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COLUMBIA PIKE REVITALIZATION ORGANIZATION

Connecting & Collaborating Session:
Keeping Arlington & Columbia Pike Safe

October 14, 2020

TODAY'S PROGRAM

- 12:00 Welcome & Introductions
- 12:05 Overall Crime in Arlington – COVID Having an Impact?
- 12:10 Proactive/Adaptive Efforts
- 12:15 Summary of Specific Challenges/Incidences on Columbia Pike
 - Recent Robberies, Assaults, Loitering, Other
 - Purple Lounge
- 12:25 Questions, Answers, Discussion
- 12:55 Next Steps

TODAY'S SPEAKERS

- Acting Deputy Chief Darrin Cassedy, Operations Division
- Captain Scott Linder, Community Resources Section
- Captain Michael Rowling, Operational Support Section
- Lieutenant John Feden, Homicide/Robbery Unit
- Officer Michael Keen, Community Outreach Unit
- Public Information Officer Ashley Savage, Media Relations and Public Affairs
- County Manager, Mark Schwartz
- ABC Special Agent, Barbara Storm

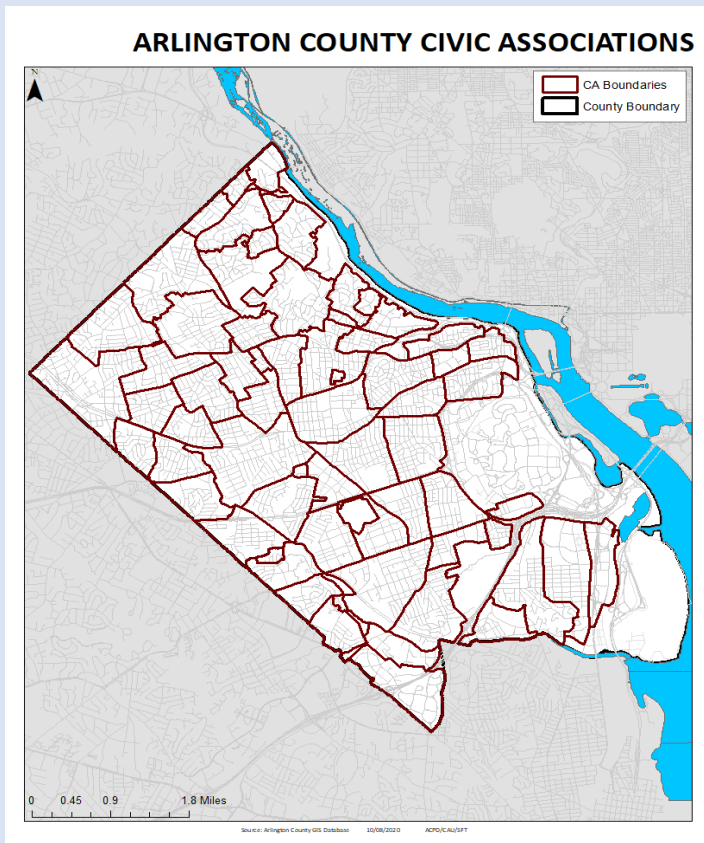




Arlington County Police Department

Safety on the Pike: Working Together to Keep Arlington Safe

Crime Data with Possible COVID Impact

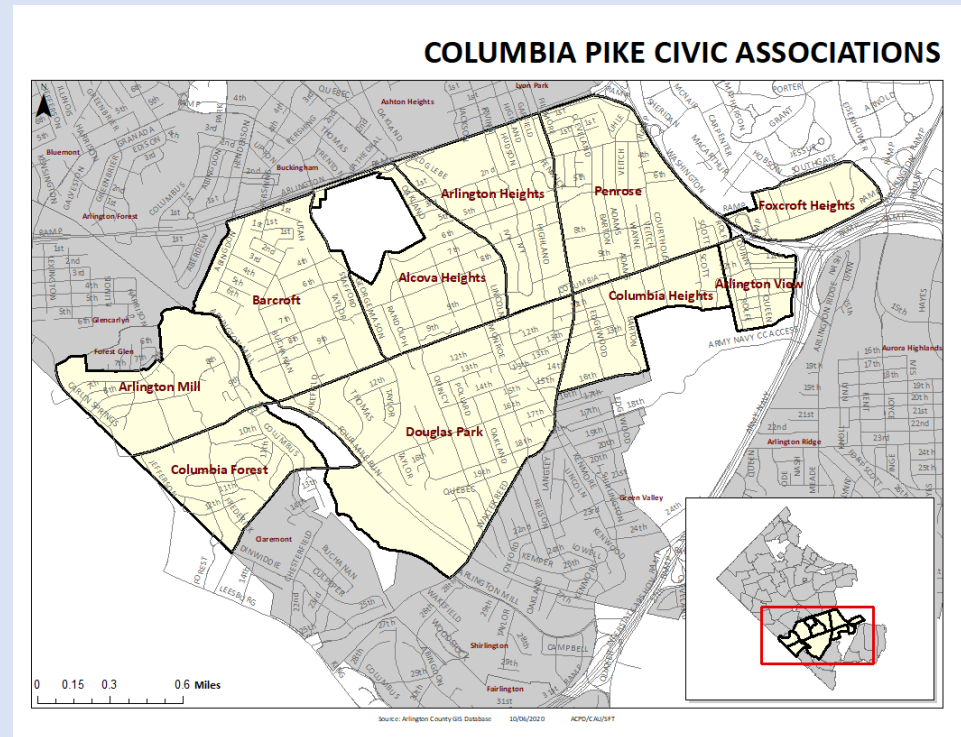


- Counterfeit/Forgery – Down 33% County, 60% Columbia Pike (5 to 2)
- Credit Card/Teller Machine Fraud – Down 15% County, 56% Columbia Pike (9-4)
