdoses - Fatal
2017	157	74	55	19
2018	154	53	42	11
2019	95	42	36	6
2020	138	74	54	20
2021	156	92	64	28
2022	152	88	71	17



Police Response to Opioids Incidents

- Thoroughly investigate narcotics incidents to identify those that distribute dangerous controlled substances within our community.
- Connect overdose victims to the Department of Human Services' peer support group for follow-up after an incident involving opioids.
- Trained officers on how to respond to an opioid overdose using the reversal medication Narcan. Officers deployed Narcan 21 times in 2022.

PERMANENT DRUG TAKE-BACK BOXES

Safely dispose of expired, unused and unwanted prescription medications in Arlington County 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. This disposal service is free and anonymous with no questions asked.

4 SECURE, PERMANENT DRUG TAKE-BACK LOCATIONS

- Fire Station #2** - 4805 Wilson Boulevard
- Fire Station #5** - 1750 S. Hayes Street
- Fire Station #9** - 1900 S. Walter Reed Drive
- Police Headquarters** - 2000 block of 14th Street N.



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Since its inception in June of 2018, over 11,000 lbs of unwanted medications have been collected in the four permanent drug take-back boxes

Engagement Initiatives, Programs and Events



Youth Education



Community Events



Neighborhood-based Activities



Community Meetings



Summer Camps and Programs



Seasonal Donation Drives



Community Advocacy Group Partnerships



FRK9 Brooks, Peer Support Animal

Our Commitment to the Community



The men and women of the Arlington County Police Department are dedicated to providing our community the highest quality of professional law enforcement services. We continue to hold ourselves accountable while ensuring we are transparent and effectively communicating with those we serve. We are committed to being actively engaged within the community and always being present at the table to have the difficult conversations. We take great pride in the relationships we've built throughout Arlington but recognize our trust is earned each day with every interaction.

Staying Informed

ACPD is committed to effectively communicating to ensure the public's trust.

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