

# 19<sup>th</sup>

**POLICE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**Maurilio Garcia  
Jenny Schaffer  
Sam Schoenburg**

**Monthly Meeting - October 24, 2023, 6:30pm  
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church**



# 1. Roll Call & Quorum

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# Agenda

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1. Roll Call & Quorum Determination
2. District Council Member Updates
3. Discussions/Reintroductions
  - a. Public Safety tips, resources, and best practices
  - b. Domestic Violence Awareness Month:  
Apna Ghar
4. Announcement of Next Meeting(s)
5. Public Comment
6. Reminders & Calls to Action

## 2. District Council Member Updates

# Key Updates - Incidents

- Update from Commander regarding uptick in robberies
  - New Robbery/Carjacking Mission Team
- Email: [019RBTinfo@chicagopolice.org](mailto:019RBTinfo@chicagopolice.org) with any info or tips
  - There may not always be a response to emails, but they will be received by our R/B Team

**Victim Counts and Comparison in 19th District, Jan 1 through Oct 21**

*This chart compares the number of victimizations in the selected period to the prior year for different types of crime.*

	2022	2023	% Change
Homicide Victimizations	10	4	-60.0%
Fatal Shooting Victimizations	7	2	-71.4%
Non-Shooting Homicide Victimizations	3	2	-33.3%
All Shooting Victimizations	29	22	-24.1%
Fatal Shooting Victimizations	7	2	-71.4%
Non-Fatal Shooting Victimizations	22	20	-9.1%
Criminal Sexual Assault Victimizations	95	84	-11.6%
Robbery Victimizations	331	354	+6.9%
Vehicular Hijacking Victimizations	51	49	-3.9%
Aggravated Battery Victimizations	130	167	+28.5%
Aggravated Assault Victimizations	180	190	+5.6%
Human Trafficking Victimizations	0	0	
All Violent Crime Victimizations	819	867	+5.9%
Multi-Victim Shooting Incidents	3	2	-33.3%

**Violence Reduction Dashboard:**

<https://www.chicago.gov/city/en/sites/vrd/home.html>

# Key Updates - Migrant Situation

- New Arrivals at 19th Police District Station
- \$150 million dollars set aside in this years budget
- Advocate for policies that support all communities together - Bring Chicago Home
- Email [Jennifer.Schaffer@cityofchicago.org](mailto:Jennifer.Schaffer@cityofchicago.org) with questions



19th District Migrant Support

# Key Updates - CPD Police Budget Notes

## Chicago Police Budget Updates

- CPD Budget = \$1.99B: **+2.9% increase from 2023**
- Salaries/Wages = \$1.6B (personnel is largest spend)
  - Number of personnel virtually unchanged
  - Decrease in number of regular police positions but specialists are up including **+100 new detectives positions**
  - Increases in leadership roles (sergeants, lieutenants, captains..)
- **\$82.6 million for** legal judgments/**police settlements**
- **Consent decree** spending has gone **down by \$1.7 million**

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Community Commission for  
Public Safety and Accountability

**NORTH SIDE  
CPD BUDGET  
TOWNHALL**

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 25 - 7:00 PM

**AMUNDSEN HIGH SCHOOL**  
5110 N. DAMEN AVE.

**JOIN THE 17TH, 19TH, 20TH, AND 24TH POLICE  
DISTRICT COUNCILS AS WE LEARN AND DISCUSS:**

- HOW DOES THE (CPD) BUDGET PROCESS WORK?
- WHAT IS THE CURRENT 2023 CPD BUDGET AND THE PROPOSED 2024 CPD BUDGET?
- WHAT IS OUR COMMUNITY'S VISION FOR A PUBLIC SAFETY BUDGET?

**RSVP:** <https://bit.ly/nsdebudget>



# Key Updates - CCPSA

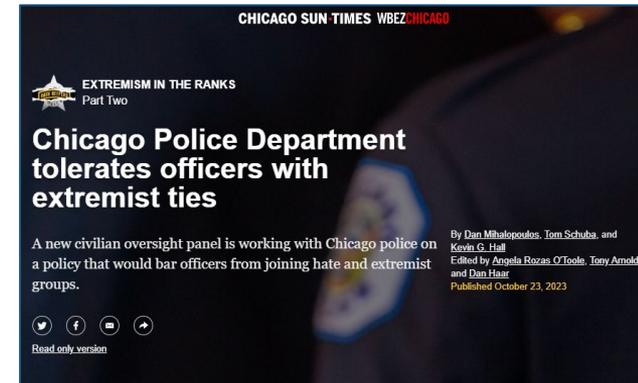
## 9 Active Duty CPD Officers with Ties to Oath Keepers - In the News

“There is no place on the Chicago Police Department for individuals like that. This is right at the top when we are talking about community trust and rebuilding the trust with the community.”

➤ **CPD Superintendent Larry Snelling**

“It’s the only way to foster trust in the police department, to foster legitimacy of not only the police department, but the disciplinary system specifically. And that’s why I say we will get the police department we deserve through our handling of these cases. There is no room in the Chicago Police Department of the future for members who associate with extremist hate groups.”

➤ **Chicago Inspector General Deborah Witzburg**



Source: Chicago Sun Times/WBEZ  
<https://graphics.suntimes.com/extremism-ranks/2023/oathkeepers-proudboys-extremism-mayor-brandon-johnson-chicago-police-investigation/>

# Key Updates - CCPSA

## CPD Amendment to Policy G08-03: Prohibition on Criminal and Biased Organizations

Chicago Police officers can't associate with "biased organizations". CPD defines these as organizations that do any of the following:

- take part in regular criminal activity;
- use or promote violence to deny people's rights or achieve ideological goals;
- use or promote terrorism to overthrow the government;
- promote illegal prejudice, oppression, or discrimination; or
- prevent or interfere with the performance of police duties.

