



CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Once again, in 1969, the men and women of the Chicago Police Department have shown their dedication to the service of the people of Chicago. The courage, devotion to duty, professional attitude, and loyalty which have been demonstrated by all personnel have given the public an appreciation of the true measure of the Chicago Police Department.

Our Department has grown in stature and reputation because of the efforts of truly dedicated men and women of all ranks. An appreciation of that effort is reflected in the fact that, at the urging of Mayor Richard J. Daley, the salaries of the members of the Department have increased 100% in the past ten years. This coming year will provide another recognition. Additional benefits in the form of allowances for uniforms and medical coverage have been provided us in recent years. We have the opportunity to earn more salary through the Special Employment Program. Only a few days ago, approval was given by Mayor Daley for the payment of overtime wages for emergency duty during the first part of October. This action was one of a number of such in recent years.

We, as the beneficiaries of this recognition, have the obligation to constantly renew our efforts toward making our city a safer one. We have the responsibility to show that we are worthy of the confidence that has been placed in us and the consideration that has been given us. In short, we must continue to warrant the esteem that the people of Chicago have for us.

Ours is a difficult task -- but so are a number of others. We have been provided with the finest of equipment, the most advanced training, and the greatest support by the administration of the city government and the people of the city. It is our obligation, both legally and morally, to reciprocate by delivering the highest possible quality of service to the public. While we have our detractors, we enjoy the good will of the vast majority of the people we serve. It is imperative that we maintain and strengthen that feeling; and it can only be done by continuing, in every way, to attend to our duties, increase and expand our efforts to prevent crime, protect persons and property, and generally strive for an improved professional image.

As Superintendent of Police, I thank you for all the contributions which you have made to law enforcement, to the administration of criminal justice, and to the people of Chicago. I know that you will continue to provide the citizens of our community with the devotion to duty which has become the hallmark of the Chicago Police Department.

To each of you and your families, I wish a happy Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year.


Superintendent of Police