



CITY OF WASHINGTON, ILLINOIS
City Council Agenda

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Agenda Item: Washington Police Department Crime Comparison 2023-2024

Discussion: Attached you will find the Washington Police Department Crime Comparison Stats between 2023 and 2024 and a review of the activities of the Investigations Unit.

In the comparison report you will find 12 categories that reflect offenses, citations, accidents and positive community contacts, all defined under the Description/ Notes section.

In 10 of the 12 categories crime was DOWN in 2024. In Part II Offenses which are crimes such as criminal damage to property, thefts under 500\$, disorderly conduct, etc., considered minor crimes, Washington had 803 MORE in 2024 than in 2023. A large number of that increase was due to the calls from Walmart. In drug offenses, Washington INCREASED by 2, 57 arrests in 2024, compared to 55 in 2023.

In all 10 other categories crime was DOWN. Especially to be noted is that PI (personal injury) and PD (property damage) accidents DECREASED and warnings were DOWN by 512. The attention to distracted driving is paying positive dividends.

In the category Other Officer Initiated Activities, contacts were UP 260 in 2024 from 2023. This represents a large number of calls for service, that did not rise to the level of a report, but does require a great deal of officer time.

The Investigations Unit, comprised of Sgt. Steve Smith and Detective Steve Hinken, 108 investigations across various types of criminal activity was conducted. The most frequently investigated cases were sex offenses, with 38 incidents requiring significant resources. Financial crimes accounted for 31 investigations followed by 21 cases of felony theft and retail theft offenses. Burglaries ranked fourth with 11 cases, in both residential and commercial property. Five (5) death cases were investigated.

In addition, the Investigations Unit conducted several federal cases through HSI (Homeland Security), resulting in 5 individuals charged in federal court and 3 in state court. Over 100 forensic examinations and 8 background cases were conducted. These cases do not include SWAT callouts, rescue team operations for covert missions and a detail at the Democratic National Convention.

The Washington Police Department had a very busy... but highly productive year in 2024.

There is no Financial Impact and no Action Required....Informational only.

WASHINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

December 2024 - Year-to-Date Report

	24	23	+/-	Description/Notes
Part I Offenses	449	728	279	Part I Crimes are classified as follows: Murder, Criminal Sex Assault; Robbery, Aggravated Battery; Aggravated Assault, Burglary, Theft, Motor Vehicle Theft, Arson
Part II Offenses	2313	1510	803	Part II Crimes are all other crimes such as Damage to Property, Thefts Under \$500.00, Disorderly Conduct, etc.
Traffic Citations (Tickets)	837	915	78	These are tickets where the violator either has to pay the ticket or go to court for adjudication,
Written Warnings	1614	2126	512	These are documented warnings to the violator. No fine court appearance is required.
Driving While Revoked or Suspended	56	58	2	These are arrest situations where the offender must go to court for adjudication.
Driving Under Influence of Alcohol	30	31	1	These are arrest situations where the offender must go to court for adjudication.
Drug Offenses	57	55	2	These are arrest situations where the offender must go to court for adjudication.
Chapter 101-Vehicle Seizures	105	174	69	These are situations where a motor vehicle has been used on one of the enumerated offenses in Chapter 101 of the Code of Ordinances.
PD Accidents	264	412	148	Property Damage Accidents
PI Accidents	22	28	6	Personal Injury Accidents
M.D.R.S. Reviews/Coaching	159/40	141/76	18/36	Random Review of Officer's Video from Squads
Positive Community Contacts	850	1048	198	Lock-Outs, Open Doors, Motorist Assists, Non-Traffic Officer Initiated Contacts, Citizen Assists, Escorts, Car Seat Inspections, Fingerprinting, Found Property, House Checks, etc.
Other Officer Initiated Activity	3729	3469	260	Calls for Service that do not fit into noted categories, but do not necessarily rise to level of a report being taken. Walk-ins, Suspicious Persons/Autos, Loud Noise, Verbal Warning Traffic /Pedestrian Stops, events that officers on patrol find that need to be addressed, etc.
Total Calls	10469	9744	725	
Agency Assists	364	403	39	Agency Assists occur outside of our jurisdiction and are not included in Part II Offenses or any other of the other categories. <i>These statistics are not included in above totals.</i>