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In recent years, we have seen a proliferation of substance abuse in our society. Drugs, legal and illegal, are readily accessible to anyone who seeks them. The newspapers abound with accounts of drug abuse by professional athletes, TV and movie personalities and other public figures. Some of us may have experienced personal pain and futility if family members or friends have become involved with drugs. We have all read accounts or heard stories about police officers becoming involved with drugs.

Drug abuse by any segment of society cannot be condoned, especially by police officers. Police officers are the sworn protectors of the law and public order. To carry out their duties as protectors of the public, officers must have physical coordination and unimpaired judgment to react prudently and effectively to the demands of police service.

Officers who abuse drugs violate their oath of office. Illegal drug activity in any form will not be tolerated. When a police officer is found to be using drugs illegally it usually means that he/she has obtained them by illegal means as well.

The abuse of drugs by police officers is abhorrent to all law-abiding citizens as well as police professionals. Any member of the Chicago Police Department found to be engaged in such activities shall be dealt with severely.

In recognition of the frailty of humans, the Chicago Police Department has established the Professional Counseling Office (Phone: 744-5492, Pax 204) to assist with a variety of problems including substance abuse. Anyone with a drug problem is urged to seek this or other professional assistance.

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

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