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Mayor Emanuel and CPD Announce Deployment of 53 New Police Officers to Districts

Latest deployment is continuing progress on the City's two year hiring plan

Mayor Rahm Emanuel and Chicago Police Chief of Patrol Fred Waller today announced 53 new police officers have been deployed to their first district assignments as part of the plan to grow the Department by nearly 1,000 officers.

"We are putting more police on the street – from the far north side to the far south side to the west side and neighborhoods in between – and we are getting gangs, guns and drugs off the street," said Mayor Emanuel. "Each of these men and women who are hitting the street today know that they can make a difference, and each of them will help us all achieve a better tomorrow."

After successfully completing their training at the Academy and initial field training, these officers are now being sent to their first detail. The new officers will benefit from the new in-service training requirement, which begins with 16-hours of mandatory training and will necessitate that all Department members to take 40 hours of continuing education annually by 2021.

"I am proud to welcome the next group of police officers that will help us to make Chicago safer and build bridges with the communities we serve," said Chief Waller. "These new officers have received training based upon best practices in law enforcement and will focus their efforts to hold violent offenders accountable and become true community police officers."

Since the start of 2017, more than a thousand new recruits have entered Police Academy to train to become police officers. During the six-month police academy, recruits learn all applicable laws and protocols for being a Chicago Police Officer. In addition to physical training, they receive instruction in procedural justice, crisis intervention and de-escalation, use of force, community building and critical thinking. This includes cultural sensitivity training at the DuSable museum where recruits learn about the history of many Chicago communities. Following this instruction, new officers receive three months of field training, during which they are paired with Field Training Officers for hands-on guidance during their first in-the-field months.

These new officers have joined as part of CPD's "Be the Change" recruitment campaign which reflects the belief that this new generation of police officers will lay the groundwork for a more diverse department and be future leaders who define how police support, protect and work together with Chicago's communities.

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