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We ended the month of February with a 3.4 percent increase in overall crime, which included a 14.9 percent increase in murders. Many of the districts showed significant decreases in all crime categories, and our efforts to reduce violent crime continues to achieve positive results. But more needs to be done so that crime in every district is down.

Protecting victims and saving lives in every community is a tough job, but we must never become complacent. We must improve what we do on every level, because reductions in violent crime reflect the true dedication and commitment from the more than 13,500 hard working, men and women of the Chicago Police Department.

Despite our progress, there are still too many shootings. Aggravated batteries increased 8.5 percent. Reducing gang violence and removing dangerous weapons off the streets is our greatest challenge. But we must continue to be strategic and focused by preventing shootings and lowering crime in whatever form it takes.

Everyday police officers are in high crime beats and are doing a great job improving the quality of life all over the City. Know that your efforts are not going unnoticed. I realize that some of the districts may be understaffed, but be assured that I am committed to getting you the support you need. First Deputy Superintendent Jackson and Deputy Superintendent Cuello are working to get you more boots on the ground. This is a top priority and you have my word that I am committed to making it happen.

I want to personally thank all of you for a job well done. The Department's goals and achievements in fighting crime would not be possible without your daily perseverance and your willingness to strengthen our ongoing efforts to reduce crime.

Keep up the good work, stay safe, and stay focused on the mission.

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