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POLICE BOARD
CITY OF CHICAGO

PUBLIC MEETING

Thursday, January 21, 2021
7:30 p.m.

(VIA VIDEO and AUDIO CONFERENCE)

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APPEARANCES:

POLICE BOARD MEMBERS
GHIAN FOREMAN, President
PAULA WOLFF, Vice President
MATTHEW CROWL
REVEREND MICHAEL EADDY
STEVE FLORES
JORGE MONTES
JOHN P. O'MALLEY, JR.
RHODA D. SWEENEY
ANDREA L. ZOPP

ALSO PRESENT:
DAVID BROWN, Superintendent of Police;
SYDNEY ROBERTS, Chief Administrator of the
Civilian Office of Police Accountability;
DEBORAH WITZBURG, Deputy Inspector General for
Public Safety;
KAREN KONOW, Chief of Bureau of Internal
Affairs, Chicago Police Department;
SCOTT SPEARS, Assistant General Counsel to the
Superintendent of Police;
BRIAN MCDERMOTT, Chief of the Chicago Police
Department's Office of Operations;
BRENDAN DEENIHAN, Chief of the Chicago Police
Department's Bureau of Detectives;
MAX CAPRONI, Executive Director of the Police
Board;
MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.
PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Good evening. My name is Ghian Foreman. I am the president of the Chicago Police Board. I'm calling the Board's January 21st public meeting to order.

To protect the public's health in response to the COVID-19 outbreak, and as permitted by Governor Pritzker's Executive Orders 2020-07 and 2021-01, this meeting is taking place remotely. This meeting is open to the public via audio conference and is being carried live by CAN-TV. Those participating by phone are on mute in order to reduce background noise and disruptions. We have a court reporter making a transcript of this meeting.

I will begin by taking attendance so it is clear who is participating. Please say here after I read your name.

Police Board Vice President Paula Wolff.

VICE PRESIDENT WOLFF: Here.

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Board Member Matthew Crowl.

BOARD MEMBER CROWL: Here.

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Board Member Michael
Eaddy.

BOARD MEMBER EADDY: Here.

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Board Member Steve Flores.

BOARD MEMBER FLORES: Here.

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Board Member Jorge Montes.

BOARD MEMBER MONTES: Here.

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Board Member John O'Malley.

BOARD MEMBER O'MALLEY: Here.

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Board Member Rhoda Sweeney. I'll check back.

BOARD MEMBER SWEENEY: Here.

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: And Board Member Andrea Zopp.

BOARD MEMBER ZOPP: Here.

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Superintendent of Police David Brown.

SUPERINTENDENT BROWN: Here.

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Chief Administrator of COPA Sidney Roberts.

CHIEF ROBERTS: Here.

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Deputy Inspector
General for Public Safety Deborah Witzburg.

DEPUTY WITZBURG: Here.

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Chief of CPD Bureau of Internal Affairs Karen Konow.

CHIEF KONOW: Here.

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Assistant General Counsel to the Superintendent Scott Spears.

MR. SPEARS: Here.


CHIEF McDERMOTT: Here.

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Chief of Chicago Police Department's Bureau of Detectives Brendan Deenihan.

CHIEF DINAHAN: Here.

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: And Executive Director of Police Board, Max Caproni.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CAPRONI: Here.

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: We will proceed to the items on the agenda. We'll have time at the end of the meeting for public comments. Once again, those participating by phone are currently on mute in order to reduce background
noise and disruptions. When we get to the public comment portion of the meeting, we will unmute each speaker.

Is there a motion to approve the minutes of the Board's December 17th regular public meeting?

VICE PRESIDENT WOLFF: This is Paula Wolff. I make the motion to approve the minutes.

BOARD MEMBER EADDY: Michael Eaddy.

Second.

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: All in favor, please signify by saying aye.

(CHORUS OF AYES.)

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Any opposed?

(NO RESPONSE.)

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: The motion passes.

The schedule of the Police Board's monthly public meetings for 2021 has been set and is available on the Board's website, ChicagoPoliceBoard.org.

The next regular public meeting will be held Thursday, February 18th, at 7:30 p.m. Whether this will be an in-person meeting or remote meeting will be determined closer to
the date of the meeting.

Is there a motion to close a series of executive sessions for the purposes of considering personnel matters and litigation as authorized by Sections 2(c)(1), (3), (4), and (11) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act?

VICE PRESIDENT WOLFF: This is Paula. I so move.

BOARD MEMBER EADDY: Michael Eaddy.

Second.

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: All in favor, please say aye.

(CHORUS OF AYES.)

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Motion passes.

A report of the disciplinary actions taken by the Board during the previous month has been made available on the Board's website.

There are two disciplinary matters to announce this evening. Board members O'Malley and Zopp will make these announcements. John O'Malley.

BOARD MEMBER O'MALLEY: Thank you,

President Foreman.
Pursuant to Section 2-78-130 of the Municipal Code of Chicago, I considered one matter on which the Chief Administrator of the Civilian Office of Police Accountability and the Superintendent of Police did not agree regarding the discipline of two police officers.

In request for review numbers 21-01 and 21-02, Chief Administrator Roberts recommended that Police Officers Anthony Spicuzza and Robert Garduno be suspended for 30 days for handcuffing a juvenile for an excessive amount of time.

Superintendent Brown recommended that these allegations be classified as exonerated.

After considering this matter, it is my opinion that the Superintendent met the burden of overcoming the Chief Administrator's recommendations for discipline.

A copy of the written opinion will be posted on the Board's website as required by the Municipal Code.

