Arlington County Police Department

Department 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.

Crime Prevention and Control

Transportation Safety

Community Engagement

Employee Wellness

Preliminary Annual Crime Data

Crime and Safety

CY 2025: Projected Increase in Overall Crime Rate

Increases in Group A Offenses: Crimes Against Persons, Crimes Against Property, and Crimes Against Society

⬆ **Crimes Against Persons (7.87%)**   ⬆ **Crimes Against Property (12.12%)**   ⬆ **Crimes Against Society (0.46%)**

Assaults
- Simple Assaults increased for the fifth year
- Aggravated Assaults increased 18% in CY 24 compared to CY 23

Crimes Against Property
- Shoplifting increased 76% in CY 24 compared to CY 23
- Significant increases in online reporting for telephone scams/frauds/extortions
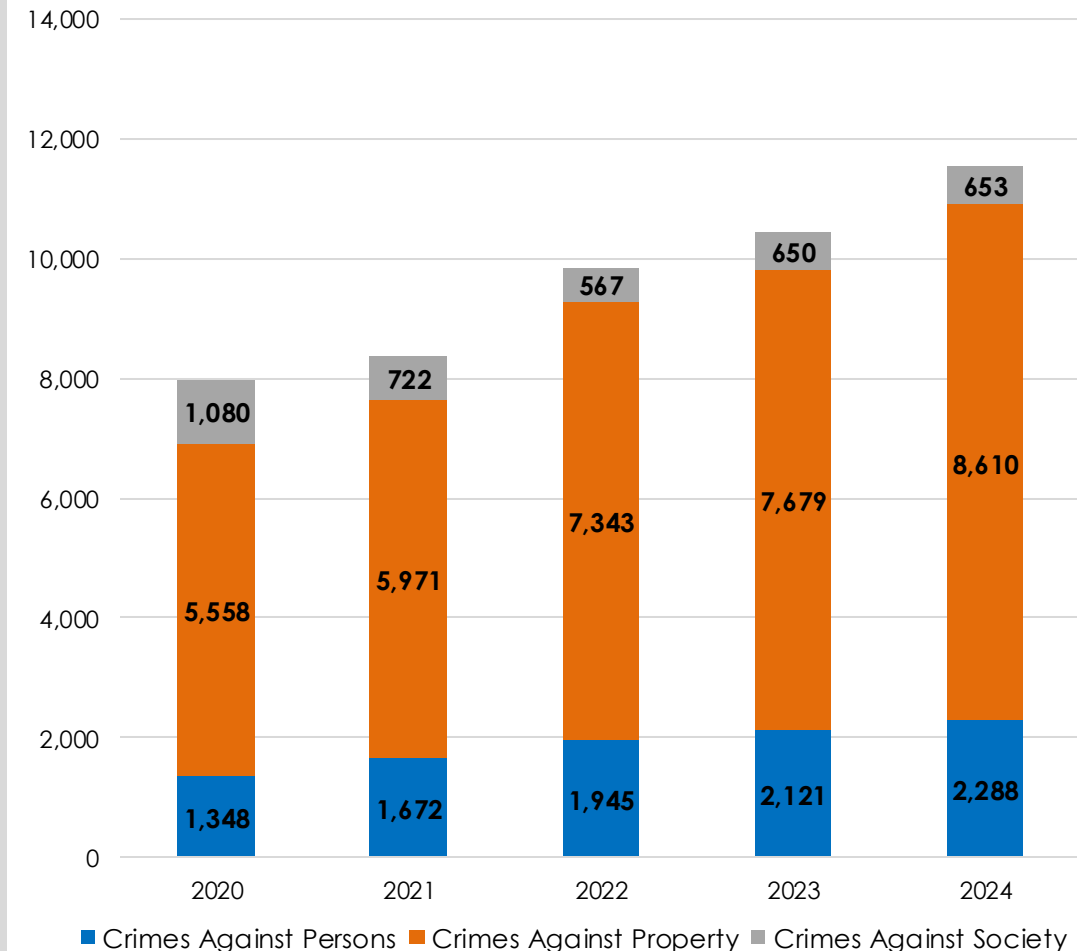
Narcotics Offenses
- Decreased 16% in CY 24 compared to CY 23
- Focus on opioid-related incidents and holding narcotics distributors accountable

Firearms
- Officers seized 110 firearms as evidence in CY 24
- Of these seizures, 6 were ghost guns

Group A Offenses CY 2020 - CY 2024

Year	Crimes Against Persons	Crimes Against Property	Crimes Against Society
2020	1,348	5,558	1,080
2021	1,672	5,971	722
2022	1,945	7,343	567
2023	2,121	7,679	650
2024	2,288	8,610	653

■ Crimes Against Persons   ■ Crimes Against Property   ■ Crimes Against Society

Response to Opioids Crisis

Police Response to Opioid Incidents

Opioid incidents involving both adults and juveniles declined in CY 2024. While the decline is encouraging, the opioid crisis remains a significant issue facing our community. ACPD continues to investigate every incident with the goal of identifying those who distribute dangerous controlled substances within our community and holding them accountable.

