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Over the years, the Chicago Police Department has increased its efforts to build community relationships and reduce crime. Because of the continued commitment from you — the men and women of the Department — we have been extremely successful. Law enforcement agencies across the country and around the world are examining Chicago's crime reduction strategies. They want to know the reason that crime in Chicago continues to decline while almost everywhere else, crime rates are going up.

Superintendent Philip Cline provided great leadership to this Department. Collectively, we honor his years of service and applaud his accomplishments. Chicago is a decidedly safer city because of his vision and leadership.

As a Department, we must continue our efforts to set new goals, confront new challenges and set higher standards. We must continue to work together to effectively combat the problems that gangs, guns and drugs bring to our communities. Neighborhoods become safer when we all work together toward a common goal. To that end, I will implement new strategies and improve accountability standards. We will only continue to be successful, if we work as a team.

Our main focus continues to be making Chicago a safe place to live - where every child and adult feels valued; where violence is replaced with understanding; and where all of the men and women of the Chicago Police Department, who risk their lives everyday to make that dream come true, are also safe. As interim Superintendent, my pledge to you is to provide you with as much support as I can in order for you to do your job well.

Thank you for your dedication, your integrity and your commitment to the citizens of Chicago. It truly is an honor and a privilege to walk and ride the streets of our City together with you. Please stay safe.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dana V. Starks".

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Interim Superintendent of Police