- Disorderly Conduct – Down 25% across the County
- Drunkenness – Down 28% across the County, 49% on Columbia Pike (80-41)
- Identity Theft – Up 84% across the County, Up 500% on Columbia Pike (1 report to 6 reports)
- Sex Offenses – Down 35% across the County, down 17% Columbia Pike (6 reports to 5 reports)
- Theft from Building – Down 64% across the County, 44% Columbia Pike (18 reports to 10 reports)

Additionally, there has been almost a 30% increase in on-line reporting this year compared to 2019. As a result of the on-line reporting, coding changes could have a result in some of the spikes of some offenses and reduction in others. Overall Crime is down 3% across the County and 6% on Columbia Pike.

Higher Profile Crime Stats

- Aggravated Assaults – Up 31% across the County, 78% on Columbia Pike (9 reports to 16 reports), 11 of 16 cases have been closed, 10 with arrest and 1 exceptional.
- Motor Vehicle Theft – Up 50% across the County, 600% on Columbia Pike (1 report to 7 reports). Tied to vehicles left running and unlocked and/or keys being left in unlocked vehicles.
- Theft from Motor Vehicle – Up 25% across the County, 44% on Columbia Pike
- Robbery – Up 20% across the County, 150% on Columbia Pike (4 reports to 10 reports), of the 10 reported, 9 occurred between 6/17-9/5. 5 have been closed with an arrest.



