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Congratulations to the Recipients of Department Awards for
the Week of 28 June 2021.

Rank		Last	First	Star	Unit	Award	Award #
1.	Sergeant	O'Keefe	Denis	1986	006	Department Commendation	8132604
2.	Sergeant	Sellers	Kevin	841	606	Department Commendation	8132604
3.	Field Training Officer	Wilson	Jason	5380	006	Department Commendation	8132604
4.	Police Officer	Alcaraz, Jr.	Ricardo	10926	006	Department Commendation	8132604
5.	Police Officer	Diaz	Adrian	17350	006	Department Commendation	8132604
6.	Police Officer	Farmer	Blair	6541	006	Department Commendation	8132604
7.	Police Officer	Garcia	Gabriel	7912	006	Department Commendation	8132604
8.	Police Officer	Giles	Korey	9350	714	Department Commendation	8132604
9.	Police Officer	Griffin	Richard	17708	006	Department Commendation	8132604
10.	Police Officer	Mohammad	Mohammad	5623	006	Department Commendation	8132604
11.	Police Officer	Perdue	Denny	14093	011	Department Commendation	8132604
12.	Police Officer	Saleh	Louay	16529	544	Department Commendation	8132604
13.	Police Officer	Villalobos	Cesar	7625	006	Department Commendation	8132604*
14.	Sergeant	Shepard	Scott	2147	007	Department Commendation	8133599
15.	Field Training Officer	Nava	Joel	11505	007	Department Commendation	8133599
16.	Police Officer	Givens	Darien	18107	007	Department Commendation	8133599
17.	Police Officer	Henson	James	3119	007	Department Commendation	8133599
18.	Police Officer	Palermo	Angelina	13482	007	Department Commendation	8133599
19.	Police Officer	Watts	David	18145	017	Department Commendation	8133599
20.	Police Officer	Williams	Wilbur	13646	007	Department Commendation	8133599
21.	Sergeant	Matthews	Tamara	970	189	Police Officer of The Month Award	8139449
22.	Police Officer	Clark	Camelia	14820	006	Police Officer of The Month Award	8139449
23.	Police Officer	Crider	Vincent	6554	716	Police Officer of The Month Award	8139449
24.	Police Officer	Franson	Adam	14405	006	Police Officer of The Month Award	8139449
25.	Police Officer	Guerra	Robert	11109	006	Police Officer of The Month Award	8139449
26.	Police Officer	Kinney	James	17082	006	Police Officer of The Month Award	8139449
27.	Police Officer	Mitchell, Jr.	Jacob	5064	716	Police Officer of The Month Award	8139449
28.	Police Officer	Pankey	Jamel	8365	006	Police Officer of The Month Award	8139449
29.	Police Officer	Prothro	Demetrius	8805	006	Police Officer of The Month Award	8139449
30.	Police Officer	Villalobos	Cesar	7625	006	Police Officer of The Month Award	8139449*
31.	Sergeant	Philp	Allen	1464	007	Department Commendation	8142664
32.	Field Training Officer	Green	Lavonda	6273	007	Department Commendation	8142664
33.	Police Officer	Bielawski	Edward	2930	007	Department Commendation	8142664
34.	Police Officer	Tapia	Mario	7665	007	Department Commendation	8142664
35.	Police Officer	Valentin	Jasmine	19341	001	Department Commendation	8142664
36.	Police Officer	Zupancic	Kelly	16862	007	Department Commendation	8142664



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Department Commendation Award #8132604 is presented to Sergeants Denis O’Keefe, Kevin Sellers, Field Training Officer Jason Wilson, Police Officers Ricardo Alcaraz, Jr., Adrian Diaz, Blair Farmer, Gabriel Garcia, Korey Giles, Richard Griffin, Mohammad Mohammad, Denny Perdue, Louay Saleh and Cesar Villalobos

- On 23 Aug 2019, Norfolk Southern Police notified Zone 8 Police dispatch of a burglary in progress on a Chicago railway. The Officers responded to the area and the offenders fled on foot in different directions.
- Sergeants on scene coordinated a perimeter covering the east and west boundaries of the railway. The Sergeants and Officers were able to apprehend three offenders on the railway property.
- A canvas of the stopped train revealed that a rail car lock was damaged and approximately 40 boxes of merchandise was stockpiled by the offenders to steal.
- The Officers transported the offenders to the 006th District for processing and recovered stolen property valued at approximately eight thousand dollars.
- The coordinated response and team work of these Officers led to the apprehension of three felony offenders and the recovery of stolen merchandise.