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you. Board
BOARD MEMBER ZOPP: Thank you, Ghian.
Pursuant to Section 2-78-130 of the Municipal Code of Chicago, I considered one matter on which the Chief Administrator of the Civilian Office of Police Accountability and the Superintendent of Police did not agree regarding the discipline of the police officer.

In Request for Review number 21-03, Chief Administrator Roberts recommended that Police Officer Cedric Taylor be suspended for 180 days for using excessive force during an arrest.

Superintendent Brown disagreed with certain findings and recommended a 10-day suspension.

After considering this matter, it is my opinion that the Superintendent met the burden of overcoming the Chief Administrator's recommendation for discipline.

A copy of the written opinion will be posted on the Board's website as required by the Municipal Code.

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you. The recent
incident concerning Anjanette Young has brought renewed focus on police accountability.

While I will not comment on the specific situation, because a disciplinary case may come before the Board, and it will be inappropriate to comment on it until the Board reviews the evidence, the public's reaction to the search has highlighted the concern that many have about the accountability process.

The Board has, over recent months, intentionally used our monthly public meetings to shine light on the accountability process.

In October, we invited the Independent Monitor overseeing the consent decree to present to our Board the elements of the Consent Decree and emphasize its importance to improving the accountability process.

Last month, the Deputy Inspector General for Public Safety described the report on one element of the accountability process that she had just released.

Tonight, the Board has decided that it would be appropriate to make a
statement about our role in the accountability process and some steps that we are taking to address the concerns that we have.

The Police Board is one of four entities in the accountability process.

The complaints against Chicago police officers can be filed with the Civilian Office of Police Accountability, or COPA, the Police Department or the Office of the Inspector General, the OIG.

Most complaints are investigated either by COPA or the Police Department's Bureau of Internal Affairs.

In addition, the OIG can institute a review on its own and issue a separate report on its investigation.

The Police Board is sent the most serious cases – those in which there is a recommendation to discharge an officer from the Chicago Police Department.

Also, when there is a disagreement about discipline between COPA and the Superintendent, the case is sent to one Board member of the Police Board to resolve the
disagreement, as you recently heard two cases tonight.

All discharge cases filed with the Board are assigned a hearing officer to hold an administrative hearing. The entire video and the transcript of the hearing must be watched and read by each member of the Board.

The Board members then meet and discuss the case. The Board's decision is announced at our monthly meeting and a written decision explaining the reasoning of the Board is published on our website.

A short video explaining this process is available on the Police Board's website both in English and in Spanish.

The Board, COPA, and the OIG are now required by the Consent Decree to meet quarterly to discuss important issues on accountability process and to make recommendations to the Police Department and City Council about how to improve the process.

During recent meetings, we have identified three important issues.

First, the investigations of
complaints take too long to be resolved.

The Board has mentioned in its decisions in the last several years that investigations are taking too long to get resolved. It can be frustrating for officers who are charged, for those filing complaints, and for the members of the public whose confidence in the accountability process is threatened by these delays.

The Board has met with COPA, the Police Department staff in charge of investigations and the Office of the Corporation Counsel in the Mayor's Office to try to ascertain why the investigations take so long and to express our interest in getting them resolved more quickly.

We do not feel that enough progress has been made, even after those meetings.

The Board then requested that when a case is sent to us, it includes a timeline to indicate how long it took COPA, CPD, and the Corporation Counsel's Office to process the case. We make these timelines
public. The Board also publishes on its website the record of the cases and what the history of the timing is. Sometimes, for example, there's a court case that takes precedence over the case moving to the Board.

The second issue we have identified is that there have recently been significant disagreements between COPA and CPD as to whether searches and seizures by police officers have violated the Fourth Amendment and Department policy.

Over the last two years, more than a dozen such disagreements have been referred to a Police Board member to resolve.

The third issue is, as a recent report from the OIG highlighted, the requirement that the complaint include an affidavit from the complainant causes many investigations to not be completed. The OIG report indicated that there is a process to override the affidavit requirement which is used far too infrequently.

While the Board, as I have
mentioned, is only one player in the accountability process and is at the end of the process, we are impatient to address these issues and others. To do this, last summer in the wake of the George Floyd murder, the Board engaged a law firm, pro bono, to research how to address these issues and others in the accountability process.

The firm is planning to deliver a report to the Board by the summer of 2021. At that time, we will exercise the power vested in the Board by the City ordinance which states, "The Board in its discretion shall have the authority to make recommendations to the Superintendent of Police and to the chairman of the City Council Committee on public safety...concerning revisions in policy and operating procedures to increase the efficiency of the Department of Police," as well as the Board's authority to adopt rules and regulations for the governance of the Police Department. We will make recommendations to CPD and Alderman and Chair of the Public Safety Committee of the City Council Taliaferro to
improve the accountability process.

We look forward to sharing our recommendations for change at our public meetings and to receive feedback from the public and all stakeholders in the accountability process.

The Board has also conducted a search for new hearing officers to conduct over police disciplinary hearings. We received 26 applications for the position. Our selection process included completion of an extensive application form, submission of a writing sample, two rounds of interviews with candidates, conversations with candidates' references and others in the legal communities, and a background check. As required by the Consent Decree, we evaluated candidates based on the selection criteria that are published on our website.

Is there a motion to designate Michael Panter and April Perry as Hearing Officers?

VICE PRESIDENT WOLFF: This is Paula. I so move.
BOARD MEMBER EADDY: Michael Eaddy.

Second.

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: All in favor, please signify by saying aye.

(CHORUS OF AYES.)

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Any opposed?

(NO RESPONSE.)

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: The motion passes.

