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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN



The Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) *Annual Report on Crime and Crime Control* is developed by the COG Police Chiefs Committee on behalf of the COG Board of Directors. This report provides the National Capital Region's (NCR) leadership and elected officials with the ability to review and evaluate crime trends from a regional perspective.

Authored by the Police Investigative Commanders Subcommittee, the report collects crime statistics from the 24 COG member jurisdictions, neighboring jurisdictions, and federal law enforcement agencies. The first section of the report illustrates the 2022 crime statistics and compares the offenses and arrests against the prior five years of data. The second section of the report highlights the regional initiatives and other efforts by the COG Police Chiefs Committee and its subcommittees to combat crime in the region.

I am honored to chair the Police Chiefs Committee, excited for the law enforcement initiatives being implemented regionally, and I look forward to working collaboratively to keep the NCR a safer and more secure region.

Russell E. Hamill, III, Chair, COG Police Chiefs Committee
Chief of Police, Laurel Police Department

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In 2022, the NCR saw a dramatic increase in population and unlike last year's report, crime per capita also saw an upward trend. An overall increase in Part I/Part A offenses, crimes against persons and property, can mostly be attributed to a 13.2 percent increase in property crime, largely due to a sharp rise in motor vehicle thefts and larceny that saw increases of 17.1 percent and 13.2 percent, respectively. While the region has similarly experienced an increase in violent crime – homicide, rape, and aggravated assault all saw declines, leaving robbery as the only upward trending violent crime captured in this report with an increase of 505 robbery offenses between 2021 and 2022.

While in line with national trends, the NCR continues to experience more crime than reported pre-COVID-19 pandemic. While an increase in auto thefts has been tied to a viral social media trend, agencies have leveraged social media campaigns and public outreach strategies to inform community members on vehicle theft prevention. Some have hosted community events in collaboration with local businesses to offer free catalytic converter etching, distribution of wheel locks, and education on how to protect property and prevent theft. As detailed in this report, law enforcement partners in the NCR have committed to leveraging regional information sharing and coordination to focus mitigation efforts on crimes that are seeing the largest upticks regionwide. The committee continues to discuss opportunities to collaborate and share information regarding auto thefts.

As calls for service continue to increase and staffing levels remain low, law enforcement workforce wellness will be a priority for the Police Chiefs Committee in 2023. Other priorities include exploring force multiplying advances in technology, crisis intervention, and training. The Police Chiefs Committee and its subcommittees meet regularly to share resources and discuss the latest crime trends to ensure public safety in the National Capital Region.

INTRODUCTION

The Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) *Annual Report on Crime and Crime Control* is based on crime statistics reported by the 24 local jurisdictions of COG.¹ The report also includes statistics from neighboring jurisdictions, state and federal law enforcement agencies, and local universities to highlight the trends throughout the region. This includes new data reporting from three local and three university law enforcement agencies in the region compared to the previous year’s report. This report, compiled by the COG Police Chiefs Committee, begins by focusing on Part I/Part A Offenses, as defined by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), primarily collected using the following reporting methods:

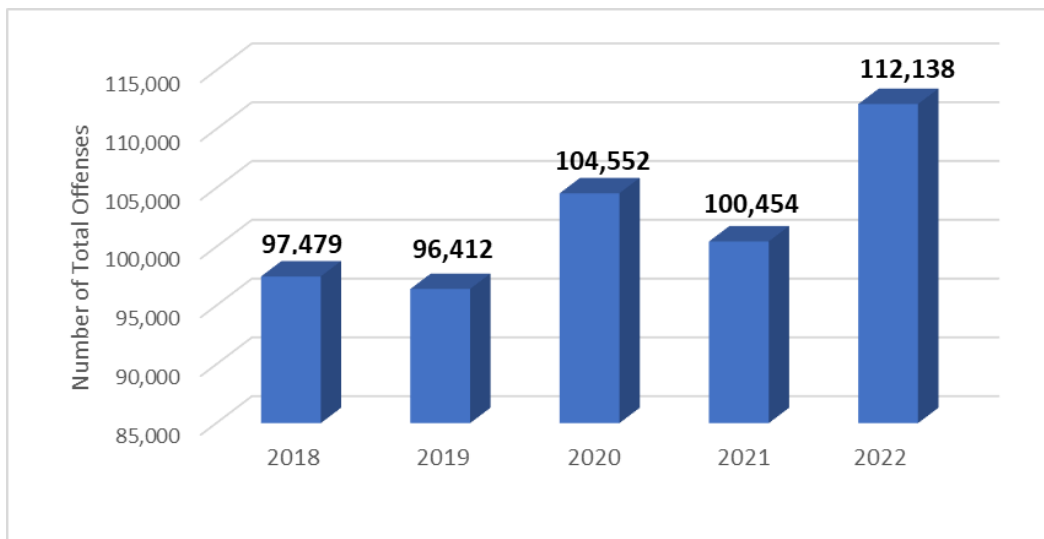
- Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program, and
- National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS)

COG disseminated a data collection instrument requesting information from the region’s law enforcement agencies on the Police Chiefs Committee. Each agency determines its own reporting method. COG compiled the data, regardless of reporting method, and presents in this report crime trends over five years to provide a clearer picture of crime in the NCR. To gain a more comprehensive understanding of crime trends in the region, additional factors such as the economy, social stressors, legislative changes, and/or changes in police policies and resources should be taken into consideration. This additional analysis is not included in this report.

PART I/PART A OFFENSES

In 2022, the NCR saw an increase in the total number of Part I/Part A offenses over the previous year. There was a 11.6 percent increase in 2022 from 2021. Figure 1 demonstrates the five-year trend, with an overall increase of 11,684 reported offenses between 2021 and 2022 in the NCR.

Figure 1: Total Part I/Part A Offenses, National Capital Region, 2018-2022



¹ The Town of Bladensburg, Maryland did not report statistics for 2022. The City of College Park is included in Prince George’s County and Maryland State Police data.

Table 1 below illustrates the breakdown of Part I/Part A Offenses for each of the reporting COG jurisdictions, as well as the crimes committed per 1,000 people. Table 2 illustrates the breakdown of offenses for the Associate Members, including neighboring jurisdictions and federal agencies.

Table 1: Part I/Part A Offenses by COG Primary Member Jurisdictions, 2022

COG Police Departments	Reporting Method	Homicide	Rape	Robbery	Agg. Assault	Burglary	Larceny	M/V Theft	Total Offenses	Crimes Per 1,000	Population
District of Columbia	Other	203	158	2,082	1,387	1,050	18,661	3,761	27,302	40.6	671,803
City of Bowie	NIBRS	1	8	21	50	40	645	118	883	15.1	58,329
Charles County	NIBRS	7	32	105	260	171	1,413	198	2,186	13.0	168,698
Frederick County	NIBRS	2	25	15	157	97	1,030	41	1,367	4.9	279,833
City of Frederick	UCR/ NIBRS	4	32	41	230	168	1,030	38	1,543	18.8	82,175
City of Gaithersburg	NIBRS	1	40	50	117	116	1,123	103	1,550	21.6	71,733
City of Greenbelt	UCR	4	12	65	107	84	776	149	1,197	48.7	24,555
City of Hyattsville	NIBRS	4	7	49	68	57	570	129	884	42.4	20,873
City of Laurel	NIBRS	0	18	41	60	57	717	359	1,252	50.1	25,000
Montgomery County*	NIBRS	22	395	564	991	1,415	12,670	1,507	17,564	16.5	1,062,061
Prince George's County	NIBRS	91	85	1,235	1,035	1,152	9,004	3,513	16,115	16.3	987,957
City of Rockville	NIBRS	3	22	33	86	106	922	95	1,267	18.9	66,924
City of Takoma Park	UCR/ NIBRS	2	3	24	23	90	321	53	516	29.5	17,500
City of Alexandria	NIBRS	6	8	108	172	159	2,593	315	3,361	20.8	161,325
Arlington County	NIBRS	2	40	167	377	174	3,576	412	4,748	19.7	241,283
City of Fairfax	NIBRS	1	10	12	11	19	524	38	615	25.0	24,574
Fairfax County	NIBRS	23	124	443	579	680	15,069	1362	18,280	15.6	1,172,646
City of Falls Church	NIBRS	0	2	7	0	12	220	24	265	15.2	17,486
Loudoun County	NIBRS	4	48	33	134	101	2,178	163	2,661	6.1	434,326
City of Manassas	NIBRS	0	14	38	52	51	823	75	1,053	24.6	42,733
City of Manassas Park	NIBRS	0	9	4	21	21	204	26	285	16.8	17,002
Prince William County	NIBRS	20	77	222	954	425	5,498	571	7,767	15.9	488,270
TOTAL		400	1,169	5,359	6,871	6,245	79,567	13,050	112,661	18.4	6,137,086

*Montgomery County data may also be reported by the City of Takoma Park, City of Rockville, and City of Gaithersburg.

