

Pasadena Police Department Community Brief



Statistical Highlights

March 2023

Total Calls Received by Dispatch	21,291	60,385 (YTD)	Homicide	0	0 (YTD)
Total Calls for Service	9,646	25,538	Robbery	13	34
Calls Received on 9-1-1	5,704	16,462	Aggravated Assaults	37	118
Calls Cleared Using De-Escalation Techniques	51	146	Burglary	32	138
Calls Received involving the Un-Housed	187	503	Motor Vehicle Theft	19	57
Firearms Recovered/Seized	9	57	Simple Assaults	57	154
			DUI	12	35

The data depicted in this report is subject to change and is based on crimes reported to have occurred during the above-stated monthly time frame. Some reports may not yet be initiated and/or may be reclassified during investigations.

Significant Incidents

Robberies:

On March 17, 2023, Pasadena Police Officers responded to the 1400 block of Forest Avenue regarding an armed robbery. The victim, who is a landscaper, told officers that he was standing by his pick-up when a white truck with three males drove up to him. One of the males exited the truck, walked up to the victim, and pointed a handgun at him. The suspect demanded the victim's gardening equipment from the victim's pick-up. Fearing for his safety, the victim backed away and the suspect removed numerous gardening equipment. The suspect then got back into his truck and sped away. The suspects were gone before the police arrived. The victim was not injured during this incident.

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On March 19, 2023, Pasadena Police Officers responded to the area of 1300 N. Chester Avenue regarding a robbery. The victim said she argued with a male to whom she had sold cameras. During the argument, the male took the victim's cell phone from her hand and ran off. Officers searched the area and located the male riding a bike. The male had the victim's cell phone in his possession. A field show-up was conducted and the victim positively identified the male suspect. He was arrested for robbery.

Recovered Firearms:

On March 24, 2023, Pasadena Police Officers were providing extra service in the area of Woodbury Street and Raymond Avenue, when three individuals crossed the street in an unsafe manner. The group was almost struck by a car. When officers attempted to detain the group, one of the males ran from the officers. During the foot pursuit, the male discarded a handgun. As the male continued to run, he slipped and fell. Officers were able to detain the male suspect and recovered the handgun. During the investigation, it was determined that the suspect was a felon and a known gang member. He was arrested for numerous weapon-related charges.

On March 25, 2023, Pasadena Police Officers conducted a traffic stop for a CVC Violation in the area of Altadena Drive and Maple Street. The car was occupied by two occupants. When the driver was contacted, it was discovered that he was on probation with search conditions. Both occupants were asked to exit the vehicle. During a pat-down search of the driver, a loaded handgun with an extended magazine was found in his waistband. The driver was arrested for felon in possession of a firearm. The passenger was released at the scene.

On March 25, 2023, Pasadena Police Officers responded to a ShotSpotter alert in the area of 1400 Summit Avenue. Officers contacted a group of subjects parked in a vehicle. During their investigation, the driver admitted to having a handgun in his glove compartment. All subjects were detained, and the handgun was located. Inside the car, officers located an expended shell casing. The driver was arrested for weapon-related charges.

Assaults:

On March 26, 2023, Pasadena Police Officers were in the area of Morton Avenue and Glorieta Street, when they observed a male walk up to the driver's side of a car and began arguing with the driver. As the argument escalated, the driver exited his car. The driver then punched the male once in the face.

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The male fell back, struck the back of his head, and became unconscious. The driver was immediately arrested for assault and the victim was transported to the hospital. Due to the severity of the victim's injuries, Detectives responded for follow-up.

On March 26, 2023, Pasadena Police Officers responded to the area of Colorado Boulevard and Fair Oaks Avenue regarding a subject brandishing a knife at a victim after being refused service at a local restaurant. Pasadena Police Helicopter responded to the scene and immediately located the suspect who had fled the scene. Officers were guided to the suspect's location where he was detained. According to the victim, the suspect has been to the restaurant on prior occasions and each time has caused a scene. When the victim told the suspect he would not receive service, the suspect pulled out a knife and pointed it at the victim in a threatening manner. The victim backed away and called the police.

Crime Trends

When leaving a bank or ATM after making a withdrawal, **please be on alert**. Some suspects will stake out banks and ATMs watching for people making large withdrawals and will follow them, *sometimes many miles*. They are looking for an opening to take your money. This can happen in different ways:



- They often do a vehicle burglary after the victim parks their car at another location.
- They may wait for the victim to enter the car and then open an unlocked car door and take a purse or wallet from the seat next to the victim. They then run off to an awaiting vehicle.
- Sometimes they may do a purse snatch or a robbery as the victim leaves their vehicle.

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Traffic

Below is the information regarding the city intersections experiencing the highest number of vehicle collisions. This information is only reflective of the collisions reported to the police department and it is subject to change as reports are initiated and/or re-classified.

Intersection	Number of Collisions
Fair Oaks Ave. and Corson St.	4 collisions reported
	
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Fair Oaks Ave. and Orange Grove Blvd.	4 collisions reported
	
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Lake Ave. and Boylston St.

4 collisions reported



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Top 3 Primary Crash Factors

#1 Unsafe speed (29.9%)

#2 Improper Turning (24.1%)

#3 Traffic Signals and Signs (14.9%)

Officers from the Pasadena Police Department continually provide service to these intersections and other intersections throughout the city to minimize the amounts of collisions that occur. We remind everyone to slow down, stay off their phone, minimize distractions and obey all traffic laws and signage to lessen the possibility of being involved in a collision.