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CITY OF CHICAGO PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENTS ANNOUNCE SUMMER SAFETY PLAN

The Chicago Police Department, Office of Emergency Management and Communications and the Chicago Fire Department to implement a comprehensive plan ahead of the summer months

CHICAGO — The Chicago Police Department (CPD), Office of Emergency Management and Communications (OEMC) and the Chicago Fire Department (CFD) today announced a citywide summer safety plan aimed at keeping every neighborhood safe as the warmer months approach.

To enhance coordination and communication, the Summer Operations Center (SOC) has been activated at OEMC. The SOC is the nucleus for citywide deployment of public safety personnel and resources. The center is staffed by CPD and OEMC personnel who will work collaboratively as part of the City's overall violence reduction efforts.

To supplement resources already within police districts, CPD will increase its presence across the city and on the lakefront this summer to maintain public safety in areas of large-scale events, gatherings and car caravans. In addition to these precision deployments, the Bureau of Patrol has also held numerous tabletop exercises and drills to ensure appropriate police response to active situations. CPD is also working closely with community organizations and leaders to provide safe spaces for youth and families to enjoy the city.

As beach season also approaches, CFD is reminding everyone to be careful and safe near and in the water. Tips include swimming with a partner, keeping children in sight, and making sure that all boat passengers have life jackets. CFD is also asking those grilling to be cognizant of their surroundings to prevent serious injury and damage to property. Propane and charcoal grills should only be used outdoors and never on porches. In addition to never leaving the grill unattended, grills should be placed away from the home, and deck railings and remain away from leaves and overhanging branches.

As the City's public safety departments work to keep Chicagoans safe this summer, the public is reminded to be aware of their surroundings and to report suspicious activity. If you notice something suspicious, notify onsite security or call 9-1-1. If You See Something, Say Something™ is a national anti-terrorism public awareness campaign that emphasizes the importance of reporting suspicious activity to law enforcement authorities.

OEMC will monitor events through collaboration with public safety partners. OEMC advises Chicagoans to be aware of weather conditions and to follow instructions and heed all warnings from



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public safety officials. We encourage residents to check the weather before heading out. For the most up-to-date weather information, please tune into local media.

Residents are encouraged to download the new Chicago OEMC App as a public safety tool providing safety information, preparedness tips, maps, emergency alerts, and event information. The App also provides access to current weather conditions, forecasts, live weather radar and more from the National Weather Service in Chicago. You can download it through the Apple App and Google Play stores. To immediately download, click [HERE](#) or visit the website Chicago.gov/oemc.

OEMC will issue any alerts and notifications needed to keep residents and attendees up to date on weather conditions and emergencies. Sign up for Notify Chicago alerts at NotifyChicago.org. OEMC also issues TEXT alerts for lakefront notices, issues affecting businesses or COVID-19 updates:

CHILAKE: For lakefront notices, TEXT "CHILAKE" to 7-8-0-1-5

CHIBIZ: For alerts affecting businesses, TEXT "CHIBIZ" to 6-7-2-8-3

COVID: Get COVID-19 updates by TEXTING "COVID19" to 6-7-2-8-3

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