Investigative Highlights

- **ROBBERY**, 2020-09050122, 2300 block of Columbia Pike
 - At approximately 1:03 p.m. on September 5, police were dispatched to the report of a robbery by force. Upon arrival, it was determined that three male suspects entered a business and attempted to smash a glass display counter with rocks they had concealed in their clothing before reaching over the counter to steal merchandise. The suspects then threw merchandise at store employees and attempted to strike one employee before fleeing the scene on foot. A lookout for the suspects was broadcast to responding officers. Units canvassed the area and located two of the suspects in the 2700 block of Columbia Pike. One suspect fled on foot from officers and, following a brief foot pursuit, the suspect was taken into police custody. Delonte Roach, 18, of Washington D.C. was arrested and charged with Robbery, Conspiracy to Commit Felony and Eluding Police. Raymontae Ford, 19, of Washington D.C. was arrested and charged with Robbery, Conspiracy to Commit Felony and Obstruction of Justice. Both suspects were held without bond. Suspect Three remains outstanding and is described as a young Black male, medium height with a skinny build.
- **MALICIOUS WOUNDING ON LAW ENFORCEMENT**, 2020-09080136, 2900 block of Columbia Pike
 - At approximately 6:25 p.m. on September 8, police were dispatched to the report of an intoxicated male inside a business who was allegedly acting disorderly after being refused service. Shortly after the initial call, the reporting party updated that the suspect was now fighting with customers inside the business and was threatening employees. Arriving officers located the male suspect outside the business. When officers attempted to handcuff the suspect, he became combative, actively resisted and assaulted three officers. During the struggle, two officers suffered head injuries and one officer was kicked and struck by the suspect. Officers were able to gain control of the suspect and take him into custody. The suspect was not injured. The officers were transported to an area hospital with non-life threatening injuries. As a precaution, the suspect was transported to an area hospital for evaluation. Once medically cleared, Daniel Michael, 45, of No Fixed Address was arrested and charged with Malicious Wounding on Law Enforcement (x2), Assault and Battery on Police, Assault & Battery (x2). He was held on no bond.
- **MALICIOUS WOUNDING (late)**, 2020-09200050, 3700 block of Columbia Pike
 - At approximately 4:09 a.m. on September 20, police were dispatched to Virginia Hospital Center for the late report of a stabbing. Upon arrival, it was determined that at approximately 2:45 a.m., the two male victims were walking in the area when they observed the suspects standing in their path. Suspect One approached them and demanded money from Victim One, who stated he did not have money on him. Suspect One then turned to Victim Two, at which point a physical altercation ensued between the victims and suspects. During the altercation, Victim Two was struck multiple times, resulting in lacerations. Victim One was not injured. Suspect One is described as a taller, light skinned Hispanic male, approximately 5'9"-5'11", slim/skinny build, wearing a black t-shirt or a black jacket, blue jeans, with a shorter haircut. Suspect Two is described as a tall, stocky, light skinned Hispanic male, wearing a black t-shirt or jacket with dark blue jeans. The investigation is ongoing.

