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CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR NEW DRAFT POLICIES

CHICAGO — Chicago Police Department (CPD) Superintendent David O. Brown today announced the posting of draft policies that will be open for public comment beginning today for 15 days. The draft policies outline the Department's procedures regarding Religious Interactions, First Amendment Rights and Accountability.

The Religious Interactions policy is the first of its kind for CPD and defines the protocols for Department members to ensure the proper treatment of all individuals of any religion.

"This draft policy is another step forward in our reform efforts to build trust with every community across Chicago," said Superintendent Brown. "We want to make sure that regardless of religion, every single person is respected and treated fairly when interacting with officers."

In addition to the public comment period, CPD partnered with the Council of Religious Leaders of Metropolitan Chicago (CRLMC), a non-profit organization which represents every major religious tradition in the Chicago area, to develop the draft policy.

"The Council appreciates the Department's willingness to work with Chicago's religious leaders and to meet the needs we identified," said CRLMC President Barbara Abrajano. "We agree with Superintendent Brown that community trust is an essential foundation of good policing. This policy is an important step toward building trust between CPD and faith communities in our city."

CPD is also working to incorporate the voices of Chicago's religious communities into the training curriculum for this policy. In addition to the policy development, CRLMC is collaborating with CPD to develop training on the topic of Religious Interactions. This training will be administered to all sworn members through e-learning and within mandatory annual in-service training.

The First Amendment Rights draft policy updates the current policy to include additional input garnered from community members. This draft also strengthens the language to ensure all individuals are afforded their constitutional rights, including during First Amendment protected activities such as demonstrations.

A set of newly developed accountability policies is also open for public comment. These draft policies are organized to provide clarity in the complaint and disciplinary investigations process. This new organization within the policies makes them more accessible and streamlined to the public.

Once the 15-day comment period ends for these policies on May 15, 2022, the input provided by the public will be used to inform the final policies that will be implemented.

The Religious Interactions draft policy is open for public review and comment [HERE](#).

The First Amendment Rights draft policy is open for public review and comment [HERE](#).

The following draft policies related to accountability are open for public review and comment:

- The Command Channel Review draft policy is open for public review and comment [HERE](#).
- The Communications Procedures and Timelines draft policy is open for public review and comment [HERE](#).
- The Conducting Log Number Investigations draft policy is open for public review and comment [HERE](#).
- The Initial Investigatory Responsibilities in Log Number Investigations is open for public review and comment [HERE](#).
- The Investigation Timelines and Benchmarks draft policy is open for public review and comment [HERE](#).
- The Log Number Case Management System draft policy is open for public review and comment [HERE](#).
- The Requirements of a Complete Log Number Investigative File draft policy is open for public review and comment [HERE](#).
- The Supervisor Responsibilities in Log Number Investigations draft policy is open for public review and comment [HERE](#).

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