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As I assume the responsibilities of my new job, I want to take this opportunity to express my deep personal commitment to the continued excellence and well-being of our Department and all of its members. I know full well that the proud and professional reputation long enjoyed by the Chicago Police Department is as dependent upon the day-to-day quality service rendered by you as it is upon the administrative policies formulated in this office.

Whenever the top administration of an organization such as ours undergoes change, reverberations are bound to filter through the ranks. Rumors and false information begin to circulate, perhaps creating unnecessary apprehension. I want to assure each and every one of you that I intend to keep the lines of communication open between this office and the members of our Department. I further assure you that your inquiries to Rumor Central regarding the formulation and direction of Department policy under my administration will receive the personal attention of myself and my staff. While I cannot, of course, discuss in advance what command-level changes might be forthcoming, I will make every effort to provide complete and accurate information on the numerous other topics of vital concern to you.

I look forward, in the coming months, to meeting many of you personally. I pledge you my full and continuing support and I ask in return that each of you continue to serve the citizens of Chicago as you always have, to the best of your ability.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Fred Rice'.

Fred Rice  
Superintendent of Police