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### **CPD LAUNCHES NEW MOBILE CRIME TIP SUBMISSION SITE TO COMBAT VIOLENCE**

*Chicago is first city in nation to launch the latest version of TipSubmit, allowing residents to anonymously send crime tips to CPD through their mobile device*

CHICAGO - The Chicago Police Department announced today the launch of new technology supporting the Department's public safety strategy that makes technology an integral part of their efforts to reduce violence and rebuild trust. The launch of a new crime tip submission site, [www.CPDTip.com](http://www.CPDTip.com), allows residents to anonymously send information on criminal incidents directly to CPD on their mobile device, along with photos and videos.

CPD is the first police department in the United States to adopt this technology, based off of Motorola Solutions' new TipSubmit platform. The mobile-enabled website does not need to be downloaded and is compatible with any device that connects to the internet. It allows users to easily send high-definition video and images, as well as other specific information including location, time and other descriptors, directly from their device to CPD. Additionally, tipsters can remain anonymous and still communicate directly with CPD through the application.

"By giving Chicagoans the most capable tools to report crime, it greatly increases our chances to apprehend those who are responsible for driving the violence in some of our neighborhoods," said CPD Superintendent Eddie Johnson. "As we have seen in countless cases, when the community steps up and works with us, we can bring these criminals to justice. I believe this will go a long way in helping us build community partnerships and trust."

When tips are anonymously submitted by users from the application, the information is directly sent to CPD's Crime Prevention and Information Center where they are analyzed and forwarded to the appropriate police unit for action. Additionally, in districts equipped with Strategic Decision Support Centers (006, 007, 009, 010, 011, and 015), these tips are reviewed by crime analysts and pushed out to officers on their Department-issued smart phones.

With this technology, tips can also be shared with partner law enforcement agencies to increase the likelihood of solving a case or apprehending an offender. Tips that successfully lead to a felony arrest are eligible for a reward of up to \$1,000 from Cook County CrimeStoppers.

"Motorola Solutions is pleased to work with the Chicago Police Department as they become the first agency to deploy the latest version of our TipSubmit solution," said Ali Kapadia, vice president, Motorola Solutions Central Region.

CPD has also also created a new unit: the Bureau of Technical Services, which will oversee the implementation and management of the ever increasing adoption of technology by the Department to be more predictive and proactive. To lead the bureau, Superintendent Johnson has promoted Jonathan Lewin to Chief. Chief Lewin previously served as Deputy Chief of the Technology and Records group.

"I can think of no person better suited than Chief Lewin to lead our effort to be at the forefront of technology in policing" said Superintendent Johnson. "As a nationally recognized leader and expert in law enforcement technology, I have no doubt Chief Lewin will help us to be smarter in our deployments, reduce crime, and help build bridges with the community."

Last month, CPD announced the expansion of its predictive policing strategy to the 6<sup>th</sup> (Gresham) and 10<sup>th</sup> (Ogden) police districts. This brought the strategy to a total of six police districts on the south and west sides of the city, including the 7<sup>th</sup> (Englewood), 11<sup>th</sup> (Harrison), 15<sup>th</sup> (Austin) and 9<sup>th</sup> (Deering) police districts, and makes 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.

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