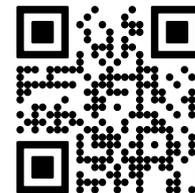
**Prohibits officers from:**

- Recruiting, fundraising or donating in support of a biased based organization;
- attending events or serving as an organizer or leader for the organization; or
- promoting or engaging with these groups on social media.

**Training and Enforcement:**

- The revised policy requires that the Deputy Chief of the Training and Support Group will ensure the policy is incorporated into basic recruitment and in-service training.
- CPD will keep a list of organizations that meet the definition of criminal or biased based organizations under the new policy.
- Assistance will be given to all CPD members to help them identify groups that fall under this policy.
- CCPSA will be provided with updates on training programs.
- List of criminal and biased based groups will be updated and provided to the CCPSA on a semiannually basis to review.
- CPD will update CCPSA on the enforcement of this policy.

**Give feedback!!**



# Key Updates - Meetings with City Leaders

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- 19th District CPD Leadership
- Alderpersons, State Reps, and staff
- Cook County State's Attorney's Office

# Key Updates - Community Outreach

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- Center for Policing Equity
- Coffee, Hip Hop & Mental Health
- Community Conversations (Hosted by CPD)
- Department of Family & Support Services
- JCUA Narcan Training
- Lakeview Roscoe Village Chamber of Commerce
- UChicago Crime Lab

# Key Updates - Constituent Engagement

- District Council Liaisons
- Individual Inquiries
- 1:1 Meetings



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# 3. Discussions

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# Public Safety Resources

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# Public Safety Tips - Robbery Tips

## Personal Checklist

- Be observant - be aware of your surroundings
- Remain alert - watch for suspicious persons in vehicles or walking
- **If something is not right, move to safety** (public space, storefront, well lit-area)
  - Cross the street if you need to
  - Listen to your gut
- Do not allow yourself to be distracted in public by activities including talking on your cell phone, listening to music or reading

# Public Safety Tips - Robbery Tips

## What to Do During a Robbery: **Be an Expert Witness**

- Stay calm and **don't resist**
- Do as instructed; cash and personal items can be replaced
- Do your best to look for something to identify the robber
- Take note of the type of weapon used, get-away vehicle, etc.

## What to Do After:

- **Call 911**, you'll be asked:
  - Are there any injuries?
  - Time of robbery
  - Robber description, and direction of travel
  - Was a weapon used?
  - Description of any vehicle involved
  - Items taken and any other information to assist responding officers

# Public Safety Tips - Carjacking Prevention

- **Certain areas make it easier for carjackers to engage you** (anywhere a driver slows down or stops)
- Be aware of the following frequent carjacking locations:
  - Residential driveways (getting in and out of the vehicle)
  - Parking lots and garages
  - Gas stations and ATMs
  - Intersections with stop lights
- Scenario: **Bump & Run**
  - You are rear-ended.
  - A passenger from the vehicle that bumps you jumps into your driver seat when you go to assess the damage and exchange driver information.
  - Note their description and call 911.

# Public Safety Tips - Carjacking Prevention

- **Always be aware of your surroundings.** Make it a habit to **lock your car after you enter, and drive away.** In addition:
  - **Park in well-lit, visible areas**
  - Keep your **windows up** and **doors locked**
  - Equip your vehicle with **anti-theft/GPS**
  - Give yourself **room to maneuver** around stopped traffic. Don't get 'boxed' in.
  - Keep your **cell phone in your pocket**
  - **Trust your instincts**

# Public Safety Tips - Carjacking Prevention

- **If you're a victim:**
  - Give up your car and leave the scene
  - **The vehicle can be replaced. You are irreplaceable.**
  - Avoid verbal/physical confrontations.
  - Remember the suspect(s)' description and their vehicle's description (if they have one).
  - If there is a child in the vehicle, let the carjacker know "my child is in the car."
  - **Call 911 immediately to report the crime**

# Public Safety Tips - Vehicle Theft Prevention

## Prevent Theft:

- **Never** leave keys in the ignition
- **Always** lock your doors
- Park in secure and/or well-lit areas
- **Invest in an anti-theft device:**
  - Brake pedal lock, steering wheel lock
  - Install a tracking and alert device

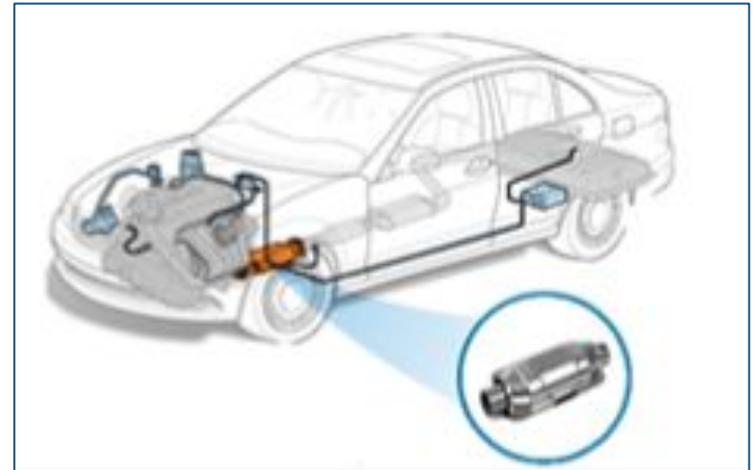
## If your vehicle is stolen:

- Report it to police immediately
- Be ready to provide **vehicle make, model, year, Vehicle Identification Number (VIN), and color**
- Contact your insurance company

# Public Safety Tips - Catalytic Converter

A catalytic converter is a critical component of your car's exhaust system and may cost up to \$2,000 to replace.

