

DISTRICT COUNCIL 001
COMMUNITY COMMISSION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Meeting Type: Regular

Meeting Date: April 14, 2026

Meeting Location: Maggie Daley Park Fieldhouse

Meeting Start Time: 6:04 PM

Attendees: CPD Commander Mannion, Captain Shoshi, & 15 Community Members

District Council Member Attendance

Name	Role	Present	Remote	Absent
Sarah Kammerer	Chair	☒	☐	☐
Adrienne Johnson	Nominator	☒	☐	☐
Jamie Brown	Community Engagement	☒	☐	☐

Quorum Met*: Yes

* In compliance with the Open Meetings Act (OMA), meetings require at least two members physically present to proceed.

Approval of Minutes

- N/A

Public Comment

Jack C.: Noted that the approaching summer months typically bring an increase in quality-of-life concerns in the First District. He encouraged the council to proactively address these issues now and maintain that focus through the summer and into the fall.

Jeff A.: Asked when the position would prioritize actions benefiting taxpayers over those perceived as favoring individuals engaged in criminal activity. He attributed the recent murder of a police officer to the SAFE-T Act and urged leadership to advocate for its repeal with the same level of intensity applied to other public safety efforts.

District Council Updates

Sarah Kammerer, Chair

- DC Overview:
 - District Boundaries: Defined as the Chicago River South to 31st Street and from Lake Michigan to the highway.

- Role is to facilitate dialogue between the community and police to build trust, accountability, and transparency. Stressed the importance of community feedback.
- Engagement Methods: Encouraged participation through monthly public meetings, community events, feedback forms, and direct communication (emails, phone calls, informal meetings)
- Asked attendees to facilitate introductions
- Encouraged attendees to attend CAPS meetings for neighborhood-level community policing updates
- Reminded community that District Council members are able to connect via email and feedback form (QR code available) and for phone calls and in-person meetings.
- Reminded attendees that we are only as strong as the people we talk with and to please always feel free to make introductions and invite us into your communities. The DC is a resource for you. Noted the council's term is in its final year; elections upcoming
- Activities: LSE Presidents Group monthly meetings, Chicago Loop Alliance Public Safety Group, and other stakeholder meetings, community and building events
- Common Trends and Concerns
 - Pedestrian Safety
 - Public Nuisance
 - Homelessness
 - CTA Safety

Adrienne Johnson, Nominating Committee

- No updates provided at this meeting
- Thanked Commander Mannion for presenting the District Strategic Plan and for always being accessible

Jamie Brown, Community Engagement

- No updates provided at this meeting

Presentations

CPD Commander Mannion and Captain Shoshi presented the 001st District 2026 Strategic Plan Quarterly Report.

- The strategic plan was developed through five community meetings held across different geographic areas of the district and also incorporated information gathered through the year in CAPS and other community meetings.
- Three priority problem areas were identified:

- North end (10th Sector): Quality-of-life issues, including homelessness and disorderly conduct. Two dedicated officers are assigned daily to connect unhoused individuals to services.
- Central area (Roosevelt to State, near the CTA Red Line): Quality-of-life concerns, reckless behavior, and disorderly conduct.
- South end (30th Sector): Vehicle theft, general theft, and criminal damage to vehicles.
- Vehicle theft: Delivery drivers leaving keys in vehicles were identified as a major contributing factor. Incidents are concentrated in private parking lots near 8th and Wells, with peak activity between 3:00–6:00 AM. Overnight patrol extensions have been deployed.
- Criminal damage: Multiple incidents of vehicle windows being smashed without apparent intent to steal.
- Street takeovers and loud vehicles: A dedicated “car caravan” team is working to disrupt activity. CPD is limited by pursuit policy when vehicles flee by running red lights. City Council has authorized vehicle impoundment for offenders. A recent incident occurred at 22nd and Michigan.
- Shoplifting: Significant reductions have been achieved because retailers are increasingly cooperating with CPD by signing complaints and coordinating with loss prevention teams. In addition, the Cook County State’s Attorney’s Office is prosecuting qualifying cases at the felony level. The Cook County Sheriff’s Office is also assisting with enforcement and outreach in the district.
- Postal and package theft: Mailboxes have been broken into, and a master key was reported stolen near Soldier Field. CPD is coordinating with U.S. Postal Inspectors and the Bureau of Detectives. Postal Inspectors are also providing roll call training to officers. Residents are encouraged to coordinate with neighbors for secure package retrieval.
- Cook County Sheriff’s Office: Operates as a partner agency, assisting CPD on 911 calls. The office has conducted targeted missions in the South Loop.
- 911 response times: The First District consistently ranks among the top three citywide in call volume. Residents are encouraged to clearly communicate urgency, whether an incident is in progress, and any mental health concerns to support appropriate prioritization.
- Manpower: The district receives officers who have recently graduated from the Police Academy on 90-day rotation cycles. The Critical Incident Response Team, under Commander Ackerman, provides additional support for large events and targeted operations.

Next Meeting Details

- **Date:** May 3, 2025 6 PM
- **Location:** Williams Park Fieldhouse, 2820 S State Street

Meeting Adjourned: 6:51 PM