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MAYOR EMANUEL AND SUPERINTENDENT EDDIE JOHNSON ANNOUNCE 102 NEW OFFICERS HITTING THE STREET TO FIGHT CRIME

Mayor Rahm Emanuel and Chicago Police Superintendent Eddie Johnson today announced 102 new police officers are hitting the street, as part of the Departments hiring plan to add nearly 1,000 officers.

"These new officers hitting the street are beginning a journey of service on behalf of the residents of Chicago" said Mayor Emanuel. "We are ensuring they have the best tools, technology, and training they need to not only improve public safety on their beat, but be part of engaging the communities they serve."

Since the beginning of 2017, more than 2,400 CPD members have been hired or promoted as part of the hiring plan. This includes more than 1,600 new recruits, 77 Lieutenants, 214 Sergeants, 370 Detectives and 213 Field Training Officers who have entered the Academy. The districts receiving new officers Sunday include:

- 2nd (Wentworth): 9 new officers
- 3rd (Grand Crossing): 9 new officers
- 4th (South Chicago): 9 new officers
- 9th (Deering): 1 new officers
- 10th (Ogden): 9 new officers
- 12th (Near West): 7 new officers
- 14th (Shakespeare): 8 new officers
- 15th (Austin): 10 new officers
- 16th (Jefferson Park): 1 new officer
- 17th (Albany Park): 5 new officers
- 18th (Near North): 8 new officers
- 19th (Town Hall): 10 new officers
- 20th (Lincoln): 1 new officer
- 22nd (Morgan Park): 9 new officers
- 24th (Rogers Park): 6 new officers
- 25th (Grand Central): 8 new officers

After successfully completing their training at the Academy and initial field training, the 102 officers are now being sent to their first detail. The new officers will benefit from the new in-service training requirement, which begins with 16-hours of mandatory training and will necessitate that all Department members to take 40 hours of continuing education annually by 2021. As part of the implementation of the hiring plan, new officers will be deployed to districts each month into 2019.

During their six-months of training at the Police Academy, recruits learned all applicable laws and protocols for being a Chicago Police Officer. In addition to physical training, they received instruction in procedural justice, crisis intervention and de-escalation, use of force, community building and critical thinking. Recruits also received cultural awareness training at the DuSable Museum of African American History and the Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center. This was followed by three months of field training, during which officers are paired with Field Training Officers for hands-on guidance during their first in-the-field months.

These new officers have joined as part of CPD's ongoing "Be the Change" recruitment campaign which reflects the belief that this new generation of police officers will lay the groundwork for a more diverse department and be future leaders who define how police support, protect and work together with Chicago's communities.

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