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2014 Career Opportunities

The future and success of any organization lies within its ranks, and CPD is no different. Everything undertaken over the past two and a half years is designed to help the Department build upon itself as a dynamic organization today, tomorrow and for years to come.

Opportunities for promotion and continued professional growth create a stronger Department, enhancing knowledge and abilities. For years there were far too few of these opportunities and I, along with the leadership of the Department, are working to change that.

Over the past 16 months, there have been promotions made to every rank in the Department. In 2013 alone, the Department saw the first new class of detectives promoted in five years and the first Sergeant's exam administered in over seven years.

Still, many of you joined the Chicago Police Department with the hope of serving in specialized law enforcement roles. Maybe you dream of becoming a canine handler or an explosive technician. Perhaps your ultimate goal is to patrol the shoreline of Lake Michigan in our Marine and Helicopter Unit. There are vast career opportunities within our Department. For years those opportunities were not within reach but, today, I am happy to announce we are making them a real possibility for you.

Beginning this month, and continuing throughout 2014, application processes will be announced for the following positions: Mounted Unit Officer, Marine Officer, Canine Handler, Explosive Technician, SWAT Team Member, and SWAT Team Sergeant.

Please do not wait until the application periods open to prepare for these career opportunities. Start now. These rewarding assignments require physical and mental stamina as well as specialized knowledge. The effort you put forth may help to distinguish you from the crowd and achieve your goals within the Department.

For those of you who have taken the first part of the Sergeant's exam, I congratulate you on your commitment and I urge you to continue to prepare for the next portion. Your efforts will be revealed in the final results.

I would like to thank all of you, at every rank, for your continued dedication. You are the driving force behind the progress we are making to make our great City a safer place for everyone. You exceed expectations and demonstrate outstanding professionalism at every turn. With your continued hard work, we will build upon today's successes and continue to serve and protect our communities.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Garry F. McCarthy".

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