- Why are they targeted?
  - Contains expensive metals
  - Takes less than 2 minutes to remove
  - Has a street value of \$150-\$200 each
- Prevention Tips
  - Park in a well-lit area
  - Engrave your VIN# onto your Catalytic Converter
  - Install a car alarm with a trigger sensor
  - Install a Catalytic Converter lock
  - **Call 911 if you see a crime in progress**



# Public Safety Tips - Safe Gun Storage

- If you choose to own a gun, make sure they are stored securely both at home and in vehicles.
  - People looking to commit crimes will often look in cars for guns to steal. If the gun is left unlocked they will easily be able to use it.
- Guns should be stored unloaded, locked, and if possible kept separate from ammunition when not in use
- A variety of storage technology exists including lockboxes, gun safes, devices with biometric authentication
- Be SMART - an organization to share information on safe gun storage

# Introducing Office of Emergency Management & Communication (OEMC)

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# The Anatomy of 9-1-1



## Understanding The 9-1-1 System



# Introduction

Police Communications Operator II  
Beverly Carrington  
Training & Education Division  
OEMC

# Calls for Service

- \* Answering system automatically receives telephone number, name/address if using landline phone or approximate location address range if using cell phone
- \* Call-Taker verifies caller's name, phone number and location of service where police/fire is needed
  - \* **NOTE:** Caller can be anonymous if they are **NOT** involved and do **NOT** need to speak with police
- \* Call-Taker inquires about the reason for the call, asking guided questions for clarity

# Calls for Service: “Help Us Help You”

Relevant details that are most useful to the Call-Taker:

- \* **Where:** Location of Service
- \* **What:** Synopsis of what is happening/type of service needed
- \* **Who:** Complainants name, 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Reporter, Name of the person the police should speak to
- \* **When:** Is incident currently happening or has passed
- \* **Weapons:** Weapons involved
- \* **Additional Details:** Known physical descriptions, direction of flight, or psychological issues involved

The information provided by the caller helps to determine services needed on the scene.

# Prioritizing Calls for Service

Once we have a description of the call for service the calltaker will categorize it with an event type. The event types have priorities already assigned to them per CPD's General Order, the 3 priorities are defined as:

# Prioritizing Calls for Service

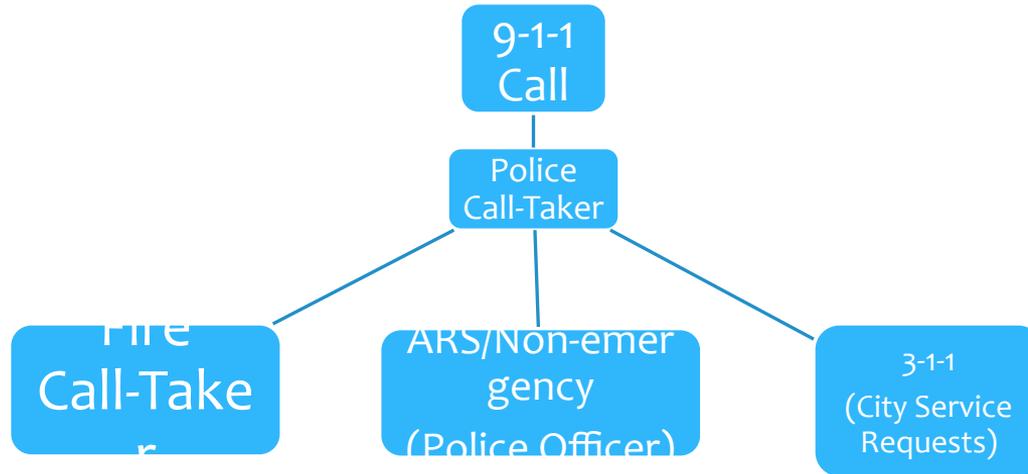
- \* **Priority 1** – Events that pose imminent threat to life, bodily injury or major property damage/loss
  - \* Battery in Progress, Domestic Disturbance, Person w/a Gun, Shots Fired, Criminal Damage to Property in progress
- \* **Priority 2** – Events where timely police action has the potential to affect the outcome of an incident
  - \* Alarms, Burglary Just Occurred, Suspicious Autos w/Occupants
- \* **Priority 3** – Events that do not pose imminent threat to life, bodily injury, major property damage/loss
  - \* Burglary Reports, Auto Theft Report, Disturbances, Loud Music/Barking Dogs

# Processing Calls for Service: Directing the Call

- \* Calls are routed based on needs of the caller
  - \* EMS/Fire calls are transferred to Fire Call-Taker
  - \* Events/tickets forwarded to Police/Fire Dispatcher
  - \* Caller transferred to Alternate Response Section (ARS)
    - \* Currently Sworn Police Officers and Civilian Report Takers

# Processing Calls for Service: Connecting to Appropriate Resources

Calls will be routed to other agencies depending on details given by the caller.



# Make The Right Call

Contact **3-1-1** to request City Services and to report situations not requiring a police response. You may also download the free **CHI311 mobile APP (Apple/Google Play)** or go to **311.Chicago.gov** to create a city service request or track an existing request

# 311 Smartphone App



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# Make the Right Call!