Table 2: Part I/Part A Offenses for COG Associate Members, 2022

Associate Police Departments	Reporting Method	Homicide	Rape	Robbery	Agg. Assault	Burglary	Larceny	M/V Theft	Total Offenses	Population
Culpeper County Sheriff	NIBRS	1	7	1	9	8	56	9	91	51,935
Fauquier County Sheriff	NIBRS	1	9	3	28	23	244	16	324	74,664
FBI- Washington Field Office	NIBRS	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	NA
Federal Protective Service - National Capital Region	NIBRS	2	0	8	2	41	136	44	233	NA
George Mason University Police	NIBRS	0	9	0	3	2	85	0	99	NA
Town of Herndon Police	NIBRS	1	8	26	26	14	386	20	481	24,339
Town of Landover Hills Police	UCR	0	0	6	26	8	87	20	147	1,815
Town of Leesburg Police	NIBRS	2	15	16	108	21	659	32	853	48,908
M-NCPPC (Montgomery County)	NIBRS	0	2	8	9	9	79	0	107	NA
M-NCPPC (Prince George's County)	NIBRS	1	1	16	41	2	84	5	150	NA
Maryland Natural Resources Police	NIBRS	0	1	0	2	4	95	1	103	NA
Maryland State Police*	NIBRS	0	5	7	92	13	132	76	325	NA
Metro Transit Police	NIBRS	0	4	227	195	2	442	83	953	NA
Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority Police	NIBRS	0	0	0	0	0	209	14	223	NA
Pentagon Force Protection Agency	NIBRS	0	0	0	0	0	23	1	24	NA
Stafford County Sheriff	Other	7	36	31	181	104	1,249	100	1,708	163,239
Supreme Court of the U.S. Police	Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	NA
U.S. Capitol Police	NIBRS	0	1	5	14	1	30	4	55	NA
U.S. Park Police	NIBRS	3	2	17	30	4	133	17	206	NA
University of the District of Columbia Police	UCR	0	5	1	3	11	202	6	228	NA
University of Maryland (College Park) Police	UCR	0	0	0	1	4	0	0	5	NA
Virginia State Police- Division 7	NIBRS	1	2	0	39	0	29	30	101	NA
TOTAL		18	100	371	802	263	4,304	469	6,327	NA

*This includes figures from the Maryland State Police College Park, Frederick, Forestville, La Plata, and Rockville Barracks.

Table 3 below shows arrests for the Part I/Part A Offenses for each of the reporting COG member jurisdictions, and Table 4 illustrates the arrests for each Associate Member.

Table 3: Arrests for COG Primary Member Jurisdictions, 2022

COG Police Departments	Reporting Method	Homicide	Rape	Robbery	Agg. Assault	Burglary	Larceny	M/V Theft	Total Arrests
District of Columbia	Other	111	54	494	519	124	750	58	2,110
City of Bowie	NIBRS	1	4	5	16	4	19	3	52
Charles County	NIBRS	7	14	47	197	73	396	10	744
Frederick County	NIBRS	0	7	7	112	25	198	9	358
City of Frederick	UCR/NIBRS	0	18	17	118	25	129	5	312
City of Gaithersburg	NIBRS	1	8	25	45	29	115	10	233
City of Greenbelt	UCR	1	2	14	43	9	22	6	97
City of Hyattsville**	NIBRS	NA	1	6	5	6	40	11	69
City of Laurel	NIBRS	0	1	9	29	6	70	33	148
Montgomery County*	NIBRS	31	64	287	407	378	1,409	289	2,865
Prince George's County	NIBRS	70	18	306	332	66	237	91	1,120
City of Rockville	NIBRS	NA	NA	4	33	22	52	N/A	111
City of Takoma Park	UCR/NIBRS	1	2	3	8	5	39	2	60
City of Alexandria	NIBRS	7	25	36	113	46	256	16	499
Arlington County	NIBRS	2	3	46	103	28	458	11	651
City of Fairfax	NIBRS	1	0	6	16	7	76	1	107
Fairfax County	NIBRS	28	24	290	688	281	5,022	254	6,587
City of Falls Church	NIBRS	0	0	0	0	2	17	1	20
Loudoun County	NIBRS	5	15	23	141	50	414	45	693
City of Manassas	NIBRS	0	5	16	62	19	118	1	221
City of Manassas Park	NIBRS	0	0	3	9	7	16	6	41
Prince William County	NIBRS	16	10	96	337	72	857	21	1,409
TOTAL		282	275	1,740	3,333	1,284	10,710	883	18,507

*Montgomery County data may also be reported by the City of Takoma Park, City of Rockville, and City of Gaithersburg.

**Homicides in the City of Hyattsville are investigated and charged by Prince George's County and included in their arrest numbers

Table 4: Arrests for COG Associate Members, 2022

Associate Police Departments	Reporting Method	Homicide	Rape	Robbery	Agg. Assault	Burglary	Larceny	M/V Theft	Total Arrests
Culpeper County Sheriff	NIBRS	1	1	4	13	2	16	1	38
Fauquier County Sheriff	NIBRS	0	2	3	11	0	208	47	271
FBI- Washington Field Office	NIBRS	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
Federal Protective Service - National Capital Region	NIBRS	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
George Mason University Police	NIBRS	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	4
Town of Herndon Police	NIBRS	0	13	15	21	11	51	6	117
Town of Landover Hills Police	UCR	0	0	0	3	0	2	1	6
Town of Leesburg Police	NIBRS	2	2	4	19	8	75	0	110
M-NCPPC (Montgomery County)	NIBRS	1	0	4	6	0	9	0	20
M-NCPPC (Prince George's County)	NIBRS	0	0	6	14	1	3	6	30
Maryland Natural Resources Police	NIBRS	0	0	0	2	1	5	1	9
Maryland State Police*	NIBRS	0	1	1	11	0	7	10	30
Metro Transit Police	NIBRS	0	2	84	106	0	51	12	255
Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority Police	NIBRS	0	0	0	0	0	23	8	31
Pentagon Force Protection Agency	NIBRS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stafford County Sheriff	Other	5	4	18	119	26	210	11	393
Supreme Court of the U.S. Police	Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
U.S. Capitol Police	NIBRS	0	1	5	1	0	4	2	13
U.S. Park Police	NIBRS	0	0	2	10	0	2	15	29
University of the District of Columbia Police	UCR	0	3	1	2	4	46	8	64
University of Maryland (College Park) Police	UCR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Virginia State Police- Division 7	NIBRS	0	0	0	13	0	12	15	40
TOTAL		8	29	143	341	51	710	142	1,424

CRIME TRENDS IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION

Crime trends in the NCR are calculated by adding the total number of historical property crimes and violent crimes, and then comparing the total against the previous five years.

There was a 13.2 percent increase in overall property crime in 2022 from the previous year. Figure 2 shows the historical property crime trends from 2018-2022 in the NCR. Property crime includes offenses of burglary, larceny, and motor vehicle theft. Figures 3, 4, and 5 show the historical crime trends for each of these offenses.

