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**Message from Interim Superintendent John J. Escalante on Department of Justice Site Visits**

Good Evening Everyone,


Next week, representatives of the US Department of Justice (DOJ) will be visiting the Department to observe District operations, conduct ride-alongs and engage individual members in conversation about a typical day at the CPD. This is strictly related to the ongoing review of the Department's patterns and practice investigation. To be clear, the federal review does not target any specific officer or unit but is a holistic look at the Department as a whole. Below is the tentative schedule:

Monday, 14 March, 22nd District at 0900 hrs.  
Tuesday, 15 March, 6th District at 0900 hrs.  
Wednesday, 16 March, 18th District at 0900 hrs.

Attorneys from Legal Affairs will be present at the respective districts to act as a resource to the Department and to facilitate the DOJ effort. We anticipate that the DOJ representatives will all be attorneys, not their subject matter experts (e.g., out-of-town police chiefs, etc). They will meet with the Commander or Executive Officer first and then be provided a tour of the facility, including the lock-up if operational. The DOJ representatives are allowed to speak with any member of the Department and the member may respond. Attorneys will be available should a Department member wish them present during any conversation. A member may talk with the DOJ representatives privately and confidentially, without a City representative present. Additionally, a future interview may be set up by the member.

The DOJ representatives will conduct ride-alongs from the early 3rd watch roll call and may continue into 1<sup>st</sup> watch. There will be two DOJ representatives in each patrol car, to lessen the impact on field operations. Staff from Legal Affairs or Commander Buslik's office (Department of Justice Liaison) will provide ride-along waivers to the Districts for the DOJ representatives. Standard ride-along protocols will apply, including obtaining a bullet-resistant vest from CPIC.

Sincerely,

  
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