## 9-1-1

- When there is a Crime in progress
- When there is an Immediate threat to life or bodily injury
- To report a Fire
- To report Life Threatening Medical Emergencies
  - Heart attacks
  - Asthma attacks
  - Car accidents with injuries

## 3-1-1

- To request city services, report problems, or check the status of a service request
  - Garbage Collection
  - Potholes
  - Streetlights
  - Etc.
- To get information about special events and neighborhood festivals
- To find out the date and location of a CAPS beat meeting

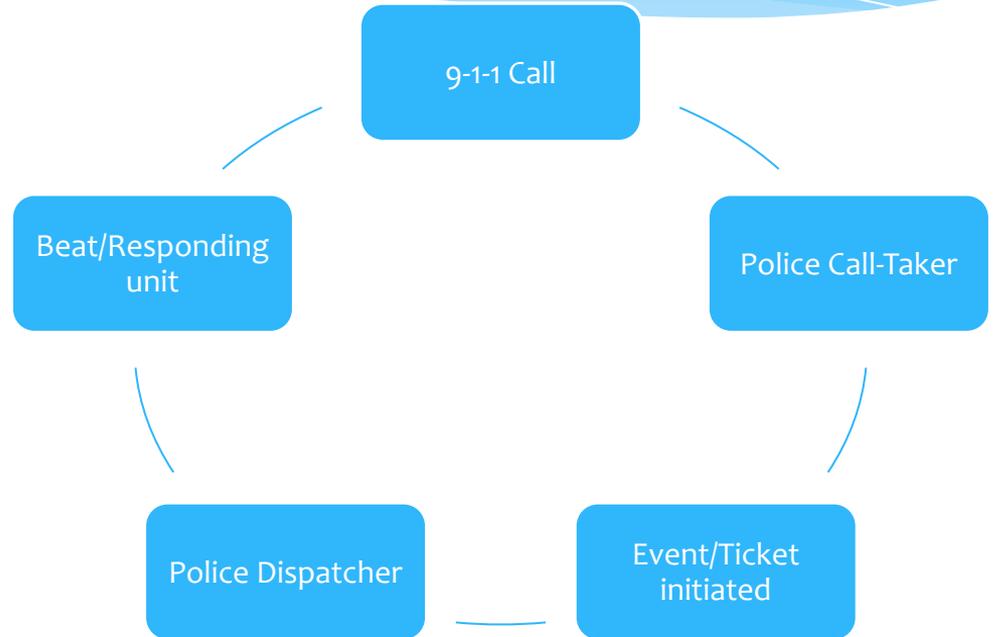
# Processing Calls for Service: Police Response



General flow for processing calls for service when no other resources are needed.

# Processing Calls for Service: When Time Is of the Essence

**High priority or  
In-progress events  
can be sent for  
dispatch and  
updated while the  
Call-taker is still on  
the line with the**



# Calls With A Mental Health Component

## **Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) officers:**

- \* Dispatched to events that involve psychological crisis
- \* State certified in de-escalation techniques
- \* Identified by CPD district personnel at the beginning of each shift for dispatching purposes

# What Is CIT Training

- The CIT (Crisis Intervention Team) Program is a collaboration between law enforcement, community agencies and persons and families with lived experience
- Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training teaches techniques to de-escalate situations, increase empathy, and strengthen relations between law enforcement and the community
- Once trained, officers become CIT-certified and respond to calls identified with a mental health component
- CIT officers are city-wide in every District on every watch

# Calls With A Mental Health Component

## CARE Co-Responder Program

- \* CIT Officer
- \* Mobile Integrated Health Community Paramedic (MIH)
- \* Crisis Clinician from the Chicago Department of Public Health
- \* Location of Service in the 6<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup> District
- \* Happening Monday to Friday between the hours of 1030 – 1600
- \* Patients 12 – 65 years old

# Calls With A Mental Health Component

## CARE Alternate Program

- \* Crisis Clinician
- \* CFD Paramedic
- \* Location of Service on certain beats in the 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> District and the entire 1<sup>st</sup> District
- \* Happening Monday to Friday between the hours of 1030 – 1600
- \* Patients 12 – 65 years old



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# CRITICAL CALLER DATA FOR 911 RESPONDERS

# WHAT IS SMART911?

- ▶ A free online app that allows you to create a custom 9-1-1 Safety Profile for you and your family.
- ▶ The Safety Profile for residents can include as little or as much information as needed about themselves and their family members.

# WHAT IS SMART911?

- ▶ The profile can be linked to any number of addresses you may frequent (home, work, etc.) as well as any phone numbers you wish to add.
- ▶ The profile will be shown to 9-1-1 call takers **ONLY** when you call 9-1-1; pertinent information will be shared with first responders for the response as usual.

# WHY USE SMART911?

- ▶ As a call is made from a phone registered with Smart911, **any city or state** that has Smart911 will recognize the phone number and will display the information that was provided by the registered caller.
- ▶ Over 10% of 9-1-1 calls nationally are processed through Smart911.
- ▶ Approximately 75% of 9-1-1 calls are made using cellular phones that lack detailed location information.

# What Can My Smart911 Safety Profile Include?



### Family

Include all members of your household, including their photos. You can also add all landlines and mobile numbers and who they belong to.



### Address Details

Let responders know how to access your home, bedrooms, utility shut offs, and if you live in a multi-unit building.



### Medical Information

EMS can be aware of medical conditions, medications, and if special equipment will be needed in an emergency.



### Animals

Add your pets, service animals, and livestock, including their names and vet information so responders are aware of them if they need to enter your home.



### Vehicles

Add details such as make, model, and license plate number in the event of an accident.