To further implement the requirements of the consent decree and to make other changes to the process for handling disciplinary cases, proposed amendments to the Board's rules of procedure have been drafted. We have made announcements at prior public meetings and we posted drafts on our website for public comment. We plan to consider the final draft at next month's public meeting.

As announced at last month's public meeting, proposed amendments to the rule governing suspensions of officers precluded from lawfully carrying a firearm have been drafted. The purpose of these amendments is to permit officers to retain medical coverage so they may address medical issues while they are
on desk duty. We posted a draft on our website for public comment and did not receive any comments.

Is there a motion to approve the draft amendments to Article 8 of the Rules and Regulations of the Chicago Police Department that has been posted on the Board's website as a part of the agenda for this meeting?

BOARD MEMBER WOLFF: This is Paula. I'll make that motion. I think it makes sense for officers to be able to have access to medical attention at the same time their FOID card has been suspended.

BOARD MEMBER EADDY: Michael Eaddy. I second.

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: All in favor, please signify by saying aye.

(CHORUS OF AYES.)

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Any opposed?

(NO RESPONSE.)

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: The motion passes.

The general orders and other directives issued by the Superintendent during the previous month are posted on the Police
I now ask Superintendent Brown if he would like to give your oral report.

SUPERINTENDENT BROWN: Thank you, Mr. President.

I have just a few comments if you have time.

First, I'd like to start with thanking the members of the Chicago Police Board for your commitment and the time that it requires for you to -- and the effort for these virtual meetings.

I also want to recognize the members of the public that regularly participate in these public meetings.

And I assure you, the public commentary, that your voices are being heard and your dedication to making this City better does not go unnoticed.

And so tonight I would like to begin by speaking a little bit about a front-of-mind topic that's been on everyone's minds in Chicago, carjackings, which has obviously been one of the priorities for our
Department throughout last year and this year as well.

In 2020, there were 1400 incidents. Our officers arrested over 1100 people for those incidents of vehicular carjackings. Over the past five years, there have been 4,300 vehicular hijacking incidents. And during that five-year period, Chicago police officers have arrested 10,219 offenders for these crimes.

So far this year, 2021, there have been 144 vehicular hijackings, and Chicago police officers have arrested 104 offenders for these crimes.

In addition, so far this year, Chicago police officers have recovered 611 guns and 9 officers have been shot at by offenders. This is on top of 2020's over 11,000 guns recovered and 79 officers shot at with 10 officers being shot in 2020.

So despite that, vehicular carjackings are a regional and national issue that both urban and suburban cities are experiencing across the country.
Motives include joyriding and to facilitate anonymity while committing other crimes, including robbery and shootings.

Our plan here at CPD is a comprehensive approach, an expanded vehicular hijacking task force, collaboration with other City departments, regional law enforcement collaboration and coordination, working with our suburban departments, a focus on stronger prosecutions with the Cook County Sheriff's -- Cook County State's Attorney's Office, with judges and our federal law enforcement partners, collaboration with agencies to provide youth intervention of known juvenile offenders, and finally public engagement to include crime tips and an awareness campaign.

One of the troubling aspects of these spikes in vehicular highjackings, besides the victimization, are the number of young people who are involved in vehicle hijacking, with the youngest being 12 years old, with the largest age group of vehicle hijack offenders being between the ages of 15 and 20.
We all need to work together in the community to ensure that strong advocates for our youth try to reach our young people to help them make better decisions.

There is a better pathway for these young people if we would just be able to convince them to do the right thing. Law enforcement cannot do this part alone. We need everyone, teachers, mentors, coaches, parents, the faith community and others to help us reach our young people.

One of my fears has been for the victim of these vehicle hijackings and the fact that our dedicated brave officers committed to stopping these carjackers will confront a young person, maybe a 12-year-old, with a gun that leads to an unthinkable tragedy.

So, again, our officers are dedicated and brave in confronting these armed suspects. They are being shot at. We arrested last year over 1100 vehicular hijacking offenders of the 1400 incidents. And so far this year 144 vehicular hijackings have occurred and we arrested 104 offenders.
And I will just close with this.

We all want to give our young people a second, third, fourth, fifth chance. We all want to try to reach and hope they make better decisions.

But our priorities at the Chicago Police Department is for the victims. And we are doubling down on our efforts to ensure that there are strong consequences when we prosecute the people we arrest so that we can tamp down the spike in vehicular hijackings.

Thank you so much for your time.

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you,
Superintendent. Chief Roberts.

CHIEF ROBERTS: Mr. President, it's Sydney Roberts, Chief Administrator. I think you called on me. I wasn't sure. I'm having a bad connection.

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Yes. If you would like to provide your oral comments.

CHIEF ROBERTS: Thank you so much. We've got a lot of people speaking today, so I will be very, very brief. Just some highlights.

As we wind down 2020, just for
December, we opened approximately 90 new cases for investigation.

In the month of December, we brought to conclusion 83 investigations, a little over 20 included sustained findings, 5 of which we asked for the officer to be terminated from police services.

And at the end of 2020, COPA brought to conclusion 1,518 investigations that fell within our jurisdiction.

In February, we will be able to give a highlight to our end-of-year report for 2020. Thank you.

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you, Chief.

As we move to the public comment section of the meeting, I would like to remind everyone of the Board's policy and participation at these meetings. We value your comments and questions on police-related matters, and we will treat you with courtesy and respect. We expect all members of the public to treat everyone at this meeting in a similar manner. Please note that personal attacks and obscene language are strictly
prohibited, and that repeated violations of the Board's policy may result in the violator not being permitted to participate in future board meetings.

Before I call upon each speaker who signed up in advance to speak, each speaker, when I call upon you, I need you to press *6 to unmute yourself.