Total Opioid Incidents (Adult & Juvenile)

Calendar Year	Total Incidents Involving Opioids	Total Opioid Overdoses	Total Opioid Overdoses – Non-Fatal	Total Opioid Overdoses - Fatal
2020	138	74	54	20
2021	156	92	64	28
2022	152	88	71	17
2023	182	73	51	22
2024	136	53	43	10

Juvenile Opioid Incidents

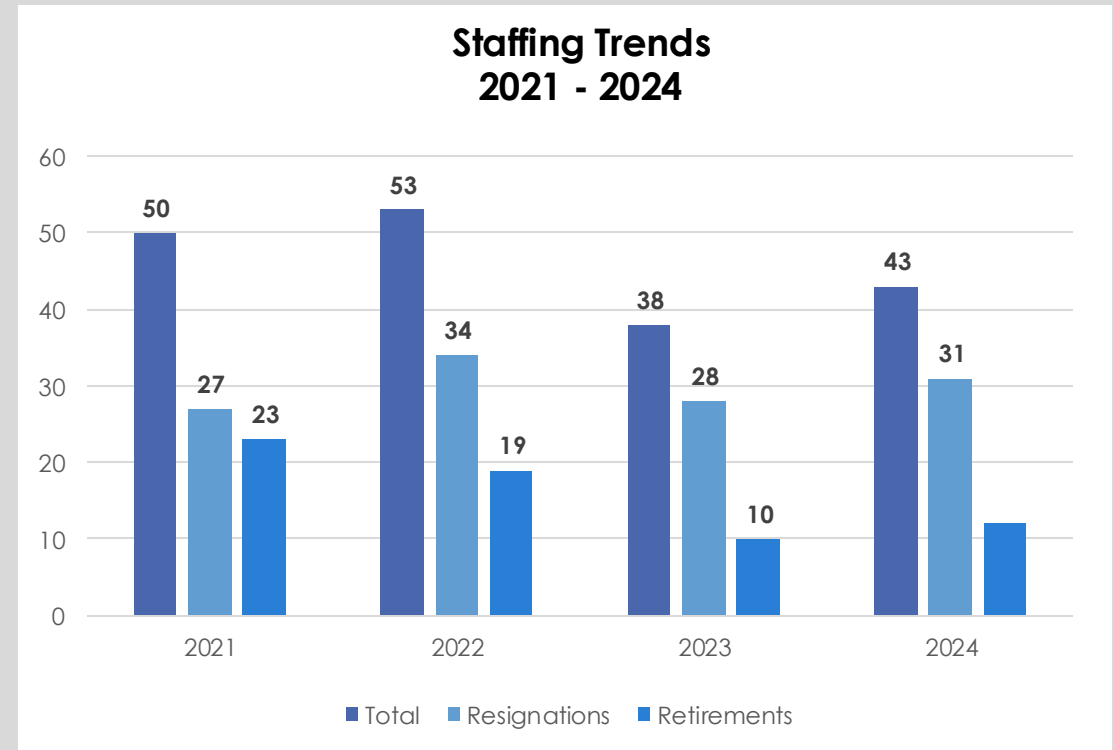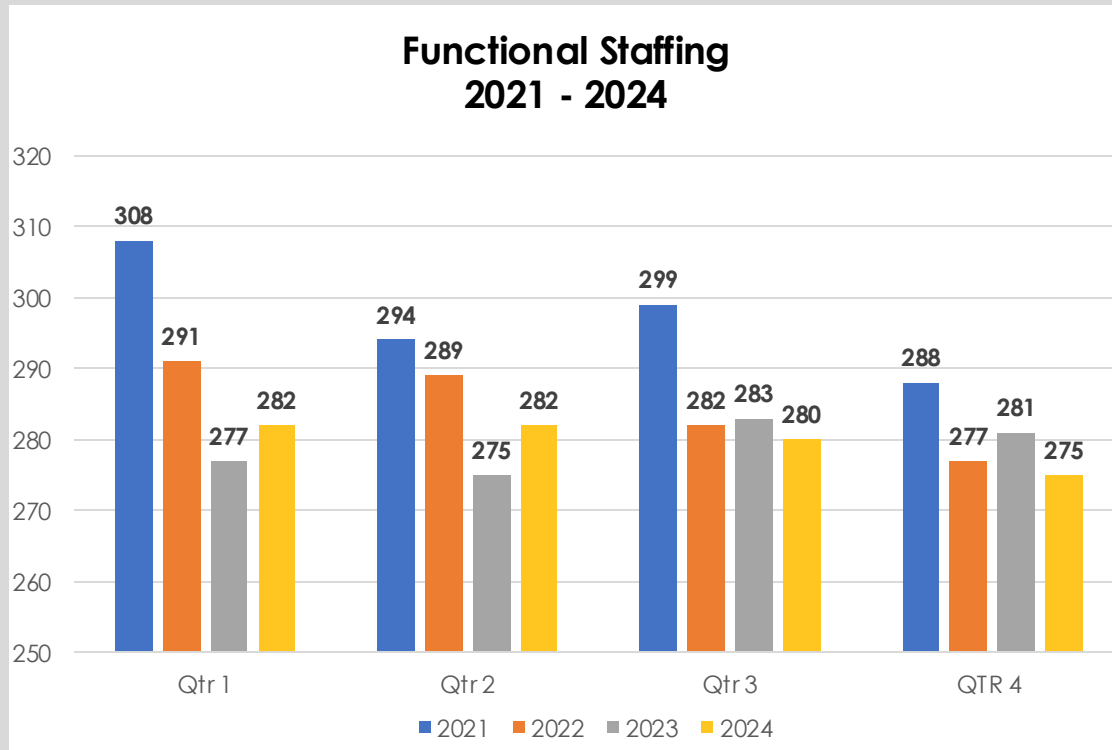| Calendar Year	Total Juvenile Incidents Involving Opioids	Total Juvenile Opioid Overdoses	Total Juvenile Opioid Overdoses – Non-Fatal	Total Opioid Overdoses - Fatal
2023	32	11	9	2
2024	4	2	2	0

