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Are you aware that colon/rectal cancer is the third most common cancer killer of men and women in the United States? (Lung cancer is the number one cancer killer of men and women; followed by prostate cancer for men and breast cancer for women.)

-6,200 new cases of colon/rectal cancer will be diagnosed in Illinois in 1999.

-2,700 men and women in Illinois will die of colon/rectal cancer this year.

-Your lifetime risk of developing colon/rectal cancer is 1 in 18.

As bleak as these statistics are, COLON/RECTAL CANCER IS PREVENTABLE.

Research has proven that colon/rectal cancer is preventable and that education is the primary step towards eradicating this disease. The Chicago Police Department in a joint effort with the Chicago-based "Stop Colon/Rectal Cancer Foundation" is developing an educational and screening program for our members aimed at preventing future incidents of colon/rectal cancer among our members and their families.

The Department is committed to providing the necessary support to the Foundation in this education and screening project. To this end, the names of 2,000 members will be randomly selected to respond to a "test" self-screening questionnaire. A data base will be developed from the responses to the "test" questionnaire which will then be used to validate the questions to be used in the final self-screening questionnaire. The final self-screening questionnaire will be distributed to all members as part of the educational effort.

Participation by each of the randomly selected members is critical to the success of this project. I ask that each of you support the project throughout its development and participate in this very worthwhile lifesaving effort.

Thank you in advance for your support of this project.

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