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CPD ANNOUNCES NEXT STEPS IN REORGANIZATION, ADDS ADDITIONAL OFFICERS TO PATROL OPERATIONS TO MOVE MORE RESOURCES INTO COMMUNITIES CITYWIDE
Administrative personnel within CPD Headquarters and additional criminal networks staff will permanently return to patrol operations, increasing police presence as summer approaches

CHICAGO – The Chicago Police Department (CPD) today announced additional steps being taken as part of an ongoing reorganizational effort committed to moving more officers into communities and maximizing public safety resources across the city. Expanding on the more than 1,100 police officers and detectives that are being deployed back into Chicago’s communities as part of the January reorganizational announcement, the Department today announced that an additional 100 officers will be permanently reassigned to police districts across Chicago.

“By reallocating more officers back to the streets, we are addressing the concerns and needs of residents head-on,” said Superintendent David O. Brown. “This will give us more officers to improve our neighborhood policing efforts and provide a greater opportunity to strengthen the relationships with the residents we serve.”

To ensure patrol operations units within the Department’s five Areas are given the resources they need to safeguard the city’s 77 community areas, 15% of sworn personnel in administrative positions within CPD Headquarters will be permanently reassigned to field duties beginning June 7th. This excludes positions devoted to reform and consent decree functions.

To bolster our police presence throughout the summer months, the remaining officers at headquarters will be deployed on a rotating 2-week schedule. This deployment will also not affect officers whose positions are tied to the consent decree.

To further streamline Department resources, the Criminal Networks Group will move from the Bureau of Detectives to now function under the Bureau of Counterterrorism. This latest effort will reorient the connectivity between patrol and counter-terrorism units, including the Gang Investigations Division, Centralized Narcotics Enforcement Teams, and staff presently assigned to established federal partnered task forces. Additionally, a number of officers assigned to the Vice Section and the Asset Forfeiture Section will also be restructured to support patrol operations.

“This next phase of the reorganization moves the Department forward in our modern policing efforts and follows national best practices,” said First Deputy Superintendent Anthony Riccio. “The changes



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announced today provide our leadership more officers to bolster our crime-fighting strategy that is tailored to every neighborhood.”

To support the additional officers returning to patrol operations, more than 80 unmarked CPD vehicles will be converted into marked cars. The Department's take-home vehicle policy has also been reworked in an effort to more efficiently allocate CPD's fleet. CPD will review the current list of take-home vehicles to determine the number of vehicles that can be reallocated.

The latest changes also move CPD closer to the true goal of the reorganization that began in January— bolstering police presence citywide by moving crime-fighting resources into specific geographic areas.

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