Figure 2: Historical Property Crime Trends, National Capital Region, 2018-2022

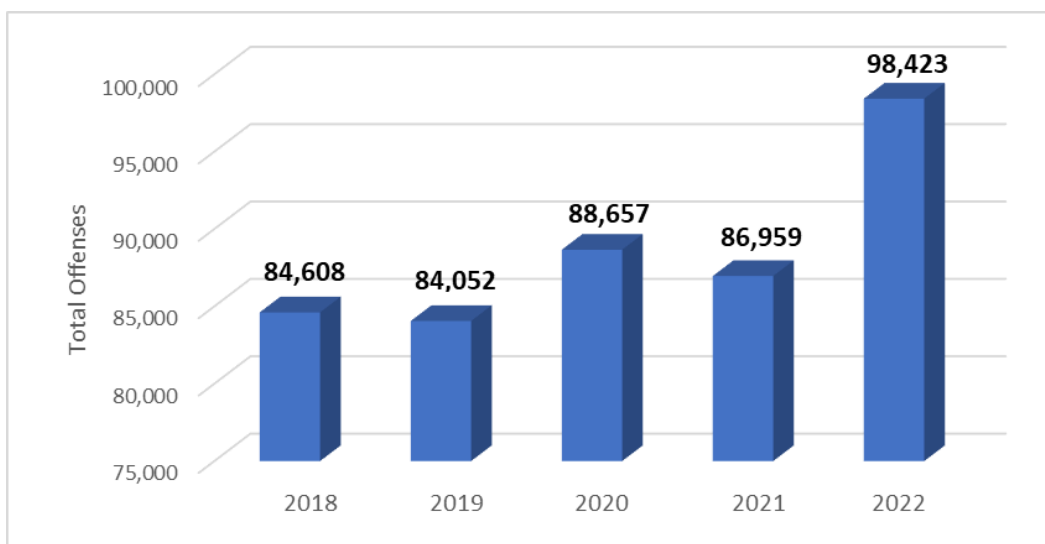


Figure 3: Historical Offenses- Burglary, National Capital Region, 2018-2022

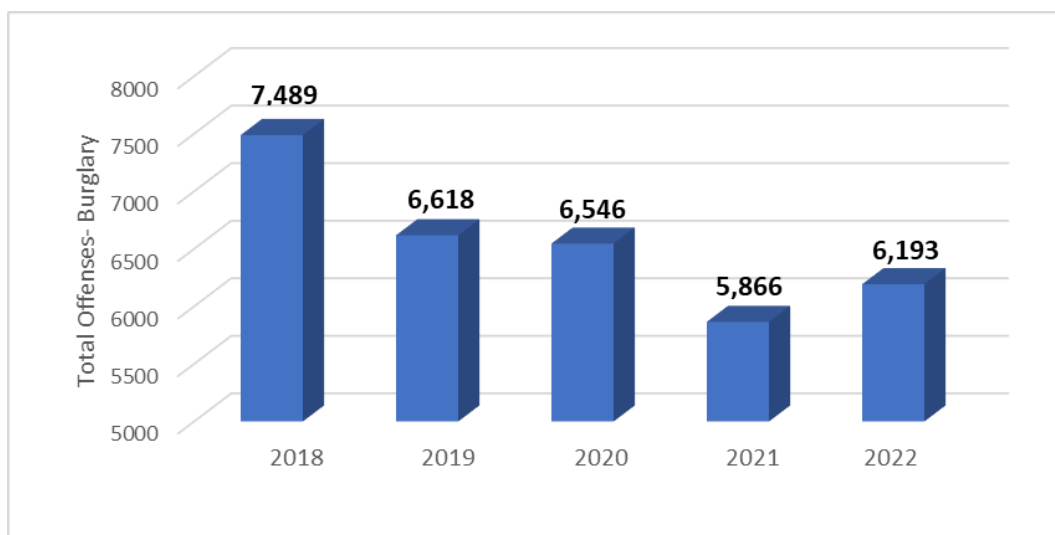


Figure 4: Historical Offenses- Motor Vehicle Theft, National Capital Region, 2018-2022

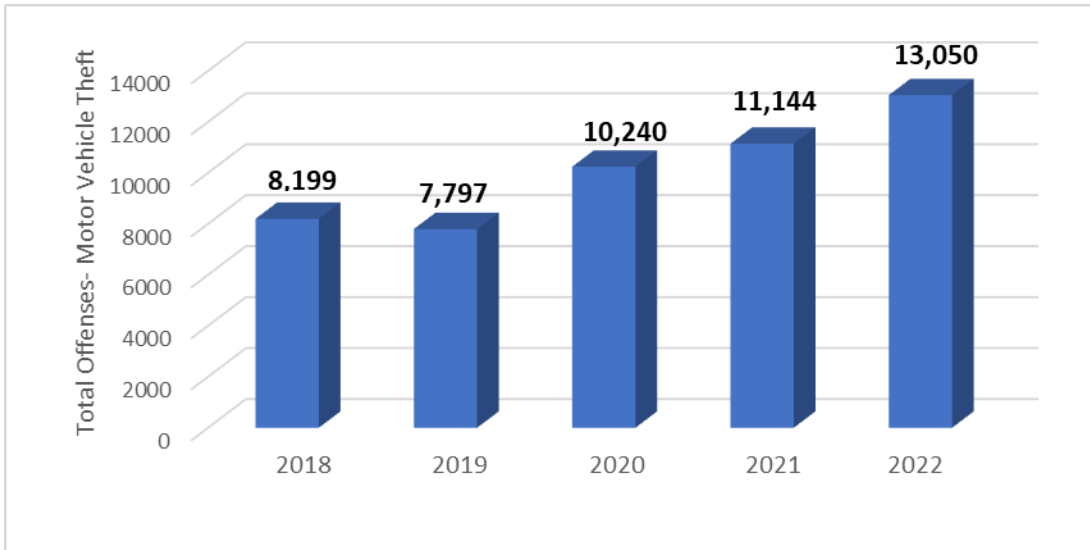
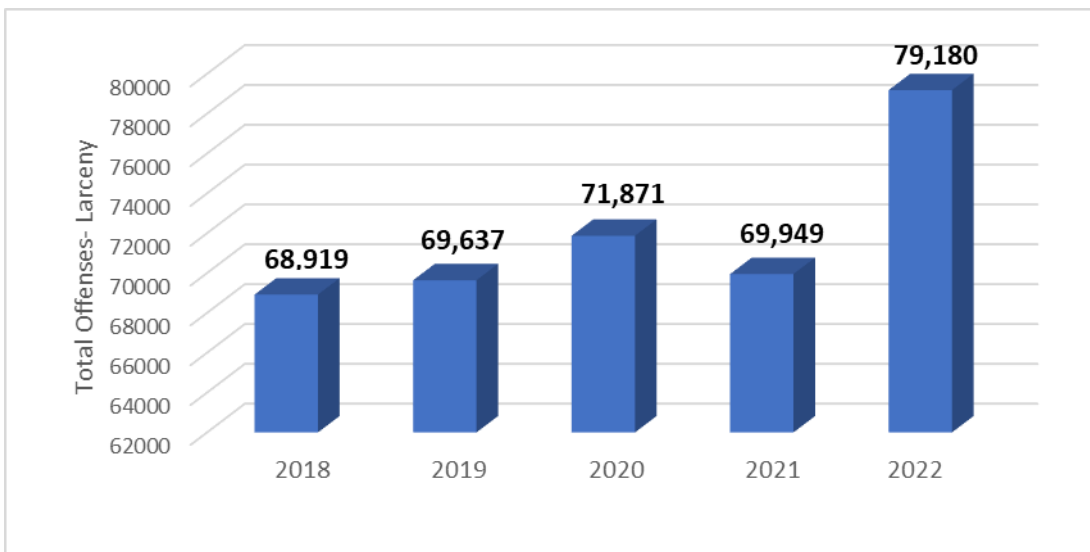


Figure 5: Historical Offenses- Larceny, National Capital Region, 2018-2022



Regionally, violent crime increased 1.6 percent in 2022. Figure 6 shows the overall historical violent crime trends from 2018-2022 in the NCR. Violent crime includes homicide, rape, robbery, and aggravated assault. Figures 7, 8, 9, and 10 show the historical crime trends for each of these offenses. Offenses for homicide, rape, and aggravated assault decreased in 2022 from the previous year.