### Emergency Contacts

Include family members, friends, or neighbors who should be contacted in the event of an emergency.



# SMART911 IS SECURE

- ▶ Call takers and emergency response personnel can only see a Smart911 profile when the resident makes a 9-1-1 call
- ▶ The information is only made available when it has been verified through Smart911 on each call
- ▶ Highest levels of security certifications
- ▶ There have been no security breaches experienced in over 7 years
- ▶ All data collected is encrypted at every level and is not searchable by call takers



# SAMPLE SAFETY PROFILE

The screenshot shows the Smart911 user profile page for John Smith. The page is titled "Hi, John" and shows a profile strength of 47%. The profile is divided into several sections, each with an "ADD" button:

- People / Household:** Lists John Smith - johnsmith@yahoo.com with links for "Edit Basic Info", "Edit Details and Medical Info", and "Remove".
- Addresses:** Lists 482 Old Connecticut Path Framingham MA 01701 (House - Single Family) with links for "Edit Basic Info", "Edit Details", and "Remove".
- Phones:** Lists 508 555-1234 (Mobile) with links for "Edit" and "Remove". A yellow callout box says: "A confirmation call has been scheduled for 5/25/2018 4:27am. Confirm now".
- Emergency Contacts:** States "You have not added any Emergency Contacts. Add now".
- Preferred Providers:** States "You have not yet listed any Preferred Providers. These can include your specific air ambulance, ground ambulance, and hospital choices. Add one now".
- Vehicles:** States "You have not added any Vehicles. Add now".
- Animals:** States "You have not added any Animals. Add now".

On the right side of the page, there are sections for "Alerts" and "Preferences":

- Alerts:** "You are eligible for:"
  - Emergency Notifications from Framingham Police Department
  - Emergency Alert Notifications
  - General Alert Notifications"Opt-in now"
- Preferences:** "You are currently opted into:"
  - Sharing your profile when you dial 9-1-1."You are eligible for:"
  - Participate with SmartPrepare"Opt-in now"

Green callout boxes with arrows point to the "ADD" buttons for "Addresses", "Phones", "Emergency Contacts", "Preferred Providers", "Vehicles", and "Animals". Red callout boxes with arrows point to the "Alerts" and "Preferences" sections.

Include home and work addresses

Add all mobile, landline and VOIP lines

If any pets live in the home, add them here

Enter all household residents

Add all emergency contacts and their contact information

Include vehicles and vehicle descriptions

Sign up at Smart911.com or Smart911 App

# SAMPLE SAFETY PROFILE

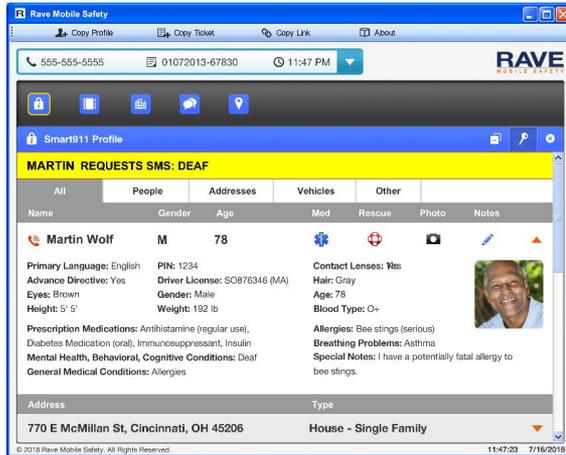
The screenshot displays the Smart911 Profile Viewer interface. At the top, it shows the title 'Smart911 - Profile Viewer' and a status bar with 'Latest Source: Smart911 Safety Profile (24 days ago)'. Below this is a navigation bar with icons for 'Copy Profile', 'Copy Ticket', and 'About'. A search bar contains the phone number '781-856-1396 (SMS)' and '01072013-67830', along with a clock showing '13:47'. The main content area is titled 'Smart911 Safety Profile' and features a yellow warning banner with two items: 'Todd Requests SMS: Mute / Speech Impaired Deaf / Blind Hard of Hearing Deaf' and 'William Requests SMS: Speech Impaired'. Below the banner is a list of contacts: 'Kimberly Pielt' (F, 46) and 'Todd Pielt' (M, 46). A profile card for 'Todd Pielt' is shown, including a photo, a note 'Incoming call is from a phone associated with this person.', and personal details: 'Name: Tood Pielt', 'Primary Language: Italian', 'PIN: 1234', and 'Driver License: hfdshdshfdshfd (MA)'. On the right side of the profile card, it lists 'Contact Lenses: Yes', 'Advance Directive: Yes', and 'Advance Directive Location: lorem ipsum dolor sit amet consectetur adipisicing alet, sed diam.'. The footer contains the copyright notice '© 2013 Rave Mobile Safety. All Rights Reserved.' and the timestamp '13:47:23 03/19/13'.

# SMS CHAT FEATURE FOR CALLERS UNABLE TO COMMUNICATE VERBALLY

- ▶ Available for any mobile call. No registration required by community member.
- ▶ ONLY Calltakers can initiate 2-way SMS Chat conversations with mobile callers.
- ▶ **Caller cannot text to 9-1-1 first.**
- ▶ If an emergency caller is non-verbal, disconnected or has poor coverage, a call taker can contact them to send help or verify accidental calls. (Other examples include incidents where the offender is in vicinity, domestic disputes.)
- ▶ Two-way SMS chat messages in such incidents provide additional information to safely send to first responders before incidents escalate further.

