



# Fact Sheet

City of Chicago / Department of Police • Richard M. Daley, Mayor • Matt L. Rodriguez, Superintendent

## The CAPS Home Page: Community Policing on the Internet

In April 1995, the Chicago Police Department became one of the first police departments in the nation to establish a site on the World Wide Web.

As part of the City of Chicago's *Chicago Mosaic* project, the Police Department created an extensive "home page" that provides Internet users with up-to-date information on Chicago's Alternative Policing Strategy (CAPS) and how they can get involved in this innovative strategy of community-oriented policing.



The CAPS home page offers easy access to information including:

- Messages from both Mayor Daley and Superintendent Matt Rodriguez on the importance of community involvement and technology to policing in Chicago.

*The CAPS home page provides both general information about Chicago's strategy of community policing, as well as specific information on how individual residents can get involved in CAPS.*

- A "What's New" feature that provides up-to-date news on the Police Department and CAPS including monthly homicide reports, press releases and speeches made by the Superintendent, a preview of what's airing on *CrimeWatch '96* (the Department's cable television program), and other timely information of interest to the community.
- Interactive on-line forms which allow community members to report drug activity anonymously and register their bicycles.
- Chicago's "Most Wanted" and "Missing Persons" — photographic galleries of offenders and missing persons.
- "What Is CAPS?" — a description of how CAPS works and how community members can get involved.
- "Know Your District, Know Your Beat" — a link that allows users to pull up a map showing what police district, and what specific police beat, they live in. From this map, users can find out when and where the next "beat community meeting" will be held on their beat, as well as recent CAPS success stories from their district.
- "Make the Right Call" — a primer for community members on the how and when to use 9-1-1, the Police Department's non-emergency number (746-6000), and other mechanisms for contacting the police.
- General descriptive information about the organization and operations of the Chicago Police Department. This link also includes general crime prevention information.

The CAPS Home Page is constantly being updated with fresh information and new features, with approximately 10,000 "hits" a month.



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Chicago Mosaic began as a joint project of the City of Chicago and the National Center for Supercomputing Applications (NCSA) at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. After initial design and implementation by NCSA, the site was moved to the City Department of Management Information Systems, where it is currently maintained.

Along with the CAPS Home Page, Chicago Mosaic includes a multimedia electronic tour guide to Chicago, a directory of all City programs and services, and the capacity to send e-mail to Mayor Ricard M. Daley and feedback to the Chicago Mosaic Project team.

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