Department Commendation Award #8133599 is presented to Sergeant Scott Shepard, Field Training Officer Joel Nava, Police Officers Darien Givens, James Henson, Angelina Palermo, David Watts and Wilbur Williams

- On 22 Nov 2019, Officers responded to an armed robbery involving three offenders that displayed a handgun and demanded cell phones and money from three victims before fleeing in a vehicle.
- A flash message was immediately transmitted, responding Officers curbed the vehicle and secured the three offenders without incident. The offenders were positively identified by the victims. One of the offenders, a three time convicted felon, was charged with a Class X Armed Robbery.
- Further investigation revealed that the offenders were the subjects of interest in an on-going crime pattern involving three armed robberies of delivery drivers.
- The robbery pattern was subsequently closed due to the dedication and collaborative efforts of the Officers.



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Police Officer of the Month Award #8139449 is presented to Sergeant Tamara Matthews, Police Officers Camelia Clark, Vincent Crider, Adam Franson, Robert Guerra, James Kinney, Jacob Mitchell, Jr., Jamel Pankey, Demetrius Prothro and Cesar Villalobos

- In July of 2020, the 661 Tactical Team Sergeant and Officers concentrated their efforts in addressing the high threat gang conflict by planning and implementing effective strategies to combat the increasing violence in the 006th District.
- The Officers strategically targeted the priority gang conflicts and high violence areas in the 006th District in addition to responding to calls for service, implementing mission assignments and focused officer deployments.
- The Officers strategic plan led to a recovery of 24 firearms, 38 arrests, including 22 UUW arrests. Twenty offenders were charged with felonies including Armed Habitual Criminal UUW by Felon and Aggravated UUW. During the month of July 2020, the 661 Team accounted for 46% of the total 006th UUW arrests.
- The 661 Tactical Team was an integral part of the crime reduction strategies in the 006th District and they finished as the top tactical team in the Chicago Police Department for gun arrests during the 7th period.
- These Officers exemplify the core values of the Chicago Police Department's mission by remaining professional while protecting the lives and rights of the residents of the 006th District.

Department Commendation Award #8142664 is presented to Sergeant Allen Philp, Field Training Officer Lavonda Green, Police Officers Edward Bielawski, Mario Tapia, Jasmine Valentin and Kelly Zupancic

- On 14 Jan 2021, soon after a juvenile male offender committed an aggravated vehicular hijacking, a ComEd Crew was approached at gunpoint by a juvenile, struck one of the Com Ed victim's with his handgun and the crew was forced to their knees and robbed of their money and cell phones.
- As Officers were responding to the robbery call, they were flagged down by a Streets and Sanitation crew that stated that a juvenile offender approached them pointing his gun in their direction. The Streets and Sanitation crew were able to flee from the offender unharmed. Responding Officers observed a male juvenile matching the description fleeing on foot while grabbing his waistband.
- The Officers placed the subject into custody after a foot chase. Proceeds from the robberies were recovered from the offender but his handgun was not located. All the victims positively identified the offender for the Aggravated Vehicular Hijacking, the armed robbery of the Com Ed crew members and the Aggravated Assault with a handgun of the Streets and Sanitation Crew members.



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- The Officers conducted a search of the area and recovered a loaded 9mm Smith and Wesson semi-automatic handgun. A name check revealed that the juvenile offender had an outstanding warrant for a weapons offense and was previously arrested for Aggravated UUW in connection with a recent attempted vehicular hijacking. The offender's arrest history reflected previous arrests for Aggravated UUW, Aggravated Assault & two Criminal Trespass to Vehicle charges.
- The Englewood Community is safer due to these Officers dedication, relentless pursuit and apprehension of a habitual violent offender.



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MISSION STATEMENT

Ensuring recognition of those who, while in the commission of their duties, performed in an exemplary manner that contributed to the safety of the communities they serve.

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