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A MESSAGE FROM SUPERINTENDENT JOHNSON ON DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE VISITS

This week representatives from the Department of Justice (DOJ) conducted additional visits to various units and districts within the Chicago Police Department. DOJ will return for additional visits as their investigation into the Department's policies and practices continues. Thank you to everyone for your continued cooperation and assistance with the DOJ interviews, ride-alongs and observations. The DOJ representatives have commented on the professionalism and courtesy they have received from officers throughout all levels in the Department.

The Department has welcomed the DOJ investigation as a means to improve our policies and the implementation of those policies. We are committed to fully cooperate with the DOJ "pattern or practice" investigation throughout all levels and all functions of the Department.

I'd like to remind everyone that the DOJ's investigation does not target specific individuals, but that the DOJ review is of the Department's policies and practices. Their effort is not directed at any individual employee. Any interviews requested on the behalf of the DOJ are based on the availability of regularly scheduled officers, and not for the specific actions or behavior of any individual. The DOJ representatives are allowed to speak with any member of the Department and that member should respond. A Department member may speak with a DOJ representative privately and confidentially without a City representative. City of Chicago attorneys will continue to be available should any Department member request one during any conversation with the DOJ and, if requested, will assist a member in preparing for an interview.

Thank you again and stay safe.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Eddie T. Johnson".

Eddie T. Johnson
Superintendent of Police