Before I do that, as I stated earlier, we had over 5,000 people signed up to speak today. The majority of the people are speaking relating to Police Officer John Catanzara, so I wanted to make a statement.

To date, no charges against John Catanzara has been filed with the Police Board. Last month, one member of the Police Board considered a disciplinary matter involving John Catanzara in which the Chief Administrator of the Civilian Office of Police Accountability and the Superintendent did not agree.

The reviewing board member determined that a hearing before the Board is necessary to determine whether Officer Catanzara violated any of CPD's rules of
conduct.

The next step is for charges to be prepared by the Corporation Counsel's Office and filed with the Board by the Superintendent.

Once charges are filed with the Board, the role of the Board, like that of a court of law, is to undertake a thorough review of the case and render a fair, unbiased decision based only on the evidence presented at a hearing.

Transparency is a high priority throughout the Board's disciplinary process.

Once a case is filed with the Board, the charges and the date the case is scheduled for hearing will be posted at our website, ChicagoPoliceBoard.org.

All of the Board's disciplinary hearings, like trials in court, are open to the public.

After the Board decides a case, it takes a public vote on the decision where each board member's vote is announced and recorded. Then the Board publishes on its website the written findings and decisions,
which includes a detailed explanation for the reasons for the Board's action.

I will now call upon those members to speak. In fact, Max, if I can ask you or Jazmyne to call it, because I'm not sure that I have this list.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CAPRONI: Yes, I'd be happy to do that.

So the first speaker on the list is Oneal Johnson. And, again, please press *6 to unmute yourself.

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Oneal Johnson. Max, go to the second speaker.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CAPRONI: The next speaker is Steven Belstra.

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Next speaker.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CAPRONI: Attorney Zedrick Braden.

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Next speaker, please.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CAPRONI: Fourth speaker is Enunice Chatman-Regis.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CAPRONI: The next speaker, Lori Burns.

MS. BURNS: Hello?

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Ms. Burns. Ms. Burns Welcome back to you. We have Ms. Enunice Chatman-Regis, I believe.

MS. CHATMAN-REGIS: Sorry. There was something wrong with my connection. I am so sorry.

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: No worries.

MS. CHATMAN-REGIS: Good evening. Thank you for your past concerns to the issues regarding our community.

Unfortunately, the problem continues to persist despite the repeated efforts of the Eberhart 79th Block Club members and our numerous 911 calls.

Family Fresh Market located at 457 East 79th Street continues to be a haven of illegal drug sales, loitering on the public way outside the store by ten or more persons who block the sidewalk.

They do not practice social distancing or wear masks as requested by Mayor
Lightfoot and Governor Pritzker and numerous health professionals.

Inclement weather has not hindered their activity. They still loiter, have illegal drug sales, et cetera.

When the police are called and respond, the loiterers disperse momentarily only to return later that same day.

They flee and hide in the foyer of the multi-unit apartment buildings located at 7905 and 7909 South Eberhart.

The owner of those buildings has been contacted. He says he will have the custodian take care of it; however, that individual is complicit in the behavior of the loitering because he engages in the same activity he is asked to diffuse.

Several tenants have moved out out of concern for their safety and livelihood and refusal of the custodian to address the complaints regarding suspicious activity, loitering and drug sale that the tenants witnessed.

Recently a building at the 7900
block of Eberhart was purchased and is
currently being rehabbed.

As I was returning home in the
afternoon, the new owner asked me what was
going on at the store at 457 East 79th Street.
I explained the above issues, that our block
club has been trying to combat for several
years. He felt that case was -- that was the
case, because his workers keep going back and
forth to that store, coming back smelling like
marijuana, acting like they're under the
influence of something that's not alcoholic.

Is there no remedy or relief from
this? There are many children on our block,
and we continue to have our quality of life
jeopardized by these miscreants.

The 6th District police efforts
have been ineffective. It is winter now where
we'd expect in the coming months warmer
weather. Today with the warm weather, we had
to call 911 because of the bigger crowd that
congregated there, including men and women.

Thank you for your time and have
a blessed evening.
PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you very much. Superintendent, this was -- Ms. Chatman was speaking kind of fast, but basically 79th and Eberhart, and we've heard of this before. Would you like to make a comment?

SUPERINTENDENT BROWN: Yes, I certainly would. I anticipated the 6th District being on point and I have that leadership here directly, and they were given word that this has been a pervasive issue for some time.

And, Chief McDermott, would you like to call on the commander or do you got it?

CHIEF McDERMOTT: No, I got to talk to Commander Ben. She'd like to address this for the speaker.

COMMANDER BEN: Good evening to Ms. Chatman. Can you guys hear me?

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Yes.

COMMANDER BEN: We were given this information and we are working on this. We do have our CAPS officers doing quality-of-life missions over here at that store, and we gave the address of 7905 and 09 that will be given to our Troubled Buildings to take a look at as
well. And licenses will be given information
about the Fresh Mart store.

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you very much.

Ms. Lori Burns, if you can unmute now. Thank
you.

MS. BURNS: Thanks so much. Good evening.

Thank you for addressing our concerns. The
communication problems raised last month with
our 6th District CAPS team hasn't been resolved
yet but have been acknowledged. So, thank you,
Commander Sonora Ben, Officer Tatum and Beverly
Williams.

Residents look forward to
partnering with our new commander and the CAPS
community team to support excellent effective
communications and results.

Secondly, is there a protocol for
carjacking victims and CPD to follow? If so,
how is it being communicated?

My elderly neighbor was a victim
of this terror last Wednesday, January 13th, at
1:00 p.m. The 911 operator said a car would
not be sent and they were instead transferred
to a phone number that was never answered.
They made an in-person report at the police station but were not given a follow-up contact to share the security video footage with.

