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CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT LAUNCHES REVAMPED WEB SITE
New Site Creates Further Engagement with the Public, Easier Reporting of Crimes and Allows Citizens to Contribute to Investigations

CHICAGO – Superintendent Garry McCarthy announced the launch of the Chicago Police Department's improved website, another important step forward in CPD's ongoing efforts to improve communication and foster stronger partnerships with the residents they serve. The Department's new website, which went live this morning, remains **www.chicagopolice.org**.

"Our revamped website is a step forward for our community policing efforts," said Superintendent McCarthy. "The new site is a one-stop shop where residents can get information and partner with us to share information as we work together to continue reducing crime."

Some of the highlights include:

- **Expanded Online Crime Reporting**: The public can report certain crimes to the Department from any web-connected device, at their convenience, including Lost Property and Theft Under $500, Theft Over $500 Except Firearm, Retail Theft, Financial Identity Theft Under $300, Financial Identity Theft Over $300, Criminal Damage to Property, Criminal Damage to Vehicle, Criminal Defacement, Simple Assault.

- **Cold Cases:** Surveillance images from Closed Circuit Television System security cameras that might depict images of wanted criminals from "Crimes Caught on Tape" will be posted and available for members of the public to submit tips related to these incidents, which are routed immediately to follow-up investigators.

- **Social Media Integration:** The new site allows the public to quickly share web content with Facebook, Twitter, and other social media platforms, engaging even more community members in the problem-solving process.

- **Easier access to Text2Tip:** Members of the public can use CPD's anonymous tip submission system directly from the new website, and from any cell phone capable of sending text messages. Tips are routed immediately to the Crime Prevention and Information Center, where they are reviewed and distributed for investigative follow-up.

The site will continue to allow access to important information and tools, including:

- **Crime Maps and Statistics:** Crime conditions can be quickly mapped to show activity occurring near any address, beat, school, park, ward, or community area in the City of Chicago. Statistical reports can be generated by district, area, or citywide.

- **CAPS Community Concerns:** Members of the public can submit anonymous community concerns directly to their district community policing office for chronic disorder issues. This platform allows for two-way communication between members of the public and their community policing officers, for feedback concerning the status of the reported concern.

- **Bicycle Registration:** Members of the public can register their bicycles using an online web form.

- **CAPS Information:** A calendar of CAPS community events such as beat meetings can be accessed to allow members of the public to partner with the police in the problem-solving process. Crime bulletins, recent success stories, and directories of community resources such as youth, senior, and domestic violence services are available.

CPD will continue to build new functions that will be introduced in the future.

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