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### **MAYOR EMANUEL, POLICE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCE EXPANSION OF PREDICTIVE CRIME FIGHTING STRATEGY**

*CPD's predictive crime fighting strategy to be expanded in Austin and Deering to support strategic deployments, reduce violence*

Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel and Chicago Police Department (CPD) Superintendent Eddie Johnson announced today the expansion of CPD's new predictive policing strategy to more parts of the south and west sides - making district intelligence the driver of Chicago's crime fight by using new technology and tools to help police get ahead of crime and prevent violence from happening in the first place.

The predictive technology and analytical tools were first launched in the Englewood (007) and Harrison (011) districts in recent weeks. Now CPD will expand the approach to the Austin (015) and Deering (009) police districts as well.

"CPD's new strategy will ensure officers have not just the best tools and technology to fight gun violence, but also the best strategies and training to help them get ahead of crime and prevent violence," said Mayor Emanuel. "This is an important step to driving smart-policing strategies in four of the top five districts responsible for the increase in violence in 2016."

In the coming weeks the Austin and Deering districts will be outfitted with Strategic Decision Support Centers, strategic nerve centers housed right inside the districts that will allow for a more nuanced and more nimble approach. They will also receive district-wide ShotSpotter gunshot detection systems, POD crime cameras, and new mobile phone technology.

"By basing our policing strategy on more proactive and predictive deployments, we can focus on the sources of our violent crime and ultimately make Chicago safer," said Superintendent Johnson. "The expansion of this technology into the 9th and 15th districts will allow us to make strategic deployment decisions and respond to incidents sooner, helping us reduce crime in our most challenging districts."

The implementation of predictive technology in the 9th and 15th police districts – which were among

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## February 2017 – Expansion of Predictive Crime Fighting Strategy

the top five districts responsible for the increase in violence in 2016 – is the latest expansion and expected to be complete by the end of March 2017.

Today's announcement includes the following technologies:

### **Strategic Decision Support Centers**

Strategic Decision Support Centers (SDSC), which will be installed in the 9th and 15th police districts, are hyper-local intelligence centers that supports the predictive deployment of officers. Using integrated, geographic-specific, real-time analytics such as crime data, POD video surveillance, and gunshot detection, SDSCs allow district commanders to activate a district-specific, predictive policing strategy based on CPD's more nimble and nuanced approach.

The new SDSC places all this information it into a single, usable platform that will ensure district command staff and officers are prepared with the information necessary to plan their patrol deployment or respond to a call. The new centers will each be staffed with a District Intelligence Officer who can coordinate the information directly with patrol units in the field, as well as a civilian University of Chicago data analyst who will work to ensure the software is being utilized and that data is being collected effectively.

### **Mobile Technology**

CPD will also issue mobile phones to every beat officer who responds to a service call in the 9th and 15th districts. These devices will give officers real-time access to district intelligence information to police officers in the field. This mobile technology will allow for smarter, data driven patrols and significantly decreased response times to potential service calls.

### **POD Crime Cameras Expansion and ShotSpotter Gunshot Detection and**

While the Strategic Decision Support Centers and Mobile Technology work to predict and prevent crime, the City will also take steps to help officers better respond to those crimes that do occur. CPD will install the ShotSpotter® gunshot detection system to cover the entire 9th and 15th police districts on the city's south and west side, as well as increase the number of POD crime cameras. The POD crime camera footprint will be increased to allow for better integration between the two technologies.

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