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A MESSAGE FROM SUPERINTENDENT JOHNSON

As you are all aware, last night a police involved shooting occurred in which an offender was fatally wounded and another, who was not hit, was taken into custody for multiple offenses. While the chronology of events is complex and still under review by the Department and IPRA, I have reviewed the preliminary information of our on-scene detectives and am left with more questions than answers. As IPRA's investigation continues, I have requested a methodical, fact-based review of the evidence and let the specific timeline and facts of the incident tell the story. Given what we know thus far, it appears that departmental policies may have been violated. Therefore, I have decided to relieve two of the officers who discharged their weapons of their police powers and be assigned to administrative positions pending the outcome of IPRA's investigation and our internal review.

I have been a police officer for nearly thirty years and I am the first one to publicly acknowledge that policing isn't easy. There is a tremendous amount of commitment, courage, and sacrifice that goes into being a police officer. Everyday you risk your life, make split second decisions, and rely on the training you received to keep communities safe, protect yourself and your partner, and stay true to the oath that we all took. With every decision I make as Superintendent, I keep these truths in mind to be fair to you as officers, and to every Chicagoan.

Back in March when I became Superintendent, I made a promise that I would hold this Department to the same professional and moral standards that I hold for myself. As such, I guide this agency with the heartfelt belief that every officer deserves due process for the review of their split second decisions and that every Chicagoan deserves to be treated with professionalism and respect.

I understand that you may have questions regarding my decision and as many of you have already done, I invite you to contact me at AskHQ@ChicagoPolice.org.

Thank you and stay safe.

Eddie T. Johnson
Superintendent of Police