Within the last hour, our CAPS officer shared a phone number with me for the vehicle carjacking task force.

So when and how will this information be shared with the public so that victims can be empowered and that we're operating with consistency?

Lastly, please find that Mr. Catanzara should be terminated. Chicago and our democracy deserve better. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you. I see speaker number three here, but I can't quite see the name. Zedrick perhaps. Is there a Zedrick? We'll pass on that one.

We're going to go to Jennifer Edwards. If you can unmute, Ms. Edwards.

MS. EDWARDS: Good evening, everyone. Can you hear me?

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Yes, ma'am.

MS. EDWARDS: Okay. We are so pleased that
the 3rd and 6th Districts are collaborating on
their crime-fighting efforts. Both of the new
commanders and their staff have reached out to
community members many times. They have
planned a neighborhood walk-about, that's my
name for it, for tomorrow, Friday, where many
neighbors will be attending. The walk-about is
in one of the areas of concern with numerous
crime problems. We will be addressing east
75th Street from the 500 block to Cottage Grove
where numerous illegal parties have been
reported.

Can we call attention to a party
reported last night on the 623, 624 CAPS beat
call? The address is 7533 South Evans.
The community person reports
numerous calls are constantly made and the
police just drive by.

We again hope that the
collaboration and our reporting will show the
need for more police assigned to the 3rd and
6th Districts.

Also, can you push for COVID-19
vaccines for the essential workers and officers
in these districts? They face the general
public on a daily basis. Thank you.

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you very much.

Superintendent, before I call the next speaker,
can you comment -- this is being viewed on
CAN-TV. For carjackings, where should someone
call? Is it just a regular 911? What is it
that people should do specifically since this
is something that we're seeing a lot of right
now?

SUPERINTENDENT BROWN: Call 911 if you are
the victim of a carjacking and report your car
stolen immediately. The sooner the car is put
in the system, the best chance we have catching
the offenders. The offenders, once they
carjack someone, we found they only keep those
cars a few hours before they dump them and move
on to something else. So we have a short
window. So any delay in reporting that to 911
really is -- makes it very difficult for us to
catch the carjacking offender.

Secondly, you can always contact
your district, either the CAPS office or the
front desk of your district, to report any kind
of suspicious behavior. I would encourage you
to attend beat meetings. I would encourage you
to become familiar with your DAC chairs so that
we can be part of the crime tips and awareness
campaign as it relates to carjackings as well.

So it's not to go to the
district. If you're carjacked, call 911 if
you're carjacked or your vehicle is stolen or
otherwise so that we can capture the offender
as soon as possible. But also become part of
the crime tip and awareness campaign at your
district level.

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you. Next
speaker, Matthew Brandon.

MR. BRANDON: Good evening, President
Foreman, members of the Board, Superintendent
Brown, Command Staff and Chief Roberts.

Communities Organized to Win
continues its work of bringing police and
community together so that we, as partners, can
develop strategies and solutions to the issues
that plague our communities.

No doubt about it, people are
afraid. This past summer of public unrest,
which led to the reduction of manpower in our
police districts, did not go unnoticed.

Our communities felt, and
rightfully so, frustrated by lack of response
to their calls for service. Recent comments
made by the current president of FOP have
served notice to our communities that if they,
FOP-supportive officers, cannot police like
they want to, then they won't police.

Some of the issues raised this
evening support that notice, no cars responding
to numerous calls, a car showing up and just
passing by without stopping or officers getting
out of their vehicles.

We want you to know that we want
to support the police, but we want to support
the police who want to serve our communities.
If they don't want to be here, get them out.

We will not go back to the knees
on our necks or the shots in our backs or
I-thought-it-was-a-gun defense.

Policing must change and we stand
ready to achieve that change.

We also acknowledge that we, the
communities, have to do our parts. We know it takes two.

I want to say to all on this call, I want you to know the recent promotions made by Superintendent Brown have given us a new hope that change is coming. I encourage you all to work with your commanders and CAPS teams because change can come to your communities, too.

In our 6th and 3rd police districts, change is real. In the 3rd District, Commander Watson and his staff, along with Sergeant Wilson and her CAPS team, have reached out to us personally.

We are updated on initiatives and strategies being developed that will directly confront the issues we bring forward.

The same can be said for Commander Ben and her staff, along with Sergeant Hughes and her CAPS team.

These leaders also take from their busy schedules to speak directly to members of the --

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Sorry. I know I'm
going to get in trouble, Mr. Brandon, for 
muting you, but we have over 5,000 speakers 
tonight, so we're holding firm to our time 
limits today. Thank you very much for your 
comments.

I think one of the things, 
Superintendent, you heard me say this before, 
that we certainly tell you when things are not 
going right, and I think it's important that 
your team also hears the positive improvements. 
So thank you very much to your team. Mr. 
Brandon just spoke very specifically about some 
of those.

Next speaker, Brad Redrick.

MR. REDRICK: Good evening and thank you 
for letting me speak. I'd like to say hear, 
hear to that last speaker indeed. 

So I want to bring to your 
attention the community organizing position of 
the 4th District that has recently been vacated 
due to retirement by the former organizer 
Antonio Salazar who did a very fine job before 
he retired.

In the 4th District before we had
no organizer for about three years, and it has
really yielded pretty tragic results. We're
really behind in our organizing and working
with the police department.

We need to get that filled. And
we've been told that an impediment to that is
the -- there's a freeze on hiring in the City.

