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CPD on track to seize more than 9,500 Illegal Guns in 2018- Highest in last Five Years

As the total number of shootings in Chicago continues to decline, Chicago Police officers are working hard to stem the flow of illegal guns. Chicago Police are on track to take nine percent more illegal guns off the streets this year as compared to last year, which had the highest number of gun seizures in the last five years.

"While simultaneously reducing crime and gun violence, Chicago Police officers have made exceptional progress interdicting the flow of illegal guns through our city," said Superintendent Eddie Johnson. "While much more work remains to make our city safer, we must continue investing in proven strategies that are making communities safer and give our officers the necessary knowledge and training that is vital to creating a safer and stronger city."

As of today, CPD officers have taken more than 9,400 illegal guns off city streets – including 49 from over the weekend. That's more than one illegal gun seized every hour of the year; the number of illegal guns seized so far this year is outpacing last year. Districts that have seen the highest number of gun seizures include the 11th (Harrison), 9th (Deering), 7th (Englewood), and 6th (Gresham). These four Districts account for one third of the total number of guns seized this year.

While the vast majority of these guns are semi-automatic handguns, nearly 200 assault-style weapons have also been recovered this year to date, including AK-47 and AR-15 rifles. So far this year, 4,249 individuals have been arrested on gun related charges.