



# Chicago Police Department District Consolidation

## Why is the Chicago Police Department making these changes?

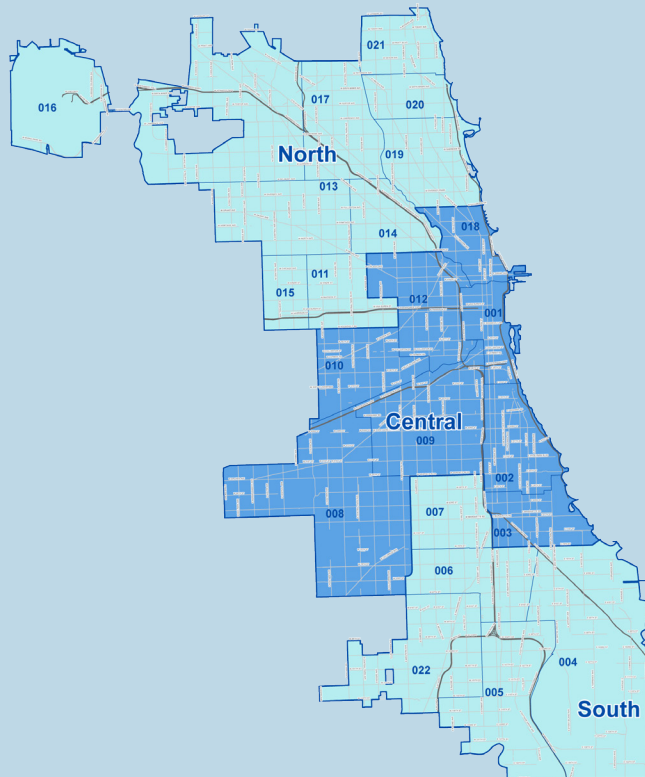
- Major changes to the district structure have not been made in 31 years
  - 025<sup>th</sup> District added in 1980
  - The current structure requires additional layers of bureaucracy
- Currently have 5 Area commands in both the Patrol Bureau and the Detective Bureau
  - Reducing to 3 Area commands requires less bureaucracy and demands increased synergies between neighboring districts.
- Optimized beat structure
  - Old beats were designed around old crime numbers
  - The Department is seizing this opportunity to create new beat structures designed around the changing needs of the community.

## What contributed to this new structure and deciding which districts to close?

- Structure based on a data-driven approach
  - Lower crime rates, small district boundaries, older facilities, and the ability to absorb the consolidations were all factors in making this determination
  - We believe we can provide better police service and in better facilities without overburdening the new consolidated commands.

## What benefit is there to the public?

- More police officers on the street
  - Our frontline officers are the backbone of this Department, and several of our initiatives have focused solely on strengthening our backbone.
  - District consolidations will eliminate the need for redundant administrative functions and provide for the redeployment of those officers who had performed those administrative functions.
- Beat integrity, keeping the same officers assigned to a beat, ensuring that officers remain on the beat and become familiar with residents, allows police officers to proactively address crime and other issues
  - Officers will more effectively recognize what is happening in a community, and more quickly identify strategies to address issues
- Additional resources allow for proactive problem-solving
  - With additional officers being deployed for field duty, district commanders will be able to mobilize additional vehicles.



### Is there any benefit to officers/detectives?

- Newer facilities provide enhanced capacity and tools for officers to perform their jobs
- Streamlined information-sharing between police officers and detectives
  - Less division between districts and areas will result in greater information sharing and efficiencies.
  - New detective structure allows for increased connectivity to the District officers

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### When is this going to take place?

- March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2012

### Will OEMC have what they need to ensure there is no confusion during the changeover?

- The Chicago Police Department has been working with OEMC every step of the way. We will continue to work together to ensure continuity of operations.

### I like my CAPS officer. Will he/she be leaving the district?

- The officers will remain in the consolidated district but the assignment will be determined by the District Commander.

### Will I lose my beat officer?

- Beat officers, the cornerstone of effective policing, will continue to provide the highest level of service and support in every community.
- Beat integrity will continue to promote relationship building with the community, to assist officers as they work to effectively address issues of concern for residents

**Will we lose any officers in our new area?**

- All the officers working in the consolidated area will continue to work within the consolidated areas.

**Will it take longer for police to respond to a call for service?**

- More cars on the street results in faster response to appropriate 911 calls
  - More officers available for assignment will result in additional vehicles at the district commander's discretion.
  - These additional response cars translate to the ability to respond faster.

**What about during shift change? Officers are now coming from a district location that is further away. Won't it take more time for them to get to their beat?**

- There will be no void in coverage on a beat. The Chicago Police Department staggers starting times so coverage is maintained. Additional response officers cover the beat any time a beat car is down on an arrest or otherwise out of service.
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