# SMART911 AND THE SMS CHAT FEATURE FOR CALLERS UNABLE TO COMMUNICATE

- ▶ Smart911 profile can be updated with information for those who have a speech impediment, or who are hearing impaired.
- ▶ The SMS Chat is optimized for use by callers with hearing or speech impairments.



# SHARING HOME VIDEO SURVEILLIANCE

Residents with a Smart911 safety profile who have a home surveillance camera that captures the public way can partner with CPD in the event a crime occurs in their neighborhood.

- By simply opting in on the Smart911 profile.
- CPD will be made aware that the resident is willing to share recorded home surveillance camera footage.
- Profiles are private and are not shared.
- No one will have access to your home cameras without your awareness.
- You can add this feature to an existing profile.

# SHARING HOME VIDEO SURVEILLIANCE

- Public safety agencies use Neighbors App to better engage with and inform the communities they serve.
- Communities can stay more informed when their public safety agency posts important information about crime and safety events in their neighborhood.
- Users will know when a public safety agency has posted or commented because they will always display and indicate their official agency name.
- Ring device owners can also choose to submit video recordings to help with active investigations

# MAINTAINING ACTIVE SMART911 PROFILE



Smart911 is a free, new service available in your community to help you when you call 9-1-1. Once you've signed up, first responders will be aware of important information you have provided that will help them address your emergency. This information – including medical issues, current location and even pets – can help Police, Fire and EMS locate and help you.



**A free service** – Provided by your community



**Private and secure** – You control your information



**Saves time in an emergency** – When seconds count



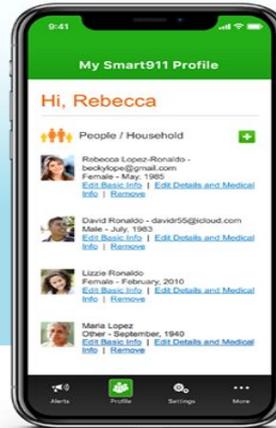
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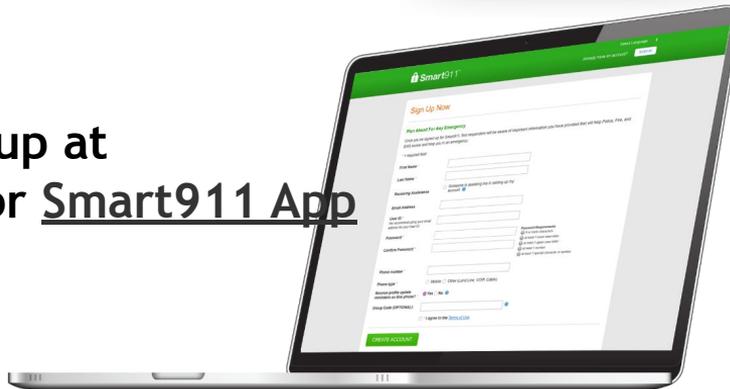
- ▶ A caller's information will remain in Smart911 until the account is deleted.
- ▶ However a caller's Safety Profile is only active and available to 9-1-1 for 6 months after an account is logged in.
- ▶ If an account does not show activity by way of logging in for a period of over 6 months, the Safety Profile will be suspended and no information would be delivered to 9-1-1.
- ▶ A caller's account would need to be reactivated, and can be done by simply logging back into the Smart911 account.
- ▶ Call takers can only view a profile for a limited time when 9-1-1 is dialed.
- ▶ Smart911 users will be reminded via call/text/email to confirm their information if their profile becomes inactive

# CREATING AN ACCOUNT USING THE APP

## DOWNLOAD THE SMART911® APP TODAY



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# Smart911 - Questions



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# Introducing Aldermanic Public Safety Staff: 44th and 47th Wards

# October: Domestic Violence Awareness Month

# Domestic Violence Awareness

- CPD receives average of 570 domestic violence calls for service each day in Chicago
- 019 has specific domestic violence personnel: Domestic Violence Advocate and Domestic Violence Liaison Officer
- 019 is a Domestic Violence Assessment District
  - Officers responding to DV calls ask victims to respond to key questions about past violence that can be used to identify the most serious cases and prevent future harm.
  - Assessments are used by Detectives, the State's Attorney's Office, DV Advocate, and DVLO
- **Illinois Domestic Violence Hotline: 1-877-863-6338**
  - Available 24/7, confidential, and free
  - Provides crisis safety planning and referrals to emergency housing and support services to survivors of domestic violence in Illinois

# Introducing Apna Ghar

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## PROGRAMS & SERVICES

- Crisis Services
- Housing
- Counseling
- Legal Advocacy
- Supervised Visitation and Safe Exchange (SVSE) Services
- Outreach and Education
  - Community Engagement
  - Training and Technical Assistance
- Public Advocacy
  - Coalitions, Taskforces, Partnership
  - Legislative and Policy Advocacy

*Together We Can End the Cycle of Domestic Violence*

*Updated October, 2023*

*Cook County State's Attorney's Office Northside Community Steering Committee*

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# Apna Ghar Brief History

**1989:**

A group of Asian American Women started Apna Ghar following multiple calls from South Asian domestic violence victims to the Indo-Crisis Line and social service agencies such as Asian Human Services. An apartment was rented to serve as a Shelter/Safe House and a small office was opened in Uptown with three staff.



**2023**

Apna Ghar has expanded its client base, services, and staff over the past thirty three years. We have served survivors of Gender-Based Violence from more than sixty five countries, have a staff of 32, and a new Safe House that can provide shelter to 30 adults and children



# Apna Ghar, Inc.'s Mission and Purpose

Apna Ghar provides critical, comprehensive, culturally competent services, and conducts outreach and advocacy across communities to end gender violence.

