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Nearly 100 Probationary Police Officers Being Assigned to New Districts

CHICAGO - Police Superintendent Eddie Johnson announced today that an additional 99 probationary police officers are set to leave the Training Academy next week and are being assigned to districts predominantly on the South and West sides as CPD continues to fight violence.

"Patrol officers are the backbone of the Chicago Police Department and by investing in manpower, technology, equipping our police officers with the newest tools and resources and changing the policy climate to create a culture of accountability for violent offenders, we are fundamentally changing the way we fight crime in Chicago," said Superintendent Eddie Johnson.

Citywide shootings have declined by more than 13% so far in 2017, and 16 of the city's 22 police districts have seen a reduction in shootings so far this year. The three police districts with notable increases in shootings (004, 006 and 025) are all set to receive the largest number of officers in this new deployment.

This new deployment of officers will help the city meet its commitment to grow the size of the police department by nearly 1,000 sworn officers while keeping pace with retirements. More than 400 recruits are currently in training at the police academy, and another new class of 100 police recruits will begin training next week. CPD has also promoted 52 Lieutenants, 142 Sergeants, 266 Detectives and 122 Field Training Officers so far in 2017.

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