



**COMMUNITY POLICING  
ADVISORY PANEL REPORT - 3rd  
QUARTER**



**Chicago Police Department Office of  
Community Policing**

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## INTRODUCTION

The Community Policing Advisory Panel (CPAP) was commissioned by Chicago Police Department (the Department or CPD) in October 2016. The Panel's primary task was to develop recommendations "for the Department's renewed community engagement and collaboration efforts, in order to enhance public safety and restore trust."

In October 2017, the Panel published its proposed recommendations to improve the Department's community engagement efforts. The recommendations were organized across seven pillars of community policing:

1. Sustainable relationships of trust between police and community.
2. A strong focus on engagement with the City's youth.
3. Standards for community policing initiatives so that these initiatives have clearly defined objectives and contribute to the overall community policing effort.
4. A structure that reinforces community policing in every aspect of policing.
5. Robust community-oriented training for all members of the Department.
6. Effective problem solving exercised jointly with the community and other city agencies.
7. Regular evaluation of the quality of community policing throughout the Department.

The Superintendent accepted all the Panel's recommendations, and the implementation of all recommendations was incorporated into the consent decree negotiated between the State of Illinois and the City of Chicago. <sup>2</sup> The consent decree took effect March 1, 2019.

In its report, the Panel tasked the Office of Community Policing (OCP) with monitoring progress toward implementation and issuing quarterly status reports. This Quarterly Report for the Community Policing Advisory Panel is intended to provide Panel members with a snapshot of progress made on the implementation of its proposals.

## Members of the Community Policing Advisory Panel (CPAP)

### Executive Leadership

- **John C. Robak, Chair** – Former Chairman and CEO, Greeley and Hansen
- **Dr. Nikki Harvey, Vice Chair** – Director of Constituent Development, Office of Congressman Danny K. Davis

### Current Members

- **Glen Brooks, Jr.** – Director of Community Policing, Chicago Police Department
- **Thomas Bucaro, Esq.** – 16th District DAC Chair
- **Dr. Jeffrey Dillard** – Professor of Criminal Justice, Olive-Harvey College
- **Maggie Finucane** – 9th District DAC Chair
- **Mark Iris** – Former Chicago Police Board Executive Director
- **Luciano Leon** – Community Representative
- **Jim Lew** – Community Representative
- **Christine Perez** – Area Coordinator, Chicago Police Department
- **Ariel E. Reboyras** – Former 30th Ward Alderman at City of Chicago
- **Adal Regis** – Director of Strategy at Elevate
- **Christopher Taliaferro** – 29th Ward Alderman at City of Chicago
- **Eric Washington** – Retired CPD Deputy Chief of Community Policing

## Summary Project Updates

### Find your District's Community Conversation details below

Select your police district from the dropdown menu to see event details. Then, register for the Community Conversation that works best for you.

- ▶ District 001 | Central – **New Dates Added!**
- ▶ District 002 | Wentworth – **New Dates Added!**
- ▶ District 003 | Grand Crossing – **New Dates Added!**
- ▶ District 004 | South Chicago – **New Dates Added!**
- ▶ District 005 | Calumet- **New Dates Added!**
- ▶ District 006 | Gresham – **New Dates Added!**
- ▶ District 007 | Englewood – **New Dates Added!**
- ▶ District 008 | Chicago Lawn – **New Dates Added!**
- ▶ District 009 | Deering – **New Dates Added!**
- ▶ District 010 | Ogden – **New Dates Added!**
- ▶ District 011 | Harrison – **New Dates Added!**
- ▶ District 012 | Near West – **New Dates Added!**
- ▶ District 014 | Shakespeare – **New Dates Added!**
- ▶ District 015 | Austin – **New Dates Added!**

### Register Below

English (United States) ▼

## 2026 Community Conversation Registration

Each fall, the Chicago Police Department hosts Community Conversations across the city. These events give Chicagoans the opportunity to share their input and help shape their district's strategic plan for the upcoming year. Your feedback is essential in developing community-driven crime reduction strategies and engagement priorities. It vital role in the Department's ongoing reform efforts under the consent decree. Please complete the registration form below to join your district's Community Conversation.

When you submit this form, it will not automatically collect your details like name and email address unless you provide it yourself.

