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## Thanks for a Job Well Done

The Chicago Police Department and the City of Chicago recently hosted a very important conference. *Beyond the Rhetoric: An International Conference to Confront the Changing Face of Organized Crime* was held at the Hyatt McCormick Place Hotel and Conference Center from August 6-9, 2001. This event attracted national and international attention from members of the law enforcement, business, governmental, educational and legal communities. Approximately 700 participants, representing 33 countries and more than 100 local and federal police agencies across the United States, assembled in our city to build partnerships and develop strategies to address organized crime in the 21st Century.

*Beyond the Rhetoric* was the vision and collaborative effort of many individuals in our organization. In addition to the conference staff who organized, planned and coordinated the event, many more members represented our bureaus and divisions, and played important roles during the daily activities. Everyone involved with the conference worked very hard to make this project a success.

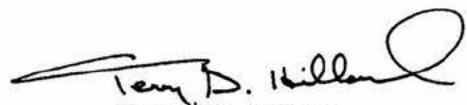
During the past few weeks, I have received many positive comments about our organization from the conference attendees. The overall response was that the professionalism displayed by our members was outstanding. Our conference guests were impressed with the pride each of you displayed in the performance of your job and in your service to our city. Participants also commended our appearance, demeanor and hospitality. As Superintendent, I am especially proud to receive these positive remarks. I am always proud and honored when others acknowledge the good work and actions of our members.

These comments convey the sentiments and observations of the conference participants:

- I just wanted to say how impressed I was with the police officers we met over the course of our stay. Whether showing us their work, guiding us around or driving the cars, they were all so proud of their job and their city, and they made such a good impression on their visitors. It is they whom I shall remember most strongly.  
Kate Collins, Deputy Director General, Organized and International Crime Directorate - London
- You obviously put a great deal of time, thought and effort into making everyone feel extremely well treated. Thank you for inviting me to speak at and participate in your conference: you, your staff, your force, and your city made a wonderful and lasting impression on the attendees.  
David E. Green, Principal Deputy Chief, U.S. Department of Justice
- Congratulations on an outstanding job on the *Beyond the Rhetoric* conference. I'm sure that all the visitors were dazzled by the hospitality shown by you and all the behind-the-scenes people. I know that because most of us 'home grown' guys were dazzled too. Great job!  
016<sup>th</sup> District Commander Michael Atkins

This is just a small sampling of the overwhelmingly positive responses noted in letters and conference evaluation forms. Please know that your efforts made many favorable and lasting impressions.

I want to thank each and every civilian and sworn member of this department for your hard work, exemplary efforts and outstanding representation of the Department during the conference. We demonstrated to the world that the Chicago Police Department is a pro-active law enforcement agency, committed to addressing problems posed by criminal organizations in the 21st Century. We also demonstrated that the members of the Chicago Police Department strive to set the standard for law enforcement professionals worldwide. To each and every one of you, thank you for a job well done.

  
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