



## CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT

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### Pax 501, Mission Statement

Because any organization exists for a purpose, it is imperative that its major goals and values be defined in a statement of mission. A mission statement confirms an organizational attitude. From that perspective the organization accomplishes its objectives.

In 1966, Chicago Police Superintendent O.W. Wilson established a statement of mission with his "On This We Stand." In 1975, the goals of the department were restated in the preamble to the department rules and regulations.

Recently, department administrators met in a strategic planning session. For the first time, a mission statement for the department was defined by careful consideration and deliberation of department personnel. Establishing the criteria for our goals and objectives, this mission statement will guide and direct the Chicago Police Department today and into the future.

### Mission Statement

The Chicago Police Department, as part of, and empowered by the community, is committed to protect the lives, property and rights of all people, to maintain order, and to enforce the law impartially.

We will provide quality police service in partnership with the other members of the community.

To fulfill our mission, we will strive to attain the highest degree of ethical behavior and professional conduct at all times.

The Chicago Police Department remains fully committed to vigorously enforce law violations through investigation, arrest, and prosecution. The Mission Statement meets this commitment as well as our shift to a policing strategy in partnership with the community.

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