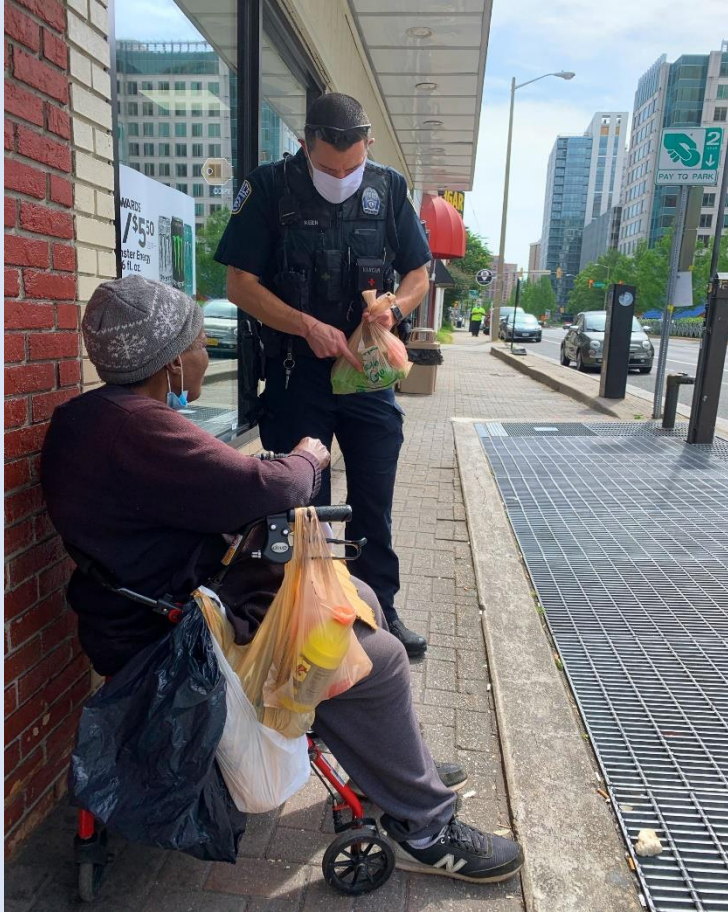
Investigative Highlights

- **HOMICIDE**, 2020-06280036, S. Highland Street at Columbia Pike
 - At approximately 2:39 a.m. on June 28, police were dispatched to the report of shots fired and a large crowd dispersing outside of a business. While investigating the initial reports of shots fired, officers were notified that two victims had arrived at an area hospital seeking treatment for minor injuries. The preliminary investigation indicates that following a dispute between multiple parties, the suspect entered his vehicle and fired gunshots in the area of the crowd as he fled the scene. As the investigation into the initial call continued, officers were dispatched to the 3200 block of Columbia Pike, where a third victim was located inside of a vehicle with trauma to the upper body. The victim was subsequently pronounced deceased on scene. Christopher Rather, 27, of Oxon Hill, MD, and Franklin Lambright, 27, of Temple Hills, MD, have been charged with Murder and are being held in Prince George's County, Maryland pending extradition back to the Commonwealth of Virginia. Additional charges are pending.
- **SHOOTING**, 2020-08300074, 3100 block of Columbia Pike
 - At approximately 5:04 a.m. on August 30, police were dispatched to the report of a shooting. Upon arrival, officers located an adult male suffering from a gunshot wound. He was transported to an area hospital with injuries that are considered non-life threatening. The preliminary investigation indicates security guards were clearing the parking lot of a business when the suspect drew a firearm and discharged towards the crowd. Two security guards, licensed by the Commonwealth and authorized to carry firearms, then returned fire. The suspect fired additional rounds before fleeing the scene in a vehicle prior to police arrival. A lookout for the vehicle was broadcast. Responding officers located and stopped the vehicle at the intersection of 9th Street S. at Walter Reed Drive. Yared Denbu, 33 of Dundalk, MD, was arrested and charged with Attempted Malicious Wounding, Use of a Firearm in the Commission of a Felony, and Reckless Handling of a Firearm.
- **NARCOTICS VIOLATION**, 2020-10080191, 3100 block of Columbia Pike
 - At approximately 10:51 p.m. on October 8, Arlington County Police were conducting surveillance on the parking lot to ensure compliance with the conditions of the previously established Order with Virginia ABC. During the surveillance, an officer observed suspicious activity consistent with narcotics use inside an occupied parked vehicle. Officers approached the vehicle, made contact with the two occupants and determined they were intoxicated and using controlled substances. During the course of the investigation, officers located suspected narcotics inside the vehicle and recovered a loaded firearm from the front of the passenger's pants. Dasia Spivey, 25, of Alexandria, VA, was arrested and charged with Driving Under the Influence, Possession of Controlled Substance I/II and Open Container. She was held on bond. Moulayali Halhoul, 25, of Washington D.C., was arrested and charged with Felon in Possession of a Firearm, Felon in Possession of Ammunition, Possession of a Firearm while in Possession of Schedule II drugs, Possession of Controlled Substance II, Carrying Concealed Weapon by a Felon. He was held without bond.

Proactive Policing Measures

- Homeless Outreach Program
- Arlington Restaurant Initiative (ARI)
- Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED)

Homeless Outreach



- In April 2020, Arlington launched a homeless outreach coalition to help identify unsheltered individuals at high risk for COVID-19 and connect them with available resources and services.
- Goals of the Homeless Outreach Team
 - Coalition building
 - Generates an inter-disciplinary partnership, which affords more resources for those who need them
 - Contact individuals where they are
 - Introduce ourselves, our purpose, and hear their story
 - Identify their immediate needs
 - Mental healthcare
 - Substance abuse treatment
 - Medical needs
 - Hunger
 - Identify their current/past level of participation in services
 - Redirect them to services with specific instructions
 - Be a conduit for services
 - Consistency

Arlington Restaurant Initiative (ARI)

