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CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES CONSENT DECREE PRIORITY PLAN

*Priority Plan charts path for prioritizing and fulfilling
existing and future consent decree obligations*

CHICAGO – The Chicago Police Department (CPD) today announced a plan that will streamline consent decree priorities on the Department’s compliance efforts through the rest of 2020.

To improve the alignment of the Department’s reform priorities for the second half of 2020, CPD’s new [Consent Decree Priority Plan](#) prioritizes outstanding projects and requirements mandated by the consent decree, as well as the City’s plan for compliance. Since the consent decree became effective in March 2019, CPD has made significant progress on a number of consent decree reforms, including an increase of in-service training and mental health support for officers, updated use of force policies that emphasize sanctity of life, de-escalation and officer safety, and an updated approach toward community engagement.

“Using the new Priority Plan, we will prioritize our efforts and resources in the areas that will have the greatest impact on the communities we serve along with our Department, and to most likely achieve significant progress before the end of the next monitoring period,” said CPD Deputy Superintendent Barbara West, who leads the CPD Office of Constitutional Policing and Reform, and third-highest ranking member of the Department.

Through this planning effort, CPD units have identified a full suite of deliverables that simultaneously helps determine the documents required for demonstrating compliance, while not losing sight of the overarching goals for sustainably improving the Department over the long term.

“As is typical for police department consent decrees, the first year of implementation has focused on establishing the infrastructure and building the processes that allow for consent decree compliance to occur,” said Sudip Singh, deputy chief of CPD’s Reform Management Group. “Some of these processes have worked well, while others need additional improvements. As with any major undertaking, the department has learned valuable lessons from its early efforts and is working hard every day to make further improvements moving forward.”



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The Department also launched a [Consent Decree Compliance Dashboard](#) displaying compliance status of the 146 paragraphs that have been fully assessed by the Independent Monitoring Team.

The dashboard, which pulls compliance status data directly from the Independent Monitoring Team's (IMT) first two semi-annual reports, shows preliminary or secondary compliance achieved with 63 of the 146 (44.68%) consent decree paragraphs that have been fully assessed by the IMT during the first year. Visitors to the Dashboard can filter compliance status views between the first and second semi-annual monitoring periods, and can also select individual paragraphs for a more detailed view of the requirement language, compliance status and corresponding monitoring period, and detailed feedback from the IMT.

"With these new tools, the public can now gain further insight into areas that we've yet to fully meet, as well as the reforms we've successfully implemented," said Deputy Superintendent West.

In addition to these new tools to promote public inclusion for reforms outlined by the consent decree, the City of Chicago has also launched a new [website](#) on the City's Chicago.gov website to provide residents and other stakeholders concerned about public safety and police reform with easy-to-access information about progress being made on transformational change initiatives.

Under the new, centralized website, residents can find information on Mayor Lightfoot's reform efforts beyond the consent decree implementation, including the City's 90-day police reform efforts, record-high investments in street outreach and transparency and accountability reforms to police union contracts. The City Consent Decree team will be updating the website periodically to provide the public updates on reform work being completed throughout 2020.

In addition to the City's Public Safety Reform page, the Chicago Police Department posts updates and their efforts to meet consent decree compliance on newly revamped website: chicagopolice.org/reform. On the site, residents can access CPD's Consent Decree Priority Plan, public comment and draft revised policies, and details on reform efforts throughout the different sections of the Department, including community policing, training, use of force and more.

The [CPD Consent Decree Priority Plan](#), [CPD Consent Decree Compliance Dashboard](#), and the City of Chicago Public Safety Reform webpage are available by visiting the following sites:

- **Chicago Police Department Consent Decree Reform:** www.chicagopolice.org/reform
- **City of Chicago Public Safety Reform:** <https://www.chicago.gov/city/en/sites/police-reform/home.html>

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