



# CAPS SPECIAL BULLETIN



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My primary concern as Superintendent of the Chicago Police Department is the safety and security of residents of the City of Chicago and the members of the Department. Violent crime threatens everyone's safety and security. Crime prevention requires a collaborative effort between the Department and the community. But, it also requires an integration of resources within the Chicago Police Department. Chicago Police Department personnel perform numerous tasks – all designed to support the Department's and community's valiant efforts against crime and disorder.

Community policing officers are a critical arm of support for such efforts. These dedicated public servants provide vital services to the public in such areas as youth and senior services, domestic violence, court advocacy, and pastoral initiatives. Yet, these officers also provide critical services in such areas as responding to emergency calls for service, responding to calls for assistance by other officers, conducting preventive patrol, and investigating criminal incidents. The recent changes in the district community policing offices reflect this reality.

As Chicago police officers, community policing office personnel perform operational and administrative tasks. Some tasks will be performed in the community policing district office. Others must be performed in the field. The needs of the Department and the community vary day to day. Community policing office personnel are prepared to meet these needs regardless of the environment, whether in the office or the field.

Violent crime fluctuates, influenced by many factors. The Chicago Police Department's ability to respond to these fluctuations depends a great deal on its ability to deploy additional officers to the field. To that end, some personnel assigned to the community policing offices have been redirected. Furthermore, the Mobile Strike Force has activated another platoon of officers. Additionally, the Chicago Police Department has launched a new crime-fighting initiative, the Surveillance, Tactical, and Gang Enforcement Strike Team (STAGES). This collaborative effort involving gang intelligence, gang enforcement, and district personnel and the deployment of additional officers to the field will result in an increased presence of officers in the community. As always, our officers will uphold the highest standards of professionalism in their actions.

In conclusion, the Department's ability to address violent crime depends a great deal upon the support and assistance of the community. Therefore, I am asking that citizens continue their much-appreciated involvement in the fight against violent crime. Call 911 to report a crime in progress. Attend beat community meetings. Contact district stations and join a subcommittee. Finally, ensure children 16 years of age and under obey the curfew ordinance.

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