

19th

POLICE DISTRICT COUNCIL

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**Monthly Meeting - Monday, February 23rd
Uptown Church**



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COMMUNITY COMMISSION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND ACCOUNTABILITY



Agenda

- Roll Call
- Votes
- Public Announcements
- Public Discussion on Trends and Concerns
- CCPSA Updates
- District Council Member Updates
- Presentation & Discussion:
 - **Community Violence Interruption**
- Public Comment
- Reminders & Calls to Action
- Announcement of Next Meeting(s)

Votes

Public Announcements

Welcoming Community Groups

- If you are a part of a community group in the 19th District, please let us know:
 - Who you are, your position within the group
 - About any events coming up
 - How can neighbors reach you



Public Discussion on Trends and Concerns

Thought Starters for Group Discussion

- **On your daily route (to the CTA, work, or school), what is one specific change you've noticed lately that either increased your sense of safety or gave you pause?**
- **If you could redirect one safety resource to a specific 'trouble spot' you pass, what is the location, and would the best solution be an officer, a social worker, or a civilian team?**
- **What is one non-police improvement—like better lighting, youth programs, or mental health services—that would solve a safety concern on your block before it requires a 911 call?**

Public Safety Trends & Community Priorities

Robberies/Carjackings

- 700 block of West Waveland Murder: Per a statement issued by 46th Ward Ald. Angela Clay, “according to preliminary information, detectives are investigating what appears to have been a carjacking that resulted in a fatality.” As of 2/21/26, [CPD has made 2 arrests](#) resulting in murder charges in this case and a related murder on the South Side.
- Robberies have seen an 8% increase through week 7 of 2026 compared to same time period last year

Violent Crime Remains Flat Despite Robbery Spike

- While robberies are up, overall violent crime victimizations remains down 23% through week 7 compared to same time period last year; down 22% 2026-2023

Public Safety Trends & Community Priorities

Public Safety Report												
District 19			Week 07				District Reports					
Report Covering the Week of 09-Feb-26 Through 15-Feb-26												
	Last 7 Days			Last 28 Days			Year to Date			2 Yr.	3 Yr.	4 Yr.
	2026	2025	% Chg	2026	2025	% Chg	2026	2025	% Chg	% Chg	% Chg	% Chg
CRIME COMPLAINTS												
MURDER	1	0	0%	1	0	0%	1	0	0%	0%	0%	-67%
CRIM SEXUAL ASSLT	0	4	-100%	7	10	-30%	11	18	-39%	-31%	-8%	22%
ROBBERY	5	3	67%	18	9	100%	28	26	8%	-42%	-15%	47%
AGG BATTERY	2	2	0%	9	9	0%	16	18	-11%	-38%	-27%	100%
BURGLARY	7	7	0%	13	44	-70%	28	73	-62%	-56%	-59%	-47%
THEFT	61	78	-22%	268	326	-18%	439	565	-22%	-21%	-9%	12%
MTR VEHICLE THEFT	9	11	-18%	39	53	-26%	68	71	-4%	-9%	-51%	15%
TOTAL	85	105	-19%	355	451	-21%	591	771	-23%	-25%	-22%	9%
SHOOTING INCIDENT	1	0	0%	2	0	0%	2	0	0%	100%	100%	0%
HISTORICAL COMPARISON												
	2026	2025	2024	2023	2022	% Change 2026 - 2025	% Change 2026 - 2024	% Change 2026 - 2023	% Change 2026 - 2022			
MURDER	1	0	0	0	3	0%	0%	0%	0%	-67%		
CRIM SEXUAL ASSLT	11	18	16	12	9	-39%	-31%	-8%	22%			
ROBBERY	28	26	48	33	19	8%	-42%	-15%	47%			
AGG BATTERY	16	18	26	22	8	-11%	-38%	-27%	100%			
BURGLARY	28	73	64	68	53	-62%	-56%	-59%	-47%			
THEFT	439	565	554	483	391	-22%	-21%	-9%	12%			
MTR VEHICLE THEFT	68	71	75	138	59	-4%	-9%	-51%	15%			
TOTAL	591	771	783	756	542	-23%	-25%	-22%	9%			

Source: [CPD Compstat Report](#)