Figure 6: Historical Violent Crime Trends, National Capital Region, 2018-2022

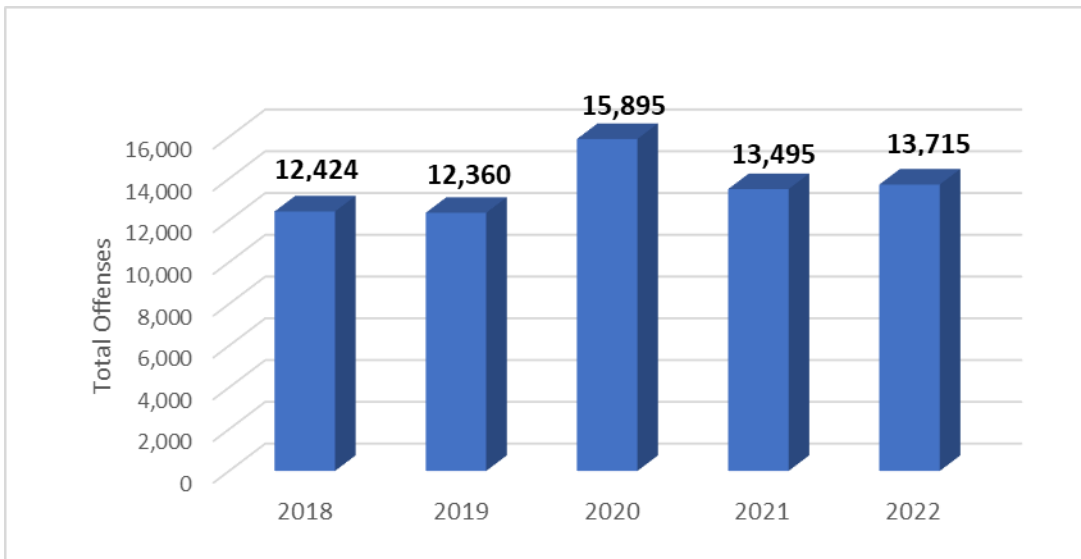


Figure 7: Historical Offenses- Homicide, National Capital Region, 2018-2022

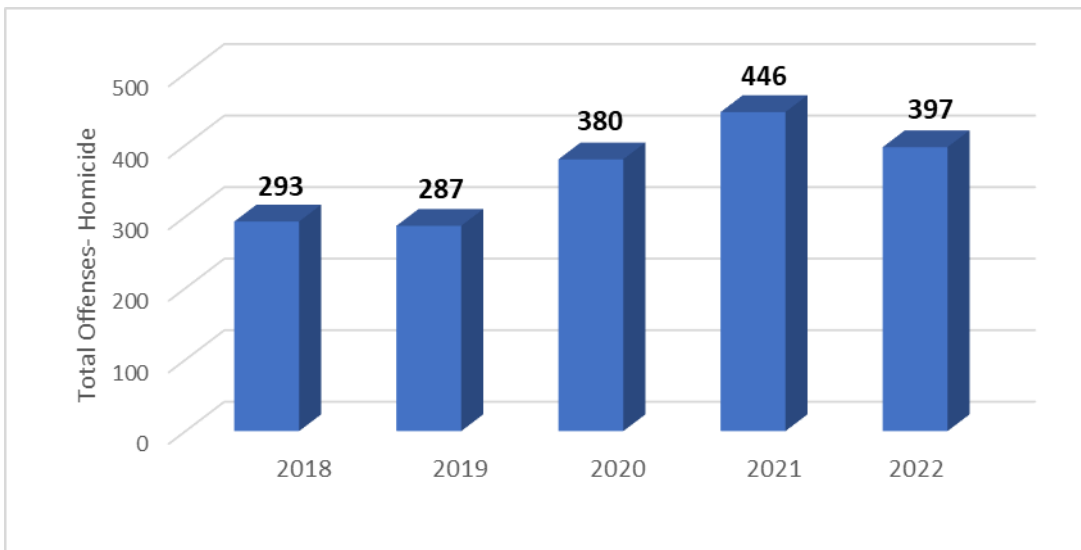


Figure 8: Historical Offenses- Robbery, National Capital Region, 2018-2022

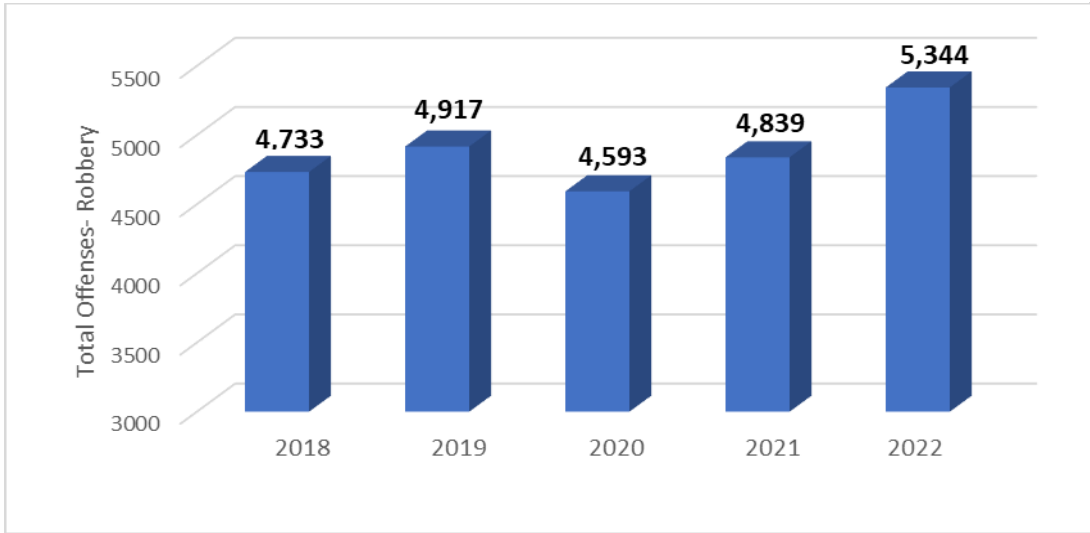


Figure 9: Historical Offenses- Rape, National Capital Region, 2018-2022

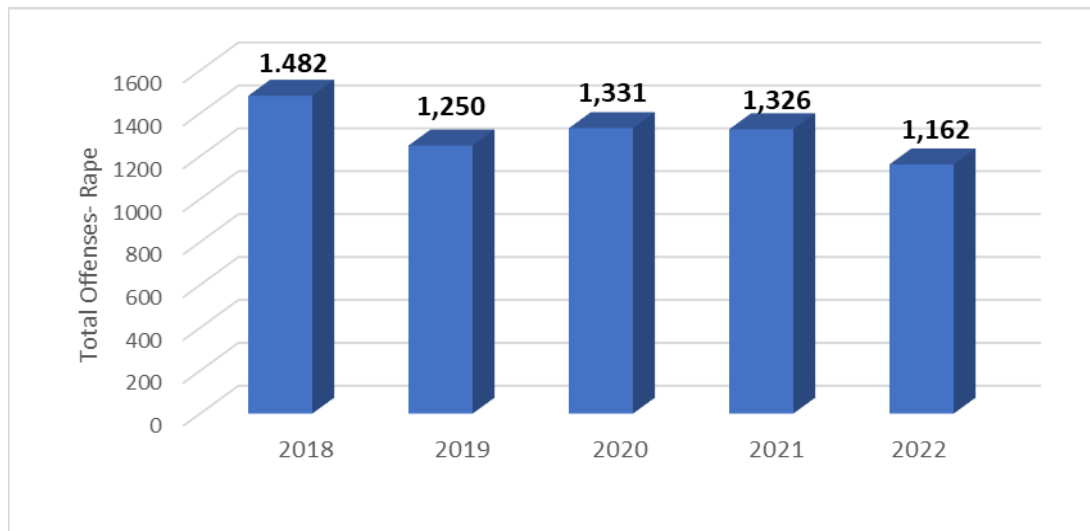
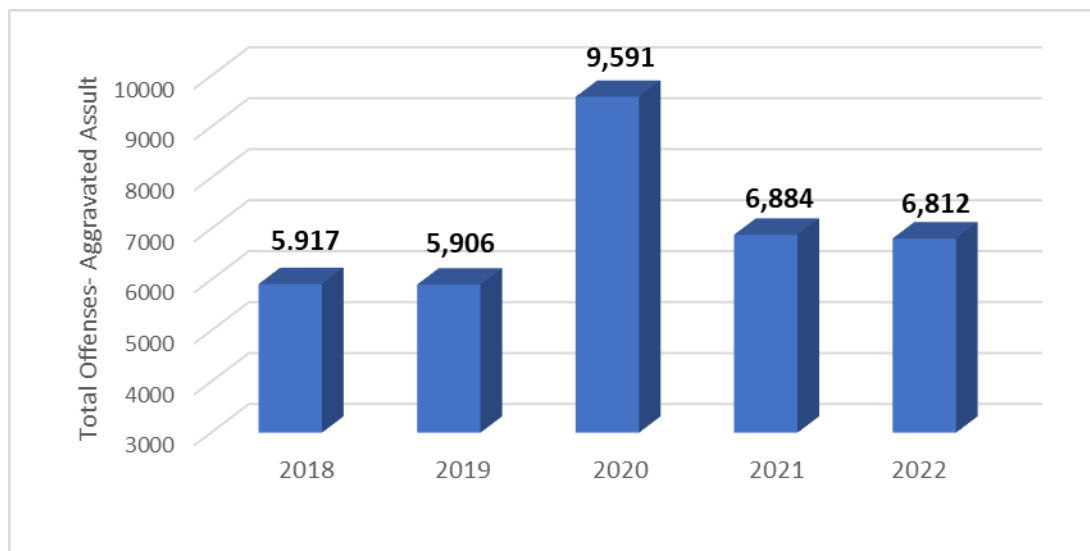