The 4th District is a huge
district. It also has a sizable
Spanish-speaking population, as well as the
rest. And so, in fact, it needs two
organizers. But it has no organizer now.

We're not able to position
ourselves to help the Police Department in ways
that the Superintendent just expressed, needing
to help in connections with the youth and
whatnot.

So our quality of life in the 4th
District is supremely hampered by this vacancy,
and we hope that you all will do everything
that you can to get that position filled so we
can work in team with the Police Department to
drive down this violence. Thank you for
hearing me.
PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you very much.

Superintendent, any comment?

SUPERINTENDENT BROWN: Yes. I'll have Chief McDermott, Chief of Patrol, follow up through the Board and contact you directly on how we can take care of filling that position. Even if there isn't a budget for that particular position, there may be some other things we can do. Let Chief McDermott, Chief of Patrol, follow up with you here in the next couple of days.

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Max, if you can make sure to get Chief McDermott Mr. Redrick's contact information, that would be great.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CAPRONI: Will do.

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Next speaker, Mr. John Perryman.

MR. PERRYMAN: Yes. Before my time begins, I'd like a report -- good evening, everyone. I'm sorry. I'd like a report from the Superintendent regarding the drug market next to Garfield Park.

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Do you want to make your comment?
MR. PERRYMAN: I'd like to hear what the Superintendent has to say first.

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Superintendent?

SUPERINTENDENT BROWN: Sure. Mr. Perryman, I have, I believe, the commander of the 11th District here now, and we have talked about this. Obviously, you know, we've had several Police Board meetings where you brought these same issues -- similar issues up, and we have a new commander there, and I'm going to turn it over to him directly to answer your questions.

COMMANDER McKENZIE: Good evening, Mr. Perryman. This is Commander McKenzie. We spoke earlier today. I spoke to you last week. And in regards to the conversation about the drug sale on Lake Street by St. Louis, I spoke to the commander of narcotics today and regarding that -- the mission -- the mission over there is almost complete. Without jeopardizing the mission that's almost in its final stages, they're waiting -- they have already identified 20 targets, which they are going to make an arrest, and they're just waiting for approval. Once that is complete,
I'll give you a call and inform you of that.

Also, in that area, this summer, what we have done to prevent issues over there, we have enforced parking permit -- parking restrictions on Lake Street from Hamlin all the way to Central Park from 6:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. on Friday through Monday mornings. Also 1133 is going to give special attention to that area.

Last summer we had a fixed post on St. Louis and Walnut. What we're going to do is continue our dialogue with the community and collaborate with the community as well. The DCOs are going to engage with the citizens in there. And, also, like we said today, you and I when we spoke, I'm going to personally meet with you next Wednesday and we're going to actually walk the park like you requested.

MR. PERRYMAN: Okay. Thank you. It's nice to meet a new commander in the 11th. I hope it goes better than the previous commander who ignored this issue.

I would like to bring up that last week -- you know, I brought this up last
April, so a long time ago, almost nine months now, and the Superintendent is saying they used a lot of resources. I would say all the strategies so far have been a complete failure.

I went for a walk with my dog the other day and I was offered drugs. You can't even walk down the street without someone offering you drugs in this area. This is on the edge of a park. We want to use our park for our families. It's a real problem.

So I'm going to let the Superintendent know I am going to keep coming back to these meetings. I'm not giving up on this. And I do expect to see effective strategies.

I think a big part of this problem is that strategies are completely ineffective. And the Superintendent needs to know that what's going on is not working.

And I've said this pretty much every other month for eight months. And we need to see results soon. And you say you hear our voices, I don't feel heard. You promised me many things. I don't see the results of
those promises.

So I guess my final ask is that Mr. Foreman, if it's okay with you, I would like to have a sit-down with you and the Superintendent in the next week, if that's possible. It doesn't have to be long.

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Sure. I'm not too sure what I can do in terms of a sit-down. I don't develop policing strategies. But if you would like me to join the meeting, I am more than willing to do so.

MR. PERRYMAN: Well, Mr. Foreman, I did meet with the Superintendent a long time ago, and I talked about specific strategies that work and things that don't work, and I feel like that was completely disregarded. So I would like another ear in the room to help hold everyone in the room accountable.

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Okay. I will make myself available.

The next speaker is Flora Suttle.

If you can press *6, Ms. Suttle. Ms. Suttle? I'll come back to you, Ms. Suttle. I can see you are on and perhaps you're having a hard
time unmuting.

Next speaker, June Norfleet. Ms. Norfleet, if you can press *6. All right.

MS. NORFLEET: Hello. I know time is short. My point is what I call low-hanging fruit.

Good evening, everyone. You know, there are two parts of a tree that have to be carefully tended to and that is the top, because if you do not prune the top of a tree and the fruit stays up there too long, it gets no light and everything becomes diseased, and the bottom, the low-hanging fruit.

Well, last week I took a walk out on 75th Street and there was a lot of low-hanging fruit out there. There were things that were strewn all over 75th Street, just like litter. There were cars without license plates, vehicles with expired temporary plates, they look like blank sheets of paper. These are low-hanging fruit. Stores with windows papered over and obscured, low-hanging fruit.

We need to stop the illegal gatherings that are beyond the number of
attendees as prescribed by current ordinances,
low, low-hanging fruit. We can -- our police
department can work with auto industry
professionals to advance and improve vehicle
security platforms. Make that a priority.
That's a low-hanging fruit.

Answering the phone in a positive
and professional manner. I understand you are
police officers and you work in a hectic
environment, but you're still professional
public servants. Articulate, say your name,
your station and handle the citizen's business.

As my neighbor, Ms. Burns,
already indicated, that can be a challenge
sometimes. These are things that can be done
now. These are things that can be fixed.