Apna Ghar seeks to end gender violence through a **three-pronged approach** of

- highly effective and innovative services for survivor **empowerment** and accountability and reparation for those who perpetrate harm, as well as
- **elevating** the issues of gender-based violence and survivor needs through strategic partnerships that advocate for systemic and policy change, and
- **engaging** communities, institutions, and sectors through outreach, information dissemination, presentations, and trainings



# Apna Ghar Model of Empowering, Engaging, and Elevating

**Global Advocacy**

**Advocacy on a global scale, transnational work**

**Example: Safety planning brochures for Consulates; advising countries on their domestic violence services; assisting victims of transnational spousal abandonment in returning to U.S.**

**Policy Advocacy**

**Advocating for Improvements in Immigration Laws, Family Law, and Human Service Policies to remove barriers for immigrant/refugee survivors of Gender-Based Violence Example: Part of coalition that advocated for U-visa, VAWA reauthorization, H4 visa, Domestic Worker Bill of Rights**

**Institutional/Systems  
Advocacy & Training**

**Advocacy with other systems and organizations. Example: Advocating for criminal justice system to follow protocols on providing language interpretation to victims; training on trauma and cultural humility**

**Community  
Education**

**Increasing understanding of DV, building empathy and support among community members, and promoting healthy relationship norms and bystander intervention. Example: Educating religious/faith-based groups about the causes and impact of DV and the role of faith institutions in ending abuse and supporting survivors and not blaming them/sending them back to person harming them**

**Individual  
Survivor  
Services &  
Advocacy**

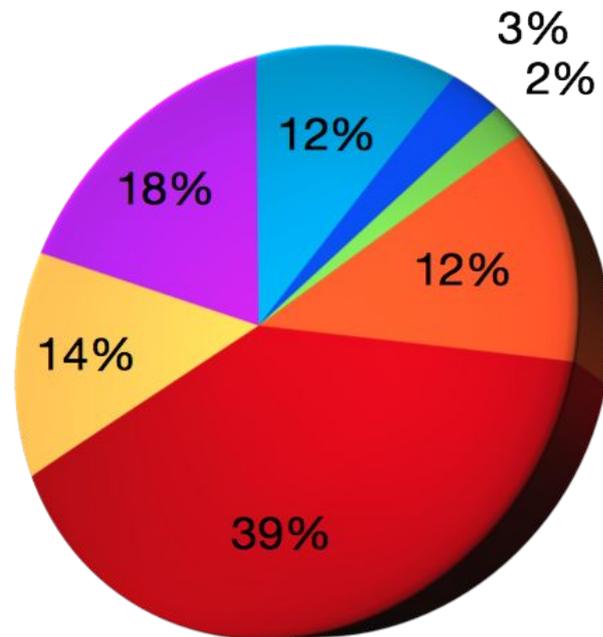
**Individual Services and Advocacy: Example: Counseling for survivor, advocating for survivors to receive quality services from legal, social service, and employment agencies**

# APNA GHAR'S REACH

In 2022, Apna Ghar served over 470 women, men, and children from 50 countries.

## Client Countries of Origin

- East/Southeast Asia
- Europe
- Latin America & Caribbean
- Middle East
- South Asia
- Sub-Saharan Africa
- United States



# Apna Ghar Services

## Crisis Line



**Apna Ghar  
Transitional  
Housing:  
Safety, Stability,  
and  
Self-Sufficiency**



**Training and  
Community Education**



## Emergency Shelter



**Counseling and Case  
Management**



**Legal  
Advocacy**



**Policy and  
Systems  
Advocacy**



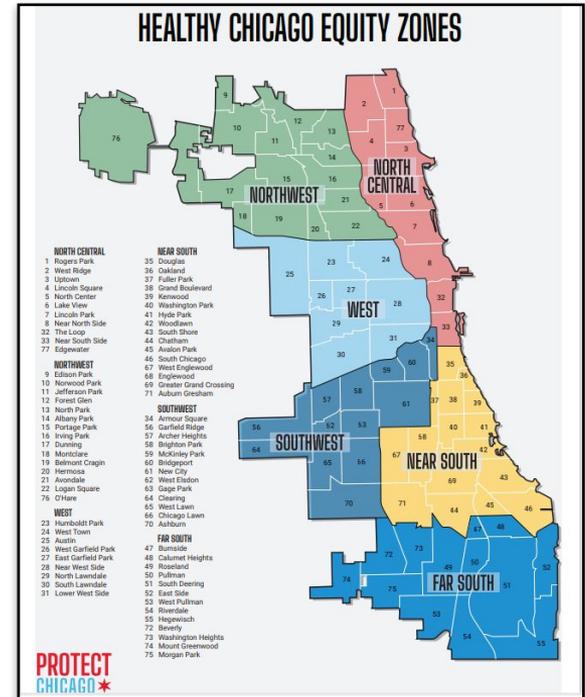
# Apna Ghar Partners With Businesses, Organizations, Government Agencies, Congregations,

- **Economic Empowerment:** Women Employed and Mango Pickle
- **Nonprofit Partners** from Northside: CMAA, Vietnamese Association, Ethiopian Community Association of Chicago, Centro Romero, Global Gardens, MIRA, Girl Forward, Thresholds, HANA Center, KAN-WIN, STOP-IT
- **Elected Officials:** Federal, State, County, and City
- **Schools:** Clinton, Goudy, Roosevelt, Volta, Truman College, NEIU
- **County and City Agencies:** Cook Co SAO, DFSS, CDPH, CPL
- **Healthcare:** Swedish (HCEZ & Pathways), TAP 360, Erie, IL Masonic, Hamdard, Heartland Health Outreach, AHS Family Health Centers
- **Libraries:** Edgewater, Budlong, Albany Park, Rogers Park, Northtown



# HCEZ: Healthy Chicago Equity Zones

- Community Lead for North/Central Region.
- As a community lead, Apna Ghar's role is to confront factors that contribute to health and racial disparities, including healthcare and social service access, food access, housing conditions, community safety, and the physical and built neighborhood environment.





