

Coalition of Veterans Organizations



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Chicago Transit Authority (CTA)-Table Crime Locations

<i>January 1 to September 26, 2025</i>		
Bus		262
Bus Stop		115
Garage Lot Property		47
Platform/Station Tracks		264
Subtotal		537
01	Homicide	7
Shot	Shooting Incidents	12
02	Criminal Sexual Assaults	19
03	Robbery	355
04A	Agg. Assault	105
04B	Agg. Battery	188
05	Burglary	0
06	Larceny Theft	541
07	Motor Vehicle Theft	8
09	Arson	2

<https://www.chicagopolice.org/statistics-data/data-dashboards/cta-crimes/>

Cook County State's Attorney Office - Eileen O'Neill Burke initiated a Felony Review Bypass Program, which allows the Chicago Police Department to bypass the prosecutorial review process and independently file charges in low-level felony gun possession cases. O'Neill Burke has also announced that her office will no longer divert gun possession cases to the Restorative Justice Community Courts. *Chicago Appleseed* reports that in just the first six months of her tenure, there was a 70% increase in the number of petitions for pretrial detention, compared to the same period in 2024, even as arrest numbers have held steady. It indicates that the rate at which people are being detained pretrial has nearly doubled. One consequence is that the arrestees have been separated from their families before any potential Court finding of guilt.

City of Chicago Mayor's Office- The Veterans Assistance Commission of Cook County is in the middle of the debate concerning response calls to veterans. Five separate but interrelated debates dominate the controversy of responding to any 911 response call: 1) Whether reliable sources confirm that up to 40% of 911 calls have a mental or behavioral health component, 2) Whether police response or alternative crisis response is preferred to address residents displaying symptoms like those of schizophrenia, depression, anxiety, or substance misuse. 3) Whether limiting the alternative crisis responses to day-only operations and to relatively poorer neighborhoods of the city have been effective, 4) Whether either response has reduced criminal issues in recent years, and 5) Whether veterans response calls should be treated differently from other responses.

CWB NAACP- Carlton T. Mayers II, Esq., an expert on public safety and policing reform, indicates that a national report card evaluates how states can prevent officers engaged in misconduct from continuing employment through stronger certification and decertification processes. The report card packet underscores that, while criminal and civil accountability are important, they are not sufficient on their own. Decertification offers a more permanent solution to prevent repeat misconduct by revoking a police officer's license to serve.

Chicago Police Department – CPD sponsors a community fair, which will be held at the Public Safety Headquarters on September 27, 2025. It brings together public safety professionals, city agencies, and neighbors in order to network, learn about safety resources, experience hands-on demonstrations, and engage in children-friendly activities.