21 NARCAN deployments in 2024 and 125 total deployments since the program began in 2019

2,607 lbs. of prescription medication safely disposed of in 2024 and over 15,000 lbs. collected since the start of the program in 2018
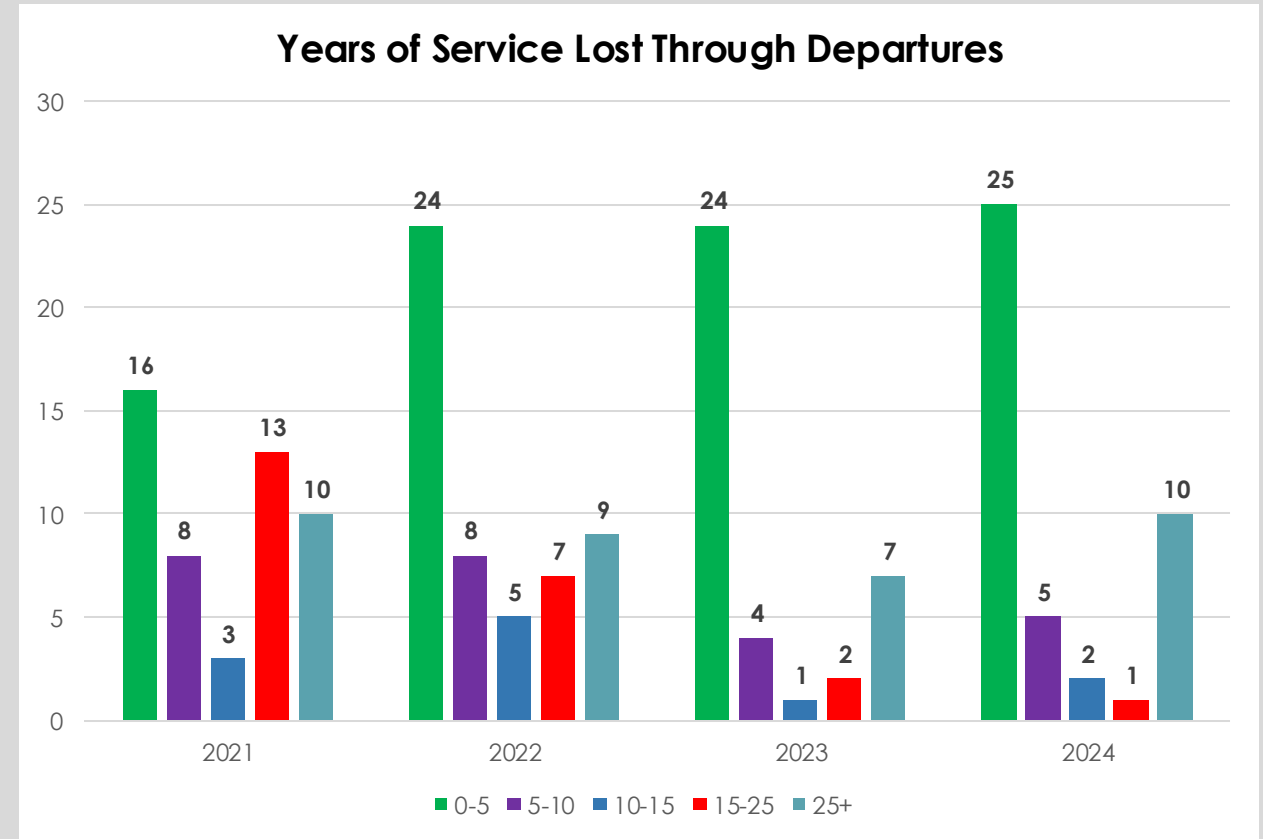
Police Officer Staffing and Retention