I do want to say that on 75th
Street today when I walked -- this is why I
know low-hanging fruit can be handled, it was a
different place, because Commander Watson had
already started to imbue a sense of
professionalism, a committed, dedicated effort.

Thank you very much for doing
that and we look forward to working with you.
Don't forget the fruit.

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you.

Superintendent?

SUPERINTENDENT BROWN: I just love her comments. And I'm excited as I've heard some of the community members say about not just Commander Watson and Commander Ben, but in the eight months I've been here, I've been able to have the opportunity because of retirements to make several promotions of people who are very talented and I really have high confidence in, and so I'm looking forward to them engaging more and our emphasis is on community engagement, quality of life, being responsive, being professional. So, you know, kudos to the last commentator. It's right on point.

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you. Next speaker, Crista Noel.

MS. NOEL: Hello, everyone. How are you?

Hi. I'm a little concerned about that mass shooting that happened with Jason Nightengale and has ended in the death of two women, Marta Torres and -- let me get her name. Aisha Nevell. And there are three women right now
fighting for their lives, Shirley Hinton, Virginia McAllister and Dania Smith, ranging from 15 to 81 years old.

I have known for a while that mass shootings were connected to domestic violence and this was not unusual. Right? They say that as the number of victims go up, the more likely it is that the shootings are going to have some connection to domestic violence.

Jason Nightengale had a domestic violence charge in Evanston.

One of the problems I have with the shooting is not only that he shot five women, it's the fact that Jason was able to go from the south side of Chicago to the north side of Chicago in Evanston where he had a domestic violence charge. So it's almost as if you knew he was coming, because he kept going places that he knew. Right? It was clear that Jason was going to kill people until somebody killed him. So although I wasn't there and I can't quite be sure that he could have been taken alive, I know that Jason's plan was not
to be taken alive or he wouldn't have shot a
woman to death about five minutes before he was
shot to death. But I do have a problem with
the fact that we have these -- an increase in
violence against women. We have women being
shot while they're driving their --

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Sorry, Ms. Noel. With
the amount of speakers we have tonight, I
apologize that I have to cut you off.

Superintendent, can you speak to
some of the domestic violence issues and what
CPD is doing to try to address some of that?

SUPERINTENDENT BROWN: This particular
shooting case has some domestic violence, but
the more prominent underlying issue was mental
health, as expressed by Mr. Nightengale's
family, that had been spiraling out of the
control. And these acts of violence were
random, with no notice from anyone that we've
become aware of in the preliminary
investigation.

We'll continue our investigation,
but the speaker is correct that there's some
domestic violence, but likely mental health
issues being the more prominent motives behind this.

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you. As I mentioned earlier today, we had over 5,000 people signed up to speak and most of those callers were calling regarding John Catanzara.

The next two speakers I've asked if they could take a little bit more time and represent some of the 5,000 people who did sign up to speak. So with the Board's permission, I'm going to allow them a couple additional minutes to speak on behalf of the 5,000 people who signed on.

So the next speaker is Ahmed Rehab.

MR. REHAB: Thank you, Mr. President and Mr. Superintendent and everyone else, for this opportunity to speak to you tonight. My name is Ahmed Rehab, and I am the executive director of the Council on American-Islamic Relations here in Chicago. We are the Chicago office of the largest Muslim civil rights organization in the United States. And I have let our views be known to the public via media appearances on
the comments made by Officer John Catanzara, and I'm here tonight to let them be known to you and urge you to take action swiftly, specifically calling on Mr. Superintendent Brown to speed up filing charges and bringing them to the desk of the Chicago Police Board so that the process can continue and a hearing can take place.

I have respect for the Superintendent, but I have no idea why there has been such a delay. And I'd like him to address that and to promise us a time frame which he can move on these charges.

I wanted to make this ask in advance before I got into some of our concerns with Mr. Catanzara in case I ran out of time. I will get into that now.

As some of you have seen in the media, and as I am sure you have heard internally, some of these comments are plain disgusting and prejudiced against large segments of the Muslim community. And some of his social media posts he has implied that Muslims are savages and that they all deserve a
There are two particular posts, one in which he discusses a crime that was committed in Detroit by one individual who happened to be Muslim, what they called female genitalia mutilation, it's female circumcision, but it is a violent act and it's illegal and a crime and not accepted in our Muslim faith by the great overwhelming majority of Muslims. And he said what he said about her, which I have no problem with and I agree with him on, but his extending his outrage and disparaging all Muslims for the crime of one individual is precisely what defines Islamophobia and bigotry.

Imagine if I were to look at a case of somebody in the Catholic church who committed pedophilia and I'm calling all Catholics pedophiles, or I'm looking at a case of a lynching in the south, which unfortunately still happens, and I'm calling all white Americans racists and murderers. That's precisely that extension. And he tried to backtrack and he tried to focus back on that individual crime, which we agree on, but it is the extension and extrapolation to a large
segment to use his own words. This is the reason many Americans are weary of a large segment of Muslims. This is the life many want to bring to the country. Deny reality all you want. It is that generalization that is at the core of racism and prejudice and it puts a mark on our backs and it puts us in danger. And this is a man who walks the street with a gun and a mandate, and for him to be so misinformed and to be so prejudiced is a problem.

He also talks about a case in Afghanistan which a woman was brutally attacked by a mob. Something any sane person, let alone an average Muslim, would condemn. Again, it's that extrapolation to everyone else, picking one crime, sensational situation, and seeming it to average, making it look average among Muslims is precisely the problem we faced since 9/11 in this country where a terrorist attack happens and suddenly we're all suspects.