- ACPD partnered with County agencies to establish ARI
- The goals of ARI:
 - Raise the standards of restaurants that serve alcohol
 - Maintain Arlington County as a safe destination for nightlife and entertainment
- The benefits of ARI:
 - Increase the overall safety of customers, businesses, and neighborhood residents in areas with nightlife
 - Improve the strategies and standards of establishments serving alcohol while building positive community relationships, reducing crime and recognizing responsible businesses
- Programs offered through ARI:
 - Training designed to empower staff to increase safety, comply with the law, and help reduce liability
 - Accreditation program for restaurants and special event venues that successfully complete the accreditation process and show their commitment to the safety of the community




Purple Lounge Update

Provided by Captain Rowling and Virginia ABC Special Agent Barbara Storm




The Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority (Virginia ABC) has temporarily suspended the alcohol licenses of the Purple Ethiopian Restaurant and Lounge, LLC (Purple Lounge) after finding the establishment in violation of the terms imposed by the Negotiated Resolution, Acceptance, Waiver and Order executed on September 16, 2020. As a result of this action, the alcohol licenses of the Purple Lounge will remain suspended for a minimum of 10 days with reinstatement dependent upon approval by Virginia ABC.

Crime Prevention Tips




IT'S TIME FOR THE 9 P.M. ROUTINE

CONDUCT A SECURITY CHECK AND VERIFY:

-  Vehicles, residences, garages, windows, gates and sheds are locked.
-  Tools, bikes, keys and other valuables are secured and brought inside.
-  Activate exterior lights, security cameras and alarm systems.

POLICE.ARLINGTONVA.US/9PMROUTINE



- Arlington County Police officers proactively patrol Arlington's neighborhoods to identify and prevent criminal activity. The department's efforts are enhanced by the active involvement of residents. When residents call to report suspicious activity, they aid not only the police, but help make their neighborhoods a safer place to live and work.
- Report Suspicious Activity for Police Investigation
 - Suspicious activity is an occurrence that is out of place in your neighborhood
 - Factors such as race, ethnicity, national origin, or religious affiliation alone are not suspicious. The public should report only suspicious behavior and situations rather than beliefs, thoughts, ideas or expressions
- Crimes of opportunity, such as larcenies, have been increasingly reported in neighborhoods across Arlington County
 - Thieves take advantage of unsecured doors and windows to steal items left unattended or out in plain view
 - Thieves target vehicles left running unattended and those parked with keys left inside
- Arlington County residents can [request residential and commercial premises security surveys](https://www.aarlingtonva.us/9PMROUTINE) free of charge

A Proactive Step You Can Take

Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design

- The Arlington County Police Department (ACPD) offers the following crime prevention services free of charge to all Arlington constituents: residential premises security surveys; commercial premises security surveys; bicycle registration; crime prevention literature; and crime prevention presentations to civic, service or professional organizations on topics such as robbery, burglary, fraud, identity theft, workplace violence and emergency preparedness.
- <https://police.arlingtonva.us/crime-prevention-unit-service-request/>

Outreach Efforts

- Donation Drives
- Community Trainings
- Civic and Community Meetings
- Therapy Dog in Training
- Homeless Outreach Program
 - Food Distribution
- Permanent Drug Take-Back Boxes
- Liaison with other County Government Agencies

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703-558-2222

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911

**REPORT ONGOING
TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT
CONCERNS**

police.arlingtonva.us/traffic-enforcement-request

FILE AN ONLINE REPORT

police.arlingtonva.us/online-police-reporting-system/

**MAKE A SERVICE
REQUEST**

topics.arlingtonva.us/report-a-problem/

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STAY INFORMED

- Sign up for Arlington Alert to receive emergency notifications from Arlington County Government at arlingtonva.us/alerts
- Subscribe to police news and periodic updates from the Community Outreach Unit at police.arlingtonva.us/subscribe
- Learn about criminal incidents investigated by the Department by visiting the Daily Crime Report at <https://newsroom.arlingtonva.us/category/daily-crime-report/>

Stay Informed

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