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CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT RESUMES RECRUIT TRAINING AT CPD EDUCATION & TRAINING ACADEMY

All Academy training suspended in March 2020 due to unprecedented COVID-19 crisis; safety protocols and social distancing measures implemented for recruit and Academy staff safety

CHICAGO – The Chicago Police Department resumed recruit training for Class 19-07 at the CPD Education & Training Academy today, following a four-month suspension of training due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The 87 probationary police officers with Class 19-07 have returned to the Academy to complete their final six weeks of training, with an anticipated completion date of Aug. 21, 2020.

“The health and safety of all Chicago Police Department members and recruits will always remain a top priority,” said Deputy Chief Daniel Godsel, who oversees CPD’s Training & Support Group at the Academy. “We’re looking forward to getting our recruits across the finish line safely and effectively.”

Due to the unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic that has afflicted Chicago and other cities across the country, CPD suspended all recruit and in-service training conducted at the Academy in March 2020 to ensure the health and safety of their members and recruits.

Chicago Police recruits transitioned to supporting field operations across all 22 districts, as well as assembling personal protective equipment kits for Department members at the Public Safety Headquarters.

The Department conducted an analysis of the safety, staffing and facility requirements needed to resume training in a phased approach that complies with the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standard Board, as well as public health guidelines established by the Chicago Department of Public Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Listed below is a summary of the precautions put into place.

- Mandatory wearing of mask and gloves during all training that may break social distancing protocol
- Temperature check and hand sanitation for all recruits entering the Academy
- Monitoring and enforcement of social distancing protocol, PPE requirements and recruit movement throughout the Academy
- Minimal movement of recruits within the Academy
- Proper sanitization of equipment, classroom tables and chairs

Virtual learning will also be incorporated into the recruits' final six weeks of instruction at the Academy to limit contact, promote social distancing and minimize recruit movement.

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