Figure 10: Historical Offenses- Aggravated Assault, National Capital Region, 2018-2022

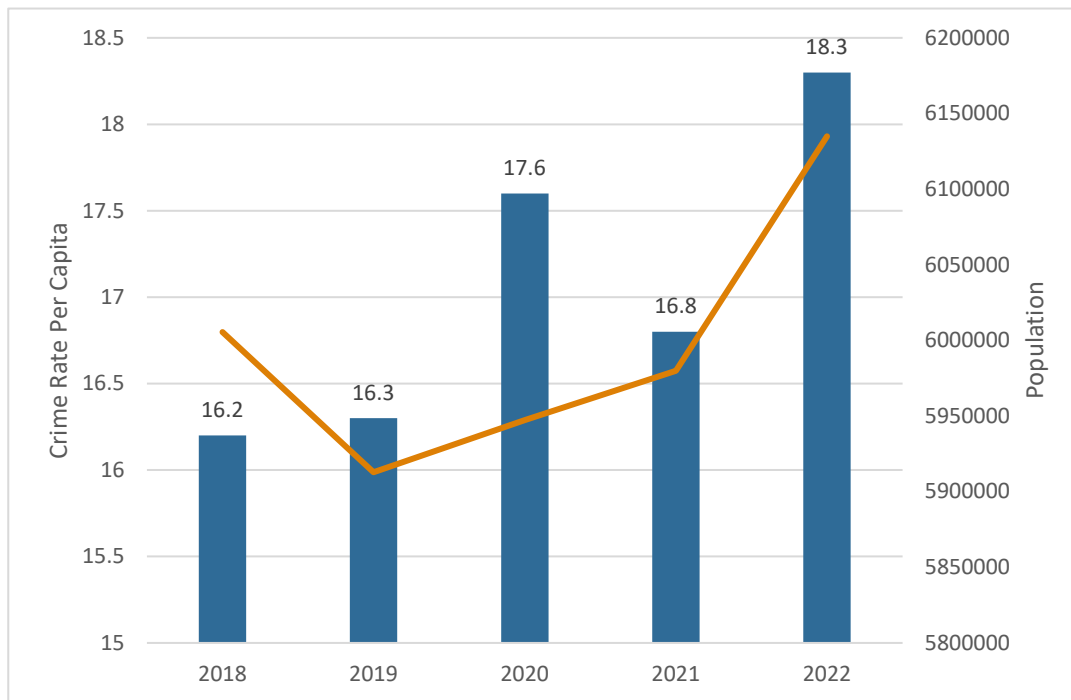


Crime Rate Per Capita

The region's population increased in 2022 to over six million and the crime rate per capita also increased. The 2022 crime rate per capita was 18.3 per 1,000. Crime rate per capita is a commonly accepted measure of crime and often serves as a basic indicator of overall crime trends. In addition to the overall crime trends, each jurisdiction closely monitors their own crime patterns, and addresses current trends using an assortment of policing, training, and specialized law enforcement.

Figure 11 illustrates the crime rate per capita from 2018-2022. The line in the figure represents the population growth over the last five years.

Figure 11: Crime Rate Per Capita, 2018-2022



Calls for service and staffing levels should be included when evaluating crime rate per capita data. Calls for service numbers may not include officer-initiated calls and may only reflect dispatched calls. Table 5 provides a breakdown of the total calls for service in each reporting Primary Member and Associate Member agencies, as well as the staffing levels for sworn and civilian personnel. There was an increase of 2.37% in calls for service for Primary Members in 2022 from the previous year.

Table 5: Calls for Service and Staffing, National Capital Region, 2022

COG Primary Member Police Departments	Calls	Sworn	Civilian
District of Columbia	542,124	3,387	661
City of Bowie	28,202	67	20
Charles County	251,248	315	162
Frederick County	121,331	194	67
City of Frederick	96,515	150	47
City of Gaithersburg	29,465	59	10
City of Greenbelt	31,014	53	19.5
City of Hyattsville	25,690	50	24
City of Laurel	51,152	61	16
Montgomery County	825,629	1,284	763
Prince George's County	523,627	1,425	298
City of Rockville	16,265	66	23
City of Takoma Park	7,699	38	28
City of Alexandria	54,202	322	102
Arlington County	64,236	316	103
City of Fairfax	17,207	66	23
Fairfax County	425,088	1,525	274
City of Falls Church	31,322	35	12
Loudoun County	159,196	650	142
City of Manassas	72,248	99	29
City of Manassas Park	23,840	37	13.5
Prince William County	173,663	707	202
SUBTOTAL	3,570,963	10,906	3,039
COG Associate Member Police Departments	Calls	Sworn	Civilian
Culpeper County Sheriff	50,460	115	23
Fauquier County Sheriff	24,279	134	45
FBI- Washington Field Office	13,339	101	5
Federal Protective Service- National Capital Region	11,752	NA	NA
George Mason University Police	10,521	42	25
Town of Herndon Police	19,669	54	18
Town of Landover Hills Police	1,180	6	1
Town of Leesburg Police	33,165	86	22
M-NCPPC (Montgomery County) Police	8,062	99	27
M-NCPPC (Prince George's County) Police	126,058	136	34
Maryland Natural Resources Police	70,283	259	56
Maryland State Police	3,246	163	35
Metro Transit Police	51,516	467	112
Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority Police	136,249	233	18
Pentagon Force Protection Agency	193,153	745	337
Stafford County Sheriff	87,497	227	76
Supreme Court of the U.S. Police	NA	189	8
U.S. Capitol Police	NA	1,972	392
U.S. Park Police	37,870	525	64
University of Maryland (College Park) Police	103,453	84	42
University of the District of Columbia Police	7,176	32	5
Virginia State Police- Division 7	36,379	230	42
SUBTOTAL	974,847	5,784	1,364
GRAND TOTAL	4,545,810	16,690	4,403

REGIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT INITIATIVES

The COG Police Chiefs Committee is committed to promoting new and continuing previous regional law enforcement initiatives to reduce crime in the NCR. The enduring impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and exacerbated law enforcement workforce challenges in 2022 hindered some progress on beginning new regional programs. However, the region's law enforcement agencies understand the changing landscape of policing and are working together to create effective strategies for enforcement and community engagement. Below are examples of ongoing or new regional and sub-regional law enforcement initiatives to reduce crimes associated with vehicles, such as thefts and exhibition driving.

Safe Roads Task Force

The NCR confronted a pronounced rise in illegal street racing, vehicle takeovers, and related offenses, many linked with crimes such as theft, assault, firearms violations, and conflicts with law enforcement, in 2022. The COG Safe Roads Task Force, featured in last year's crime report, continued to coordinate the region's law enforcement strategy to reduce illegal exhibition driving by promoting regional information sharing and operational collaboration.

The task force expanded to 28 members, made up of local and state law enforcement and intelligence agencies in the NCR, Baltimore Region, and Central Virginia Region. Their concerted efforts underscored the need for seamless information sharing. Regular law enforcement coordination calls, coupled with detailed weekly reports and event threat assessments, were disseminated by NCR fusion centers, capturing projected insights on over 102 major illegal events. This systematic, data-driven approach streamlined governmental public safety decision-making, coordination, and resource allocation.

Facing the most regionally impactful events, law enforcement preemptively deployed specialized resources and integrated advanced technology. The use of the Maryland Coordination and Analysis Center (MCAC) virtual command center, working in tandem with their physical counterparts, ensured instantaneous information exchange, facilitating a swift, coordinated response. Of the multiple enforcement actions, the most notable spanned 20 agencies and dozens of locations across Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia, leading to significant mitigation and enforcement.

