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CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT RELEASES A REVISED FOOT PURSUIT POLICY DRAFT FOR A 15-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

CHICAGO — Chicago Police Department (CPD) Superintendent David O. Brown today announced the posting of a revised foot pursuit policy draft that will be open for public comment beginning today for 15 days. Once the 15-day public comment period closes on February 25, 2022, the feedback provided will be used to inform the final policy that is intended to be effective in the summer of 2022 following officer training on the new directive. The revised policy builds on the temporary foot pursuit policy that was implemented last year and follows input from the Office of the Attorney General and the Independent Monitoring Team.

"As we developed the foot pursuit policy, we ensured that community safety and the safety of our officers was front and center," said Superintendent Brown. "Safety remains our top priority as we implement transformational reforms like this foot pursuit policy."

With the temporary foot pursuit policy serving as its foundation, this revised policy draft provides clearer guidelines and more concise language regarding the responsibilities for Department members and supervisors prior to initiating a foot pursuit, during a pursuit, when to cease a pursuit and following a pursuit. The revised policy makes it clear that foot pursuits may only be initiated when there is a valid law enforcement need to detain the individual being pursued.

The revised policy also expands the role of supervisors to ensure there is appropriate supervision and communication if a pursuit is initiated. The revised policy also lays out clear instances in which Department members will discontinue or not initiate a foot pursuit.

As the policy was being developed, CPD solicited community input. The Department facilitated citywide community meetings to garner input from community-based organizations and individuals who have direct lived experiences. In addition to a public webinar, two community conversations and multiple targeted discussions, the policy was opened for an initial public comment period last summer.

Input from the community will again be considered during this 15-day comment period. A community feedback summary document will also be posted on CPD's website when the policy is ultimately finalized so that community members can see how feedback was considered.

All sworn members will receive e-learning training on the new directive prior to the final policy going into effect this summer. Foot pursuit training will also be built into the 40-hours of mandatory in-service training all officers will receive by the end of the year. The training will focus on all aspects of initiating and conducting foot pursuits with safety as the top consideration.

The foot pursuit policy is open for public review and comment [HERE](#).

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