Functional Staffing 2021 - 2024

Staffing Trends 2021 - 2024

For the first time in at least five years, the number of sworn officer hires (47) has surpassed the number of departures (43) for CY 2024

Officer Years of Experience

Years of Service	# of Officers	% of Officers
0-2	46	15%
2-5	59	19%
5-10	56	18%
10-15	36	12%
15-20	40	13%
20-25	40	13%
25+	31	10%

Years of Service Lost Through Departures

Year	0-5	5-10	10-15	15-25	25+
2021	16	8	3	13	10
2022	24	8	5	7	9
2023	24	4	1	2	7
2024	25	5	2	1	10

Immigration Status and Access to Police Services

The role of ACPD is to keep our community safe, not to enforce federal immigration laws. We want to ensure all people – regardless of their country of origin – continue to report crimes and engage with Arlington County Police Officers.

Arlington County Police Department…
- Serves all people, regardless of citizenship or immigration status.
- Does not and will not perform proactive immigration status checks on residents or visitors.
- Has not and will not monitor, detain, interview or investigate an individual solely for the purpose of determining their immigration status.
- Requests identification documents only for the purpose of establishing a person's identity and accepts government issued and other forms of reasonably acceptable identifications (such as School IDs and Foreign Government IDs).

- Only contacts federal immigration authorities under the following limited circumstances:
  - An undocumented immigrant who has been identified as a gang member and is wanted or arrested for a violent felony or gang offense.
  - An undocumented immigrant who is arrested for a felony offense or is a confirmed gang member, where notification is prudent to maintain community safety.
  - An undocumented immigrant who is arrested for a terrorism or human trafficking offense.

Enhancing Public Safety by Incorporating Technology Solutions to Aid Officers

- Police staffing continues to be a significant challenge facing the agency. While strides in recruiting have been made, the department has been thoughtful and intentional in implementing enhanced technology solutions to assist officers in maintaining public safety
  - **Unmanned Aircraft Systems** provides first responders with increased situational awareness
  - **Automated Safety Enforcement**, including PhotoSPEED and PhotoRED, encourages red-light compliance and lowers motorist speeds to address unsafe driving behaviors that can result in serious injury or death
  - **Flock Safety License Plate Readers and Cameras** assists officer response to public safety incidents and criminal investigations

Criminal Justice Diversion Programs

Arlington County Restorative Justice partnership

- Agreement signed with Center for Youth and Family Advocacy (CYFA) on June 15, 2023
- Available for young people involved in misdemeanor offenses and non-violent felonies
- Of the cases referred by ACPD to CYFA, 100% successfully completed the program with no reported recidivism

Year	ACPD Referrals to CYFA
2023 (August – December)	18
2024 (January – December)	48
2025 (January – February)	11
TOTAL	**77**

ACPD/DHS Pilot Co-Response Team (Proposed)

- Reestablish a dedicated Co- Response Team to respond to behavioral health – police involved calls for service
- Six-month Pilot Program pairs a Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) trained officer with Mobile Outreach Support Team (MOST) to:
  - connect individuals in crisis with appropriate services and resources
  - provide community-based crisis services
  - divert from higher level of care or criminal justice system when appropriate

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