Beyond the mentioned interventions, the Task Force's information and coordination pathways proved crucial, including by uncovering connections in traffic and criminal investigations that could have been underutilized. Additionally, the task force discussed national best practices and captured lessons learned through conversations with the Richmond, VA Police Department and the Dallas, TX Police Department, who have similar local initiatives. Thanks to the task force's coordinated approach, the safety of the public improved, resource sharing was optimized, and interagency collaboration was bolstered. The initiatives in 2022 have solidified a robust foundation and laid the groundwork for continued success in addressing similar challenges in 2023. The task force continues to regularly meet and cooperate regionally to address this persistent public safety issue.

Vehicle Thefts

Auto thefts in the NCR greatly increased compared to the previous year. Multiple law enforcement agencies have established dedicated units and cross-jurisdictional partnerships to address this growth of auto thefts throughout the NCR. The information below outlines several of these initiatives.

The Police Chiefs Committee continues to discuss strategies to address this crime trend and bolster information sharing across jurisdictions and with the community.

MPD Carjacking Task Force

The Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) Carjacking Task Force began in January 2021 and is comprised of MPD members and representatives from federal law enforcement partners. The detectives assigned to the unit are specifically dedicated to investigations of carjackings and significant pattern robbery cases. The unit has fostered a system of information sharing between neighboring jurisdictions that have also seen an increase in carjacking offenses. Often, suspects commit carjackings in multiple jurisdictions.

The members of the unit work closely together to track, analyze, and compare carjacking and pattern offenses in all seven districts and surrounding jurisdictions. In each case, the detectives are tasked with retrieving any available video footage, submitting forensic evidence for testing, interviewing victims and witnesses, and ensuring offenders are held accountable.

FCPD Auto Crime Enforcement Unit

To combat stolen vehicle related incidents more effectively, the Fairfax County Police Department (FCPD) established its Auto Crimes Enforcement (ACE) Unit in early 2022. ACE is a proactive tactical and investigative unit with the mission of investigating and thwarting auto theft organizations, street level auto thefts, and other vehicle related crimes. The unit is comprised of six full-time detectives, two supervisors, and has analytical support. ACE detectives have advanced training in tactics and methods of modern-day organized car thieves. They collaborate with numerous local, state, and federal partners in the region to maximize information sharing and case closures.

During the first four months of 2022, prior to ACE being created, Fairfax County experienced a 46% increase in auto theft compared to the same time frame in 2021. Chief Kevin Davis identified the need for a dedicated auto crimes unit and created ACE. By the end 2022, that increase dropped to 8% compared to the previous year. The decline was attributed to the new team's success in apprehending criminals stealing cars in Fairfax County. Ultimately, 90 stolen vehicles and six carjacked vehicles were recovered, which had a combined value of \$21,454,347. Of the recovered vehicles, 34.5% involved narcotics charges and 20% involved firearms charges. The ACE unit placed 313 felony charges, 102 misdemeanor charges, and seized 18 firearms.

Of the many successes realized in 2022, a shining example occurred when ACE investigated an armed carjacking of a vehicle that was stolen in Maryland. The suspects pointed a gun at the unsuspecting driver and pulled him out of his vehicle. ACE located the vehicle on the western end of Fairfax County and attempted a traffic stop when the vehicle fled. ACE was able to quickly stop the vehicle, charging all four occupants with numerous felony offenses. Detectives located two loaded firearms, evidence from the carjacking, and a large quantity of narcotics in the vehicle. The subsequent investigation revealed that three of the arrested occupants were also involved in various homicides throughout the region.

PGPD Carjacking Interdiction Unit

Beginning in 2020 during the COVID-19 Pandemic, Prince George's County began seeing a staggering increase in the reported number of carjackings. In 2019, 93 carjackings were reported during the calendar year. By the end of 2020, that number had increased 183% to 263 reported carjackings. On July 1, 2021, 147 carjackings had been reported in Prince George's County, a number well on pace to increase from the 2020 numbers.

The Prince George's County Police Department (PGPD), under the leadership of Chief Malik Aziz, quickly responded to this problem by establishing the Carjacking Interdiction Unit (CIU) in September 2021. CIU was established as a centralized investigative component that fell under the command of the Strategic Investigations Division and was staffed by fifteen sworn officers, including one commanding officer (Lieutenant), two supervisors (Sergeants), and twelve detectives. Prior to the establishment of CIU, investigative responsibility for carjackings fell under the Regional Investigative Division, comprised of multiple investigative units that operated out of the Department's division stations located throughout Prince George's County.

When the Unit went into service in September 2021, investigative responsibility for all carjackings investigated by the PGPD were consolidated under the CIU. By the end of the 2021 calendar year, 391 carjackings were investigated by the PGPD. 2022 saw an even greater rise in cases with a total of 480 carjackings reported.

In its first 16 months of operations, CIU detectives were overwhelmingly successful in locating, identifying, and charging suspects involved in carjackings in Prince George's County. CIU ended 2021 with a 48% case clearance rate and a 44% case clearance rate in 2022. CIU identified 27 separate carjacking strings in 2022 that totaled at least 133 cases, with some strings comprised of at least 14 cases. CIU achieved a 70% case clearance rate of all identified carjacking strings. In 2022, 217 suspects were arrested and charged with carjacking or related offenses. Of those 217 arrests, 108 were adults and 109 were juveniles. 59 of the 109 juveniles were charged as adults with armed carjacking and/or handgun possession charges. Of the 109 juveniles arrested in 2022 whose cases have been adjudicated, 89% of the cases resulted in the juvenile respondent being found "involved", the equivalent of a guilty verdict if the juvenile was an adult.

PGPD W.A.V.E.

The Washington Area Vehicle Enforcement (W.A.V.E.) Unit reduces auto thefts in Prince George's County by focusing investigative and enforcement techniques on large scale auto theft organizations, carjacked, and stolen vehicles tied to crimes of violence (i.e., shootings and robberies). Additionally, this project emphasizes public education as a tool to aid with decreasing auto theft in Prince George's County. The W.A.V.E. Unit consists of 16 sworn officers, three commanders, one technical operations officer, as well as two civilian auto theft technicians/investigators and one civilian analyst. The Task Force consists of 14 officers from the PGPD, one from the Maryland State Police and one from the Anne Arundel County Police Department. All W.A.V.E. members fall under the command of the PGPD Strategic Investigations Division.

Proactive enforcement efforts are adjusted based on analysis of theft patterns and peculiarities. The auto theft technicians/investigators investigate approximately 35-40 vehicles a month. Over the years, PGPD purchased license plate readers (LPR), computers, and GPS equipment to aid in the identification and apprehension of stolen vehicles and offenders. Calls-for-service related to auto theft reports and recoveries are analyzed to determine the appropriate use of W.A.V.E. resources.

There are 797,520 vehicles currently registered in Prince George's County, the second highest in the state according to the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA). The crime of auto theft in Prince George's County is significant and acts as a gateway for many other serious crimes throughout the region. Several of these vehicles are used in massive theft from motor vehicle rings that target rims, airbags, electronics, and personal items left in vehicles. W.A.V.E. has conducted surveillance and made arrests in several cases involving vehicles used in other felonious activities, including murder, carjacking, attempted murder, robbery, burglary, and theft scheme cases. In 2022, an average of 11.50 auto thefts per day occurred in Prince George's County, amounting to a total of 4,200. In 2021, there were 3,298 stolen, which equates to a 27% increase in 2022 since the previous year.

In Prince George’s County over the past several years, robbery offenses from businesses and citizens have dramatically increased along with carjackings. In 2022, PGPD reported a 33% increase in commercial robberies, so far in 2023, citizen robberies have increased by 14%. In over half of these incidents a vehicle is used during the commission of these crimes. In addition, the newly formed PGPD CIU reported 480 carjacking incidents, which represents a 23% increase over the year 2021. W.A.V.E. works closely with the investigative components throughout PGPD and remain the main enforcement arm of crimes involving vehicles.

One of the most prevalent auto theft problems in the County is the increasing number of theft-for-profit or re-plate/re-VIN operations. Theft-for-profit operations are auto service establishments/individuals that knowingly receive stolen vehicles for the purpose of repairing, altering, or even dismantling vehicles for unlawful resale. This is an emerging trend within the County concentrated within industrial areas and an increasing presence in rural areas in the southern portion of the County. W.A.V.E. determined some of these theft-for-profit operations are now conducting more re-VIN operations. This process involves removing the VIN from one vehicle and replacing it on another that is stolen to hide the identity of the stolen vehicle. During 2022, W.A.V.E. inspected 3,664 vehicles and their identification numbers. 81 of those vehicles had altered VIN numbers. Several of the re-VIN investigations have been referred to W.A.V.E. due to the excellent working relationship with MVA investigators. Depending on the caseload of investigators, W.A.V.E. attempts to conduct auto-service business inspections monthly. W.A.V.E. conducted five business inspections during 2022, most resulting in compliance.

