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Mayor Emanuel, Chicago Police Announce New Deputy Chief Role Dedicated to Community Policing *Promote Four Deputy Chiefs, One Commander, Five Captains*

CHICAGO – Mayor Rahm Emanuel and Chicago Police Superintendent Garry F. McCarthy announced Eric Washington has been promoted to become the Department’s Deputy Chief of Community Policing, a new role that will further cement the expanded role community policing and neighborhood partnerships have taken under this administration. Including Washington, the Department is promoting four deputy chiefs, one commander and five Captains today.

“I congratulate these outstanding members of the Chicago Police on their well-deserved promotions. I look forward to watching them work in their roles to help keep every resident safe and continue building trust between the CPD and the communities they serve,” said Mayor Emanuel. “Revitalizing community policing is the foundation of our public safety strategy. Working together to engage with residents in our communities, we will build on the progress we are making toward giving every child in every neighborhood the safety and security they deserve.”

Washington will be charged with working hand-in-hand with the Patrol Division and CAPS personnel to better coordinate the Department’s numerous community policing efforts and initiatives which have been established under Mayor Emanuel.

In the past three and a half years, CPD has taken hundreds of officers out of administrative positions and put them back on the street. Hundreds of officers have also moved out of their squad cars and onto foot patrols or bike patrols in neighborhoods throughout the city so they can better interact with residents. In his most recent budget, Mayor Emanuel doubled the number of officers on bike patrols.

“CAPS and community policing aren’t just initiatives, it’s how we all work,” said Superintendent McCarthy. “This role connects many of our existing efforts to foster stronger relationships with community leaders and residents as we continue working together to ensure the safety of our city.”

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CPD Announce New Community Policing Deputy Chief

In 2012, CAPS offices were created in each of the city's 22 police districts and CAPS officers were moved out of CPD's headquarters. This move allowed the CAPS program to strengthen partnerships with neighborhood leaders and tailor programming to better meet the unique needs of communities throughout Chicago.

CPD restarted the Citizen's Police Academy, which had been dormant for years. The nine-week program provides residents with an introduction to CPD and additional information regarding topics of community interest such as licensing and troubled buildings. Participants get a firsthand look at the Marine, Bike and Mounted Units, physical skills, range and Taser demonstrations, a discussion of each Bureau.

Beginning last spring, CPD partnered with DePaul University to refresh the training focused on community organizing and strategic planning for hundreds of CAPS officers. The training helped officers develop and execute community engagement strategic plans, in partnership with community partners, specific to their districts.

Additionally, more than 10,000 officers have participated in new procedural justice and police legitimacy training, mandatory for all officers, around the principles of fairness and respect. The training is a key component of CPD's efforts to build better understanding and stronger relationships between officers and the residents they serve.

Deputy Chief Washington has spent 28 years with the Department and taken on some of the more challenging assignments, including serving as the Commander of the 011 District, where he helped reduce crime and violence. Washington also served as the Commander of the Narcotics Division and has accumulated nearly 60 awards and honors throughout his career. He was recently recognized by the MetLife Foundation for his district's extraordinary community partnerships to reduce youth violence.

Others promoted to Deputy Chief include: Fred Waller, of the 006 District, Steve Caluris of the Office of Crime Control Strategies, and Jonathan Lewin, of Technology and Records. Dwayne Betts was promoted to Commander. Five individuals were promoted to Captain including Fabian Saldana (003), Mark Harmon (008), Robert Lajewski (025), Paul Kusinski (015), and Daniel O'Shea (Inspection Unit).

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