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ST. JUDE MEMORIAL MARCH

Every year on the first Sunday in May, the Chicago Police Department recognizes one of its oldest and proudest traditions, honoring those who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

This year marks the 79th Anniversary of the March and the St. Jude Police League will once again honor our fallen police officers. Members of the law enforcement community will gather and march at the Gold Star Families Memorial and Park.

As Interim Superintendent, I am honored to once again take part in this tradition and encourage all participants and their families to take a moment to reflect upon the 557 heroes whose names are inscribed on the Memorial's sacred wall.

2010 was a difficult year for Chicago Police Officers and their families. We lost five officers in the line of duty, and their deaths will cast a particular pall over the St. Jude March this year. But the Gold Star Families will take comfort in our support on this special Sunday. Just as 2010 was a reminder to all Chicago's residents what a difficult and dangerous job our men and women perform each and every day, let this year's March be a reminder to the Gold Star Families that we laud their loved ones' sacrifices and honor their memories.

I invite all of you to join us on Sunday, May 1st, at Solidarity and Museum Campus Drives, where Department members will assemble on Solidarity Drive in preparation for the March. Extended family members and friends are welcome to view the March from the west side of Museum Drive, across from the Park (see attached map).

The March will proceed south on Museum Campus Drive to Waldron Drive and step off promptly at 0800 hours. Department members are advised to arrive by 0700 hours. Immediately at the conclusion of the March, there will be a brief 15 minute interfaith service presented by the Chicago Police Department Chaplain's Unit. Department members and guests are invited to attend this service.

Complimentary parking for police personnel and families attending the St. Jude Memorial March will be available in the Waldron Deck parking Garage, the South lot of Soldier Field, or the North Garage of Soldier Field. A traffic detail will be assigned to direct you to the parking.

All traffic will exit Lake Shore Drive at 18th St. or McFetridge Drive for parking.

I encourage everyone to remember and support other police events during National Police Month. The Run to Remember 2011 supports the Mission Beyond the Memorial and kicks off at 0800 hours on Saturday, April 30th at the Gold Star Families Memorial and Park. Illinois salutes its fallen officers on May 5th in Springfield, and the National Law Enforcement Officers' Memorial in Washington, D.C. will have a Wreath Laying Ceremony at Arlington Cemetery and a Candlelight Vigil at the Police Memorial on May 13th, and on May 15th there is the 30th Annual National Peace Officers Memorial Day Services at the United States Capitol Building.

Let's honor these selfless men and women and never forget their courage. I look forward to joining you and your families on Sunday morning, May 1st, to remember all of those who have served and sacrificed in making our city safer.

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