W.A.V.E. has also seen a rise in the number of vehicles recovered which were stolen from out-of-county automobile dealerships. W.A.V.E. has been working with local law enforcement auto theft units, out-of-state auto theft/burglary units, and the National Insurance Crime Bureau to target individuals involved in these types of incidents. The vehicles being targeted are Dodge/Jeep products typically on the higher end of value scale to include SRT, Hellcat, and Trackhawk platforms. These vehicles are being stolen, re-VINed, and sold on the street for profit within days of the original theft. Due to the W.A.V.E. relationship with the Washington Area New Automobile Dealers Association (WANADA), W.A.V.E. was able to confirm most dealerships within the County do not carry those vehicle makes and models. In addition to the information exchange with WANADA., W.A.V.E. frequently provides information on auto thefts related to individuals using fraudulent identifiable information to purchase vehicles.

In 2022, W.A.V.E. recovered 278 vehicles with a total recovered vehicle value of \$8,143,842.00. Additionally, 181 arrests were made and subsequently charged with vehicle related crimes. Additional funding will assist with continuing the progress achieved by PGPD. High vehicle theft rates increased insurance premiums and reflect negatively on the public’s safety. W.A.V.E.’s target for FY 2024 includes a 5% reduction over FY 2023. W.A.V.E. will continue to work to decrease the incidences of auto thefts.

The W.A.V.E. team generated the following statistics for calendar year 2022:

Stolen Vehicles	4,200	GPS Device Deployed	205
Arrests (includes warrant service)	181	Recovered Vehicles	278
Felony Warrants Obtained	91	Carjacking Recoveries	19
Misdemeanor Warrants Obtained	13	Stolen Tags	29
Recovered Guns	70	Recovered Vehicle Value	\$8,143,842.00

APPENDIX A: OFFENSES BY COG JURISDICTION

District of Columbia

METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT				
	2021	2022	INC/DEC	%
HOMICIDE	226	203	-23	-10%
RAPE	176	158	-18	-10%
ROBBERY	2,040	2,082	42	2%
AGG ASSAULT	1,675	1,387	-288	-17%
BURGLARY	1,172	1,050	-122	-10%
LARCENY	19,605	18,661	-944	-5%
M/V THEFT	3,515	3,761	246	7%
TOTAL	28,409	27,302	-1107	-4%

Maryland

CHARLES COUNTY				
	2021	2022	INC/DEC	%
HOMICIDE	8	7	-1	-13%
RAPE	59	32	-27	-46%
ROBBERY	78	105	27	35%
AGG ASSAULT	402	260	-142	-35%
BURGLARY	187	171	-16	-9%
LARCENY	1,285	1,413	128	10%
M/V THEFTS	192	198	6	3%
TOTAL	2,211	2,186	-25	-1%

CITY OF BOWIE				
	2021	2022	INC/DEC	%
HOMICIDE	1	1	0	0%
RAPE	8	8	0	0%
ROBBERY	29	21	-8	-28%
AGG ASSAULT	54	50	-4	-7%
BURGLARY	47	40	-7	-15%
LARCENY	590	645	55	9%
M/V THEFTS	58	118	60	103%
TOTAL	787	883	96	12%

CITY OF FREDERICK				
	2021	2022	INC/DEC	%
HOMICIDE	1	4	3	300%
RAPE	41	32	-9	-22%
ROBBERY	38	41	3	8%
AGG ASSAULT	195	230	35	18%
BURGLARY	151	168	17	11%
LARCENY	857	1,030	173	20%
M/V THEFTS	54	62	8	15%
TOTAL	1,337	1,567	230	17%

FREDERICK COUNTY				
	2021	2022	INC/DEC	%
HOMICIDE	3	2	-1	-33%
RAPE	15	25	10	67%
ROBBERY	18	15	-3	-17%
AGG ASSAULT	163	157	-6	-4%
BURGLARY	78	97	19	24%
LARCENY	743	1,030	287	39%
M/V THEFTS	54	41	-13	-24%
TOTAL	1,074	1,367	293	27%

CITY OF GAITHERSBURG				
	2021	2022	INC/DEC	%
HOMICIDE	3	1	-2	-67%
RAPE	50	40	-10	-20%
ROBBERY	40	50	10	25%
AGG ASSAULT	94	117	23	24%
BURGLARY	80	116	36	45%
LARCENY	1,008	1,123	115	11%
M/V THEFTS	98	103	5	5%
TOTAL	1,373	1,550	177	13%

CITY OF GREENBELT				
	2021	2022	INC/DEC	%
HOMICIDE	2	4	2	100%
RAPE	8	12	4	50%
ROBBERY	69	65	-4	-6%
AGG ASSAULT	75	107	32	43%
BURGLARY	66	84	18	27%
LARCENY	627	776	149	24%
M/V THEFTS	112	149	37	33%
TOTAL	959	1,197	238	25%

CITY OF HYATTSVILLE				
	2021	2022	INC/DEC	%
HOMICIDE	1	4	3	300%
RAPE	6	7	1	17%
ROBBERY	42	49	7	17%
AGG ASSAULT	35	68	33	94%
BURGLARY	39	57	18	46%
LARCENY	512	570	58	11%
M/V THEFTS	90	129	39	43%
TOTAL	725	884	159	22%

CITY OF LAUREL				
	2021	2022	INC/DEC	%
HOMICIDE	1	0	-1	-100%
RAPE	16	18	2	13%
ROBBERY	26	41	15	58%
AGG ASSAULT	56	60	4	7%
BURGLARY	39	57	18	46%
LARCENY	593	717	124	21%
M/V THEFTS	88	359	271	308%
TOTAL	819	1,252	433	53%

MONTGOMERY COUNTY				
	2021	2022	INC/DEC	%
HOMICIDE	34	22	-12	-35%
RAPE	407	395	-12	-3%
ROBBERY	489	564	75	15%
AGG ASSAULT	992	991	-1	0%
BURGLARY	1,129	1,415	286	25%
LARCENY	11,628	12,670	1042	9%
M/V THEFTS	1444	1507	63	4%
TOTAL	16,123	17,564	1441	9%

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY				
	2021	2022	INC/DEC	%
HOMICIDE	116	91	-25	-22%
RAPE	208	85	-123	-59%
ROBBERY	1,089	1,235	146	13%
AGG ASSAULT	1,221	1,035	-186	-15%
BURGLARY	1,061	1,152	91	9%
LARCENY	6,850	9,004	2,154	31%
M/V THEFTS	2,754	3,513	759	28%
TOTAL	13,299	16,115	2,816	21%

CITY OF ROCKVILLE				
	2021	2022	INC/DEC	%
HOMICIDE	0	3	3	NA*
RAPE	27	22	-5	-19%
ROBBERY	26	33	7	27%
AGG ASSAULT	79	86	7	9%
BURGLARY	94	106	12	13%
LARCENY	792	922	130	16%
M/V THEFTS	78	95	17	22%
TOTAL	1,096	1,267	171	16%

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK				
	2021	2022	INC/DEC	%
HOMICIDE	3	2	-1	-33%
RAPE	4	3	-1	-25%
ROBBERY	34	24	-10	-29%
AGG ASSAULT	16	23	7	44%
BURGLARY	32	90	58	181%
LARCENY	449	321	-128	-29%
M/V THEFTS	40	53	13	33%
TOTAL	578	516	-62	-11%

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Virginia

CITY OF ALEXANDRIA				
	2021	2022	INC/DEC	%
HOMICIDE	2	6	4	200%
RAPE	9	8	-1	-11%
ROBBERY	83	108	25	30%
AGG ASSAULT	241	172	-69	-29%
BURGLARY	186	159	-27	-15%
LARCENY	2,421	2,593	172	7%
M/V THEFTS	268	315	47	18%
TOTAL	3,210	3,361	151	5%

ARLINGTON COUNTY				
	2021	2022	INC/DEC	%
HOMICIDE	0	2	2	NA*
RAPE	38	40	2	5%
ROBBERY	154	167	13	8%
AGG ASSAULT	263	377	114	43%
BURGLARY	208	174	-34	-16%
LARCENY	2,808	3,576	768	27%
M/V THEFTS	313	412	99	32%
TOTAL	3,784	4,748	964	25%