\* Required

### Registration Information

Información de Registro

1. Email \*

Correo Electronico

2. For which District will you be participating in the Community Conversation? \*

¿Para qué distrito participará en la conversación comunitaria?

## 1. Building Relationship of Trust

### District Strategic Plans

#### 3rd Quarter Progress

- Collected and reviewed Quarter 2 District Strategic Plan evaluations from all 22 police districts, ensuring progress and accountability.
- Provided drop-in coaching sessions to support districts in completing reports that reflect both Problem Solving and Community Engagement Priorities.
- Publish dates for community conversations, which allow for the public to identify community concerns for implementation in the District Strategic Plans.

#### Looking Ahead

- Host community conversations with community members.
- Host separate and distinct community conversations with the youth and other affinity groups to address their unique needs and concerns for incorporation to the District Strategic Plans.

### Strategy for Organizational Excellence

#### 3rd Quarter Progress

- Continue collaboration with the Superintendent to advance the Strategy for Organizational Excellence, prioritizing community trust, transparency, and meaningful dialogue with residents.

- Worked towards the phase II of Organizational Excellence with the initiatives that were outline in the second quarter.

### **Looking Ahead**

- Continue working on Phase II for all the initiative identified in the Strategy for Organizational Excellence.
- 1<sup>st</sup> draft of the Strategy for Organizational Excellence is expected to be out

## **2. Providing a Strong Focus on Engagement with the City's Youth**

### **Youth District Advisory Councils**

#### **3rd Quarter Progress**

- Hosted 255 Youth District Advisory Council (YDAC) engagements in the third quarter, engaging more than 2,900 participants in youth–police collaboration.
- Engage YDAC members in shaping the 2026 District Strategic Plans, ensuring youth voices and perspectives help guide community safety strategies.

#### **Looking Ahead**

- Review input from YDAC ensuring youth voices and perspectives help guide community safety strategies.

### **Youth Education Programs**

#### **3rd Quarter Progress**

- Engaged over 500 youth through summer programs in partnership with Chicago Park Districts (i.e. Officer Friendly and DARE), building trust with police and encouraging healthy, informed choices.
- Continued Explorer Programs in the districts that support leadership and career exploration.
- Chicago Police Fire Training Academy classes began, strengthening OCP's efforts to guide young people toward careers in public safety.

#### **Looking Ahead**

- These youth engagement programs will continue and expand through our ongoing partnerships with schools as students return for the academic year.
- As part of National Principals Month, we will honor principals from our partner schools.

### **Cops and Kids Chess Program**

#### **3rd Quarter Progress**

- Hosted a dozen Cops and Kids Chess summer chess engagements with over 500 attendees, building positive relationships between officers and young people through chess.
- OCP expanded its chess programming to strengthen youth–police connections and, during the UFC's visit to Chicago, gave young participants the rare opportunity to play chess with professional UFC athletes. An experience that sparked excitement about the game, built positive relationships with officers, and inspired youth through coaching and teamwork.



### Looking Ahead

- Identify schools to partner with across all districts to ensure that cops and kids are interacting with each other to break down barriers and build trust.

### Police Athletic League (PAL)

#### 3rd Quarter 2 Progress

- OCP strengthened community connections through PAL soccer at a variety of locations including the Colombian Fest with over 100 kids participating.
- The PAL boxing program promoted discipline and mentorship with over 30 youth participating in a summer boxing clinic.

### Looking Ahead

- We will begin hosting indoor sporting engagements throughout the winter quarter to keep youth active, connected, and engaged during the colder months.

### 3. Community Policing Standards

#### 3rd Quarter Progress

- Worked in collaboration with the Department of Family and Support Services (DFSS), to identify and assist individuals experiencing homelessness across the city. This collaborative effort aims to ensure that individuals in need are connected to appropriate city resources and services.

### Looking Ahead

- Work collaboratively with community partners, service providers, and city agencies to ensure individuals experiencing homelessness have access to essential winter supplies and are connected to available shelter resources during the cold weather months. This coordinated effort aims to promote safety, compassion, and support for our most vulnerable residents throughout the winter season.