There's a mark on all of our backs.

He is a policeman. He should know better. He has admitted himself that he tends to be easily misinformed when he made
the attack
on our nation's Capitol recently and our
democracy. Came out guns blazing, no pun
intended, defending this outrageous attack and
later backtracked and said he was misinformed.

If he is so easily misinformed --
he had the same information you and I had. We
all knew what it is. We all had a problem with
it from day one. He needed backlash to
backtrack.

If he has a problem with gaining
the information the right way, if he has some
cognitive issue, if he has some judgment issue,
whether it's on the Capitol situation or
Muslims or on Mayans, which he asserted are
engaged in human sacrifices and shouldn't come
to this country, again this type of racism and
prejudice --

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Sorry. Mr. Rehab, I
had to cut you at that point. Gave you double
the two minutes. Thank you for your comments.

Before I ask the Superintendent
to respond, I'm going to call the next speaker,
Mr. Abdullah Mitchell. If you can press *6.
MR. MITCHELL: Good evening. My name is Abdullah Mitchell. I'm the executive director of the Council of Islamic Organizations of Greater Chicago. We represent 68 different Muslim organizations in the greater Chicago area and many are residents and work in the City of Chicago.

The public statement made by Officer John Catanzara is appalling. Calling Muslims savages and deserving a bullet is racist and it's an incitement for violence against Muslims.

This statement in our mind reflects a level of bigotry that cannot be tolerated for any Chicago police officer.

So regardless of the circumstances under which he made this statement, for him to use a public forum to express his views encourages violent behavior against Muslims. This is not the behavior we demand of a police officer. And we call on the Chicago Police Department and the Superintendent to institute proceedings to terminate Officer Catanzara. Thank you.
PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you.

Superintendent, before I turn it over to you for any comment, again, just reiterating at this point in time, the Police Board, we have not received any charges yet. Once we receive charges, there will be a hearing. Again, if you go to the Police Board's website, ChicagoPoliceBoard.org, we have a short video kind of explaining this process.

So last month, one member of the public made a recommendation that this case go before the full board.

The Superintendent will file charges with the Board. Once those charges are filed, there will be a hearing, at which point the Board will have a hearing, we'll review the case, make a decision, we'll make that decision publicly. The hearings are open to the public, and we absolutely encourage members of the public to attend, and we can provide the details on how that will be made available in the world of Zoom today.

So, again, I definitely recommend taking a look at ChicagoPoliceBoard.org and
where we put detailed explanations.

So, Superintendent, I'll turn it over to you for comment.

SUPERINTENDENT BROWN: That particular case is in the Department of Law with charges being prepared. As soon as they're done, they will be forwarded to the Police Board.

It is not in the Superintendent's office, in my office at all. I've made my recommendation, made my comments. So that case then goes to the Department of Law to prepare charges. Once the charges are prepared, as I mentioned, they'll go to the Police Board for the rendering of a decision.

There are other charges coming through that -- on Catanzara that also will go through this similar process.

There's no way to speed up.

Department of Law should take the appropriate due process in presenting charges like they do in other cases so there won't be reasons for appeal or anything overturned.

I think it is prudent in my opinion to follow the steps you normally would
and not fast-track based on anything outside of
the facts of the case.

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Final speaker, Mr.
Robert More. Mr. More, if you can press *6 to
unmute one of your phones.

MR. MORE: Yeah, Mr. Foreman, can you hear
me?

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Yes, sir.

MR. MORE: Hello? Okay. Very good. The
only thing I can say very good is you can hear
me, other than that -- this is the January
meeting of 2021. A catastrophe has befallen,
the non-counterfeit version of the Rule of Law.
The -- whatever you want to call them, the
genocidists (sic), the global plantation
owners, have seized complete control of the
nominal government entities of the United
States.

It is now time for all people who
are not completely incorrigible, who are not
willing to accept satanic worship and
pedophilia being imposed upon them to gather
together amongst ourselves, make a nationwide
chain network and prepare for the worst because
they are coming for us. Who's they? The minions, the instruments of the global plantation owners. The whole agenda has been for all of these years to set up the basis to get rid of us, because once we're gone, those of us with some fear of God and a commitment to keep the Commandments, there's nothing between them and total world domination.

The dominos have fallen. It is a disastrous situation.

Here are proposed stipulations from Robert J. More to the City of Chicago and David Brown. They've been posted -- they will be posted as soon as I can get them to


I'm going to try to read as much as I can. I've had numerous interactions with the City of Chicago Police Department, and we got to get this thing on to solid ground, which is what? The objectively reasonable reliance interest referenced by the United States Supreme Court in Illinois versus Krull is constituting necessity for the enforcement of
any law. Enforcement of these mal-prohibitive
laws that is --

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you, Mr. More.

So since we had a lot of speakers and,

Superintendent, I heard your response about the

law department, the Board will also -- we will

reach out to the Law Department and we will

make sure that we get back and report publicly

to members of the public at next month's Board

meetings where those charges stand. So we'll

take that upon ourselves as well to insert

ourselves into the process to ensure that we

can get timely information back to members of

the public.

At this time, all members of the

public who signed up in advance to speak or who

were on the call have been called. Is there a

motion to adjourn?

BOARD MEMBER WOLFF: This is Paula. I move

to adjourn.

BOARD MEMBER EADDY: Michael Eaddy.

Second.

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: All in favor, please

signify by saying aye.
(CHORUS OF AYES.)

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: The motion passes.
The meeting is adjourned.

Thank you very much for your attendance and your participation. Please stay safe. Thank you.

(WHEREUPON, the proceedings were adjourned at 8:35 p.m.)
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