CITY OF FAIRFAX				
	2021	2022	INC/DEC	%
HOMICIDE	0	1	1	NA*
RAPE	9	10	1	11%
ROBBERY	10	12	2	20%
AGG ASSAULT	9	11	2	22%
BURGLARY	26	19	-7	-27%
LARCENY	383	524	141	37%
M/V THEFTS	31	38	7	23%
TOTAL	468	615	147	31%

CITY OF FALLS CHURCH				
	2021	2022	INC/DEC	%
HOMICIDE	0	0	0	0%
RAPE	2	2	0	0%
ROBBERY	7	7	0	0%
AGG ASSAULT	6	0	-6	-100%
BURGLARY	21	12	-9	-43%
LARCENY	151	220	69	46%
M/V THEFTS	18	24	6	33%
TOTAL	205	265	60	29%

FAIRFAX COUNTY				
	2021	2022	INC/DEC	%
HOMICIDE	21	23	2	10%
RAPE	104	124	20	19%
ROBBERY	322	443	121	38%
AGG ASSAULT	437	579	142	32%
BURGLARY	560	680	120	21%
LARCENY	11,628	15,069	3,441	30%
M/V THEFTS	1,205	1,362	157	13%
TOTAL	14,277	18,280	4,003	28%

LOUDOUN COUNTY				
	2021	2022	INC/DEC	%
HOMICIDE	4	4	0	0%
RAPE	49	48	-1	-2%
ROBBERY	27	33	6	22%
AGG ASSAULT	108	134	26	24%
BURGLARY	134	101	-33	-25%
LARCENY	1,750	2,178	428	24%
M/V THEFTS	140	163	23	16%
TOTAL	2,212	2,661	449	20%

CITY OF MANASSAS				
	2021	2022	INC/DEC	%
HOMICIDE	1	0	-1	-100%
RAPE	20	14	-6	-30%
ROBBERY	22	38	16	73%
AGG ASSAULT	55	52	-3	-5%
BURGLARY	61	51	-10	-16%
LARCENY	645	823	178	28%
M/V THEFTS	63	75	12	19%
TOTAL	867	1053	186	21%

CITY OF MANASSAS PARK				
	2021	2022	INC/DEC	%
HOMICIDE	0	0	0	0%
RAPE	6	9	3	50%
ROBBERY	6	4	-2	-33%
AGG ASSAULT	19	21	2	11%
BURGLARY	8	21	13	163%
LARCENY	128	204	76	59%
M/V THEFTS	14	26	12	86%
TOTAL	181	285	104	57%

PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY				
	2021	2022	INC/DEC	%
HOMICIDE	10	20	10	100%
RAPE	75	77	2	3%
ROBBERY	187	222	35	19%
AGG ASSAULT	736	954	218	30%
BURGLARY	434	425	-9	-2%
LARCENY	4,333	5,498	1,165	27%
M/V THEFTS	509	571	62	12%
TOTAL	6,284	7,767	1,483	24%

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APPENDIX B: COG POLICE CHIEFS COMMITTEE ROSTER

As of September 27, 2023

PRIMARY MEMBER AGENCIES	
AGENCY	CHIEF / EXECUTIVE
Alexandria Police Department	Don Hayes, Chief
Arlington County Police Department	Charles Penn, Chief
Bladensburg Police Department	Tyrone Collington, Chief
Bowie Police Department	Dwayne Preston, Acting Chief
Charles County Sheriff's Office	Troy Berry, Sheriff
Fairfax Police Department	Kevin Davis, Chief
Fairfax County Police Department	Erin Schaible, Chief
Falls Church Police Department	Mary Gavin, Chief
Frederick Police Department	Jason Lando, Chief (Committee Vice-Chair)
Frederick County Sheriff's Office	Chuck Jenkins, Sheriff
Gaithersburg Police Department	Mark Sroka, Chief
Greenbelt Police Department	Richard Bowers, Chief
Hyattsville Police Department	Jarod Towers, Chief
Laurel Police Department	Russell Hamill, Chief (Committee Chair)
Loudoun County Sheriff's Office	Michael Chapman, Sheriff
Manassas Police Department	Mario Lugo, Chief
Manassas Park Police Department	Douglas Keen, Chief
Metropolitan Police Department	Pamela Smith, Chief; Leslie Parsons, Assistant Chief (Committee Vice-Chair)
Montgomery County Police Department	Marcus Jones, Chief
Prince George's County Police Department	Malik Aziz, Chief
Prince William County Police Department	Peter Newsham, Chief
Rockville Police Department	Victor Brito, Chief
Takoma Park Police Department	Anthony DeVaul, Chief
ASSOCIATE MEMBER AGENCIES	
AGENCY	CHIEF / EXECUTIVE
Air Force District of Washington Security Forces	Russell Waight, Chief
Alexandria Sheriff's Office	Sean Casey, Sheriff
Amtrak Police Department	Sam Dotson, Chief
Arlington County Sheriff's Office	Jose Quiroz, Acting Sheriff
Army Criminal Investigation Division - Washington Battalion	Jacob Cameron, ASAC
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives - Washington Field Division	Craig Kailimai, SAC
Bureau of Engraving and Printing Police Department	Marieo Foster, Chief
Central Intelligence Agency - Security Protective Service	Matthew Stanley, Chief
Culpeper County Sheriff's Office	Scott Jenkins, Sheriff
Defense Intelligence Agency Police	Andre Tibbs, Chief
Diplomatic Security Service - Washington Field Office	Karen Brown Cleveland, SAC
Edmonston Police Department	Elliott Gibson, Chief
Fauquier County Sheriff's Office	Jeremy Falls, Sheriff
Federal Bureau of Investigation - Baltimore Field Office	Thomas Sobocinski, SAC

ASSOCIATE MEMBER AGENCIES	
Federal Bureau of Investigation - Police Department	David Sutton, Chief
Federal Bureau of Investigation - Washington Field Office	David Sundberg, ADIC
Federal Protective Service - National Capital Region	Dontrice Parry, Acting Regional Director
George Mason University Police Department	Carl Rowan, Chief
Herndon Police Department	Maggie DeBoard, Chief
Homeland Security Investigations - Washington Field Office	Derek Gordon, Acting SAC
Joint Task Force-National Capital Region/U.S. Army Military District of Washington - Provost Marshal Protection Directorate	Mark Danner, Colonel/Provost Marshal
Leesburg Police Department	Thea Pirnat, Chief
Maryland Department of Natural Resources Police	Kelley Johnson, Major/Acting Lt. Colonel
Maryland State Police	Brian Smith, Captain
Maryland Transit Administration Police Force	Jerome Howard, Colonel/Chief
Maryland-National Capital Park Police - Montgomery County Division	Darryl McSwain, Chief
Maryland-National Capital Park Police - Prince George's County Division	Stanley Johnson, Chief
Metro Transit Police Department	Michael Anzallo, Chief
Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority Police	David Huchler, Chief
National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency - Police/Office of Protective Services	Daimon White, Chief
National Institutes of Health Division of Police	Leslie Campbell, Acting Chief
Naval Criminal Investigative Service - Washington Field Office	Brian Platt, SAC
Pentagon Force Protection Agency	Woodrow Kusse, Police Chief
Police Chiefs Association of Prince George's County	Jarod Towers, Chief/President
Prince George's County Department of Corrections	Corenne Labbé, Director
Prince George's County Sheriff's Office	John Carr, Sheriff
Purcellville Police Department	Cindy McAlister, Chief
Smithsonian Office of Protection Services	Mark Wallace, Director
Stafford County Sheriff's Office	David Decatur, Sheriff
Supreme Court of the U.S. Police Department	Paul Coleman, Chief
U.S. Capitol Police Department	Thomas Manger, Chief
U.S. Customs and Border Protection - Baltimore Field Office	Stephen Maloney, Director
U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Police Department	Hubert Thompson, Chief
U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration - Washington, DC Division	Jarod Forget, SAC
U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum - Department of Protection Services	Joe Rosboschil, Director
U.S. Marshal Service - Eastern Region	Zack Claar, Chief Inspector
U.S. Park Police	Jessica Taylor, Chief
U.S. Secret Service - Washington Field Office	Matthew Stohler, SAIC
University of Maryland Police Department	David Mitchell, Chief
University of the District of Columbia Police Department	Cleveland Spruill, Chief
Virginia State Police - Division 7 Fairfax	J-P Koushel, Captain



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