

Madam Chairman and members of the City Council, my name is Annastasia Walker and I am the Acting Executive Director of the Office of Public Safety Administration.

Please allow me to introduce my staff.

**Frank Lindbloom** is the 1<sup>st</sup> Deputy Director

**Sarontay Smith** is the Deputy Director of Finance

**Dan Casey** is the Managing Deputy Director of IT

**Joel Brown** is the Deputy Director of General Support

**Bob Landowski** is the Director of Human Resources

**Tamie Perea** is the Director of Facilities Management

**Natalie Gutierrez** is the Deputy Director of Public Safety Grants

The Office of Public Safety Administration is pleased to be here today to discuss its 2021 budget request. I sit before you today as a new department head, leading a newly created department.

I bring almost 20 years of experience at the Chicago Fire Department and OEMC to this new role. And the Office's core mission and responsibility are familiar, as we share the goals of this administration to reduce costs, find efficiencies and improve administrative functions throughout Chicago city government, which is paramount during these very challenging fiscal times.

Under the leadership of Mayor Lightfoot and with your support, the Office of Public Safety Administration will utilize the most of technology, employ a staff who possesses deep, professional experience in public safety and will search for and develop new and innovative ways we can to reduce costs and find efficiencies through shared services.

Chicagoans can be confident knowing the Office of Public Safety Administration will be firm in its approach to achieve this goal, while remaining respectful of the important job each of our public safety departments conduct.

In a very short period, the Office of Public Safety Administration has made tangible progress. We are:

- Working with the Department of Procurement Services to find efficiencies in public safety contracts that are 10+ years old
- Finishing a first-round audit of telecom devices that revealed efficiencies that will provide future savings
- Working on the automation of CPD timecards and other efficiencies
- Procuring 2600 new police radios
- Hiring a new Chief Medical Director to provide the medical needs of CFD and CPD
- Reviewing possible efficiencies in Public Safety IT
- Streamline Leave of Absence processes across the public safety departments.
- Rolling out an electronic Tuition Reimbursement program for CPD
- Overseeing CPD Consent Decree requirements related to recruitment, hiring and promotions
- Begin implementation of new police officer applicant appeals process with the Police Board
- Implementing the new Sworn Performance Evaluation System pilot
- Implementing electronic edit slips across all four (4) departments
- Moving all CFD employees to direct deposit, with all earnings statements distributed electronically via GreenSlips.
- Automating the CPD time and attendance card that is currently a manual card requiring precise calculations. Automation will lessen reliance on manual data entry, increasing efficiency and accuracy.

- Beginning cross-training of PSA staff so they can assist in the payroll process for any public safety department

As we all are aware, city governments continue to be under examination in the way they deliver services, with the requirement of being vigilant with the use of public funding.

Implementing shared services within any organization can be a challenge and it is no different for city government.

But we must begin to think about adopting new and innovative approaches in delivering these vital services, which may involve cultural and structural changes in the way we do business in the future.

It will be my objective to execute the Office of Public Safety Administration's mission successfully that will produce results.

In closing, while we are a new and emerging department, I pledge that I will continue to assemble staff who possess the knowledge and skill to make efficient use of all city resources and build on the progress that PSA has already made.

I, along with my staff, am prepared to answer your questions. Thank you.