### 4. Creating Structure that Supports & Institutionalizes Community Policing

#### 3rd Quarter Progress

- OCP has onboarded 1 Youth Service Coordinator to expand youth mentorship and outreach programs.
- 5 Community Organizers were onboarded, ensuring that each of the City's 22 police districts is staffed with an organizer who serves as a liaison between the community and the police

department; recruiting and organizing residents, facilitating problem-solving, building relationships, and supporting the implementation of local strategies to strengthen trust with the community.

### Looking Ahead

- OCP will be onboarding new Information Service Coordinators and Information Coordinators to improve communication, data tracking, and outreach programs.

### Public Awareness Campaign

#### 3rd Quarter Progress

- Revived the Public Awareness Campaign along Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) platforms to increase visibility and accessibility of Know Your Rights resources. The CTA averages 953,787 rides per weekday.<sup>1</sup>

### Looking Ahead

- Continue the Know Your Rights Campaign by working closely with community partners through ongoing outreach and engagement efforts.

## 5. Developing and Implementing Community- Oriented Training



### Community Training Observation Days

#### 3rd Quarter Progress

- OCP will recruit community members to attend the Community Training Observation Days adding new courses like de-escalation, crisis intervention, and simulator training.
- These sessions aim to build community trust by offering more opportunities for people to see and engage in officer training.

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<sup>1</sup> From: <https://www.transitchicago.com/facts/>

### **Looking Ahead**

- Host Community Training Observation Days this fall on October 4 and 25.

## **6. Problem Solving with the Community, City Departments and Sister Agencies**

### **The Public Safety Cabinet**

#### **3rd Quarter Progress**

- Partnered with the Mayor's Office to host basketball games on holiday weekends, where police officers played alongside community members in a safe and welcoming environment. These events encouraged genuine interaction, teamwork, and open dialogue through shared activity. The initiative strengthened trust and advanced community policing goals by building positive relationships on and off the court.

### **Looking Ahead**

- Continue working through the Public Safety Cabinet to coordinate resources and strategies that prevent crime, improve emergency response, and support safer communities citywide.

### **Operation Clean**

#### **3rd Quarter Progress**

- OCP took part in 7 Operation Clean initiatives to address community concerns and tackle quality-of-life issues like broken streetlights, graffiti, potholes, and neglected lots in targeted districts.
- Strengthened interagency collaboration through the Public Safety Cabinet to enhance coordinated public safety efforts across the city including Take Back the Block programs.

### **Looking Ahead**

- Continue working with city agencies to ensure lasting changes and help create safer, cleaner neighborhoods across the city.

### **Gun Turn-in**

#### **3rd Quarter Progress**

- At the September 6th gun turn-in event, OCP collected 178 firearms and safely removed 105 replica guns from the community.
- The events were held in neighborhood-based, non-police facilities to promote accessibility and build trust through strong community partnerships.



### Looking Ahead

- OCP will host two-gun turn-in events in December, collaborating with local organizations, faith groups, and community leaders.
- These events offer safe, anonymous opportunities for residents to turn in firearms and support violence prevention efforts across the city.

### National Night Out

#### 3rd Quarter Progress

- OCP hosted National Night Out events on Tuesday, August 5, 2025, in every one of its 22 districts, bringing residents, local organizations, and CPD together to build trust, improve communication, and work collaboratively on public safety.

### Looking Ahead

- Districts will review successes and challenges involved with this year's National Night Out to enhance preparations for next year's National Night Out.

## 7. Evaluation of Implementation and Impact

### ZenCity Collaboration

CPD continued its partnership with ZenCity to gather and evaluate community feedback, helping guide improvements in policing strategies and strengthen public trust.

#### 3rd Quarter Progress

- Between July and September 2025, CPD collected feedback from approximately 2,000 residents per month via Zencity's Blockwise platform. Top community concerns included theft and burglary 25%, crime prevention 24%, and violence 21%, with frequent mentions of shootings, robberies, and vehicle theft. CPD continued gathering community feedback through surveys and share insights in its annual report to support transparency and ongoing improvement.
- Perception scores showed modest improvement across all categories, Safety 49%, Fairness 54%, Respect 66%, and Voice 64%. While concerns about property crime and gun violence

remain high, the data indicates gradual gains in public trust, fairness, and communication between residents and CPD.