# SUMMER WELLNESS FAIRS IN UPTOWN

gender violence!

# Impact of COVID-19 on Immigrant & Refugee Survivors

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- Being trapped with person or persons who are harming you
- Economic, housing, and food insecurity
- Lack of access to Halal or Vegetarian foods
- Not knowing rights and resources available or not being aware of culturally specific services

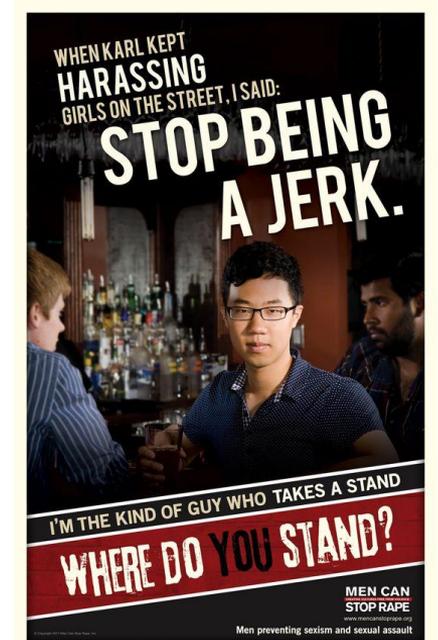
# Needs Across the Board for Survivors

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- The need for **coordinated emergency response** with each wave of COVID-19 cases: communities and local and state government need to be ready to provide emergency transport, housing (hotels and AirBnB), food, and funds to survivors escaping an abusive situation;
- Funding to **address the economic impact of COVID-19 on survivors**: Apna Ghar staff report that many clients have experienced even greater economic, food, and housing insecurity;

# Community/Individual Action: What Can We Do to Help Our Families and Friends Be Safer in Their Relationships?

- **Refer** to domestic violence services, Abuse Intervention, family strengthening
- **Support**
- **Inform**
- **Hold Accountable:**



# Community/Individual Action: What Can We Do to Help Our Families and Friends Be Safer in Their Relationships?

- Share Illinois DV Hotline # 1-877-863-6338 and ask for interpreter if needed
- Let people know
  - this happens to many people
  - that it is not all right,
  - that you are concerned for their safety, and
  - that there are free and confidential resources available, and you will support them in whatever they choose to do -- you just want them to be as safe as possible

# Gender-Based Violence Service Providers Northside

## Domestic Violence

- Apna Ghar
- Between Friends
- HANA Center
- HAS
- KAN-WIN
- Metro Family Services  
Howard and Evanston Area  
Community Center
- Swedish Hospital Pathways\*
- \* Swedish Patients Only

## Sexual Assault/ Child Sexual Abuse

- Chicago Children's  
Advocacy Center
    - Resilience
    - KAN-WIN
  - Swedish Hospital  
Pathways\*
- \* Swedish Patients Only

## Human Trafficking

- Salvation Army STOP-IT
    - Swedish Hospital  
Pathways\*
- \*Swedish Patients Only

# Please Remember



# Firearms Restraining Order (FRO) Act

- A **Firearms Restraining Order** is a civil court order that temporarily prohibits a person who is deemed dangerous to themselves or others from possessing or buying firearms, ammunition, and firearm parts.
  - **Can be requested by a family member** (including an ex-spouse or someone you share a child with) or **household member** or **law enforcement officer**
  - Judge can make an emergency ruling that begins a 14 day FRO. This can be extended through a full court hearing.
- What qualifies as evidence that the person is deemed dangerous:
  - Examples include: unlawful or reckless use of firearms; **history of physical force**; prior felony arrests; abuse of controlled substances or alcohol; **recent threats or acts of violence**; **violations of domestic violence protection orders**; or **pattern of violence**.

# 4. Next Meeting

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**19<sup>th</sup>**

**POLICE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**Maurilio Garcia  
Jenny Schaffer  
Sam Schoenburg**

**Tuesday, November 28th, 2023 @ 6:30pm  
Sulzer Library**

# 5. Public Comment

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# Public Comment - Rules & Follow Up

## Rules of Engagement

- 2 min/speaker = ~10 speakers (typically 20 minutes total)
- Request to make public comment must be submitted within 30-minutes of start of meeting
- Order of speakers randomly selected
- No disruption of speakers
- No harassment or disrespect will be tolerated (zero tolerance policy)

## Follow Up

- Public comments are of utmost importance to DCMs
- DCMs and staff will take official minutes of public comments made
- DCMs may address comments in real time or may follow up with community member at a later time

# Public Comments - Guiding Questions

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- What are your thoughts on the information presented today?
- What would you like to see prioritized for our future meetings?
- Are there any issues you are dealing with that you'd like for us to be aware of?

# 6. Reminders & Calls to Action

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# Get Involved & Up to Speed

## Contact Us:

- With questions about anything presented today
- About public safety incidents in your area
- To become a community liaison for the District Council

**Share what you learned  
today with 5 people in our  
community!**

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Adjourn - Thank you!

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