



ROANOKE POLICE DEPARTMENT



January 2, 2024
Roanoke City Council/Gun
Violence Prevention
Commission Meeting

2023 Part 1 Crime Statistics



Roanoke Police



Part 1 Crime Comparison

City Wide Part 1 Crime Comparison			
Offense	01/01 - 12/31		% Change
	2022	2023	
Aggravated Assault	245	250	2.04%
DV Aggravated Assault	60	84	40.00%
Homicide	18	26	44.44%
Rape	86	42	-51.16%
Robbery	95	78	-17.89%
<i>Subtotal</i>	504	480	-4.76%
Burglary	507	444	-12.43%
Larceny	3334	3074	-7.80%
Motor Vehicle Theft	415	298	-28.19%
Arson	24	24	0.00%
<i>Subtotal</i>	4280	3840	-10.28%
TOTAL	4784	4320	-9.70%

NOTE: These numbers are subject to change as active investigations progress.



2023 Gun Related Homicides – Case Status

- 22 total incidents
 - Cases Closed by Arrest:
11
 - Cases Under Active Investigation:
11



2023 – Update on All Homicide Cases

- 31 total murder investigations
 - 2 suspicious deaths involving children worked by SVU
 - Detectives are awaiting autopsy results
 - Preliminary information received from the Medical Examiner's Office has indicated that the results will likely be "undetermined". Therefore, these two incidents, while being investigated as suspicious deaths, are not yet officially classified as homicide investigations.
 - 1 homicide worked by other jurisdiction (VSP, Bedford County)
 - 28 total murders worked by RPD Major Crimes Unit detectives
 - 21 of the 28 are closed by arrest or awaiting indictment
 - This results in a 75% clearance rate on homicides thus far



2023 – Major Crime Investigations

- 275 cases
 - Active – 27
 - Inactive – 67
 - Closed by Arrest – 61
 - Closed by Exception – 67
 - Closed by Service – 53
 - This results in a 65.8% clearance rate for the unit



2023 – Star City Drug and Violent Crime Task Force

Seizures:

- Heroin/Fentanyl: 1,375.16 grams
- Methamphetamine: 27,183.57 grams
- Cocaine: 2,653.88 grams
- Marijuana: 29,684.66 grams
- Firearms: 106
- Fugitives: 127
- U.S. Currency: \$63,604



Bold Blue Line VSP Partnership

Felony Arrests	89
Warrants Served	67
Misdemeanor Arrest	67
Felony Drug Charges	7
Firearms Seized	43
Grams of illegal narcotics seized	172,955

Traffic Complaint Enforcement by VSP Motor Unit:

Traffic Stops	516
Traffic Summons	965
Traffic Warnings	189



2023 Community Outreach Events

Town Hall Community Meetings:

- 8 events
- Approximately 350+ citizen attendees total

Participants: City Council Members, City Manager's Office, Parks & Rec, Public Works, Roanoke Fire/EMS, Roanoke 911 Center, Roanoke City Police Department, City Community Engagement Office, Roanoke City Sheriff's Office, Virginia State Police, and the Office of the Attorney General. Volunteers from Citizen Police Academy, Church Groups, RESET, Sheriff's Office Chaplaincy, a number of other citizens wanting to help

Other Events:

- April assignment of personnel to of Community Response Bureau resulted in increased community engagement efforts.
 - 100+ events or outreach opportunities to include:
 - Business, Religious Organization, and Apartment Complex security assessments
 - Neighborhood Watch Meetings
 - Outreach such as Goodwill HQ, Trunk or Treat, Badge Buddies, Juneteenth, Coffee with a Cop, Scouting events, etc.



2023 RESET Impact

2023 Volunteer/City Resources Deployments:

- Twenty-two (22) deployments were in response to homicides.
- Ten (10) deployments focused on Gun-Shot Wounds.
- Eight (8) deployments targeted Hot Spots within the community.
- One (1) deployment was initiated based on a Citizens' request.
- Two (2) deployments were dedicated to Follow-Ups on previous engagements.

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2023 Initiatives:

- Youth Recreational Opportunities partnership with YMCA of the Blue Ridge (15 young people served)
- Boxing & Brawling Box Fit Program at Norwich Recreational Center (Averaged 7.5 children served per session – 42 sessions held – total of 318 children served)
- Teen Apprenticeship Cohort partnership with City Human Resources (14 graduates)
- Youth and Young Adult Mentoring partnership with Juvenile Court Service Unit, Roanoke City Public School, Blue Ridge Behavioral Health (54 individuals served)
- Trauma Based Counseling Services referrals (24 individuals referred)



Questions?