**Looking Ahead**

- Continue to collaborate with Zen City to gather community feedback through surveys and share insights in its annual report to support transparency and ongoing improvement.

### **Engage With CPD**

Community members play a vital role in shaping the safety and well-being of their neighborhoods, and the Chicago Police Department offers numerous ways to get involved and collaborate directly with officers and city leaders. Below are keyways community members can engage with CPD and help build a safer, stronger Chicago.

#### **Attend a Beat Meeting**

Beat meetings are held by the Department regularly in each of the city's 281 beats, where residents meet with beat officers to discuss community issues and develop solutions. Most meetings are held virtually. Attending beat meetings gives community members the opportunity to get to know the officers that work on their beat, provide information about concerns to police, meet other residents in their beat who may be working on similar issues, and bring back the latest information from police to their neighbors.

#### **Links:**

- [Find My District](#)
- [Full Community Events Calendar](#)

#### **Get Involved with a District Advisory Committee (DAC)**

Each District Commander has a DAC that provides advice and organizes community-based strategies. Participating in a District Advisory Committee allows community members the opportunity/ability to help shape policies in their community that can have a long lasting impact on crime.

To learn more about how to get involved with DACs attend a beat meeting and/or ask your District community-policing officer for more information.

#### **Links:**

- [Find My District](#)
- [Community Events Calendar](#)

#### **Submit a Non-Emergency Community Concern**

Residents can submit concerns related to crime, quality of life, or neighborhood issues. By working together, the police and the community can address concerns and prioritize crime and disorder by sharing the responsibility for the development and implementation of proactive problem solving strategies to identify chronic issues.

#### **Links:**

- [Report a Community Concern](#)

#### **Participate in CPD's Annual Strategic Planning Process**

In 2019, the Office of Community Policing launched a brand new strategic planning process in which each District takes input from the community to develop a list of its top chronic, long-term problems. These problems will be tackled through special missions and efforts all year. Each District will give a report on its progress every quarter during beat meetings.

Below is the link to all District Strategic Plans. Be on the lookout for notice on upcoming opportunities to participate in the Strategic Plans process.

#### **Links:**

- [District Strategic Plans](#)

#### **Join or Form a Block Club**

Block clubs are groups of neighbors working together to improve the quality of life in their community. Read more about block clubs and learn about forming and registering your block club at the link below.

**Links:**

- [About Block Clubs](#)

**Compliment a Police Officer**

The Chicago Police Department aims to provide great service and build community partnerships. Officers sometimes go beyond in their work. If you see exemplary service, you can complement an officer.

**Links:**

- [Compliment an Officer](#)

**Submit a Complaint**

Community members who feel a Chicago Police officer has treated them unfairly should contact the Civilian Office of Police Accountability (COPA) to file a complaint.

**Links:**

- [COPA Online Complaint System](#)

## Conclusion

Quarter 3 demonstrated meaningful progress toward advancing the goals of the CPAP through a combination of youth-focused training, public awareness initiatives, community-driven programming, and engagement opportunities across all 22 districts. From the launch of the Interactions with Youth eLearning to the inaugural Community Training Observation Days, these initiatives underscore CPD's commitment to transparency, accountability, and trauma-informed practices. Public safety efforts, such as the May 31 gun turn-in event, further reflect the Department's focus on collaborative, community-based solutions to reduce violence and build safer neighborhoods. The District Strategic Plans guide local engagement, ensuring that programming and outreach efforts are tailored to the unique needs and priorities of each community.

Looking ahead, CPD remains committed to deepening these efforts with continued programming, including upcoming Community Training Observation Days, additional gun turn-in events, expanded youth engagement opportunities, and National Night Out in August. By integrating District Strategic Plans into broader Department initiatives, CPD reinforces its mission to strengthen trust, foster open dialogue, and work side by side with residents and community partners to address challenges and build a safer, more equitable Chicago.

The Office of Community Policing is always looking for community members to engage with and collaborate with on its various efforts. If you are interested in working with CPD, please contact OCP by calling 312-745-5900.

Opportunities to get involved and a calendar of upcoming events is available online at <https://home.chicagopolice.org/community-policing-group/>