CCPSA Updates

Update from January 2026

- COPA Chief Administrator Selection
 - On 1/29/2026, the CCPSA voted unanimously to nominate **LaKenya White** to serve as COPA Chief Administrator. Ms. White is currently the Interim Chief Administrator. She has almost 25 years of experience working in civilian oversight of the police department.
- CPD interactions with federal immigration enforcement
 - CCPSA continues to work on this issue after prompting by District Councilors and the public.
 - **On 2/26/26**, the CCPSA's meeting will include **COPA Administrator White and Deputy Inspector General for Public Safety Tobara Richardson** to discuss existing CPD policies and procedures, training, oversight, and accountability systems designed to ensure compliance with the Welcoming City Ordinance and relevant CPD directives.
 - The discussion will aim to identify whether changes to laws, policies, procedures, training, or accountability measures may be warranted in response to community concerns.

CCPSA Strategic Priorities 2026

The Commission approved seven **strategic priorities** to guide their work in 2026.

Improving **CPD Clearance Rates**

Advancing Best Practices in **Community Policing**

Strengthening **Officer Wellness Programs**

Finalizing the **Traffic Stop Policy** and Incorporating it Into the Consent Decree

Strengthening Policy and Accountability Around **CPD's Interactions with Federal Immigration Enforcement**

Advancing Proactive, **Community-Based Public Safety Strategies**, Including Partnerships Beyond the Police Department

Improving **Police Misconduct Investigations**

Update from January 2026

Annual Performance Goals: Commissioners established specific 2026 goals and progress milestones for:

- [CPD Superintendent](#)
- COPA Chief
- Police Board President

District Council Member Updates

Workforce Allocation Study

Timeline Update: The Police Department has posted an [executive summary of the Workforce Allocation study](#). The full report is forthcoming.

High Level Findings:

- **Real and uneven staffing pressures** across the department; meaning deployment of officers and **workload vary widely by area and unit**
- There are substantial **opportunities for civilianization** within the Department

Recommendations:

- Shift 400 current officer positions to **civilian staff** so officers can focus on core policing functions
- Hire 120 **new sworn officers**
- Increase **patrol sergeant staffing** to reach appropriate ratios for unity of command and span of control
- **Geographic changes** to some patrol deployment (no shifts in district boundaries)

Workforce Allocation Study

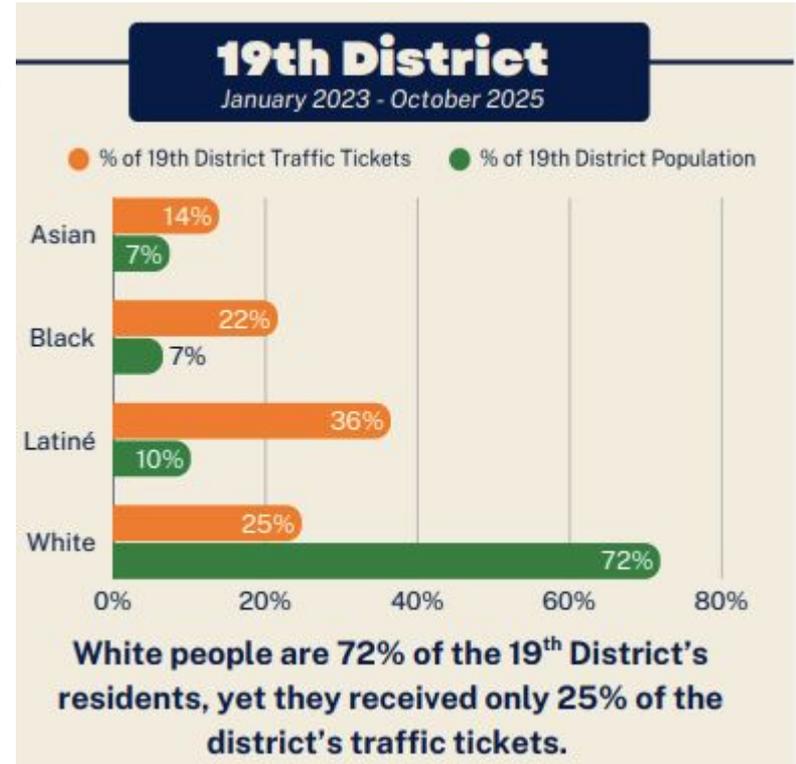
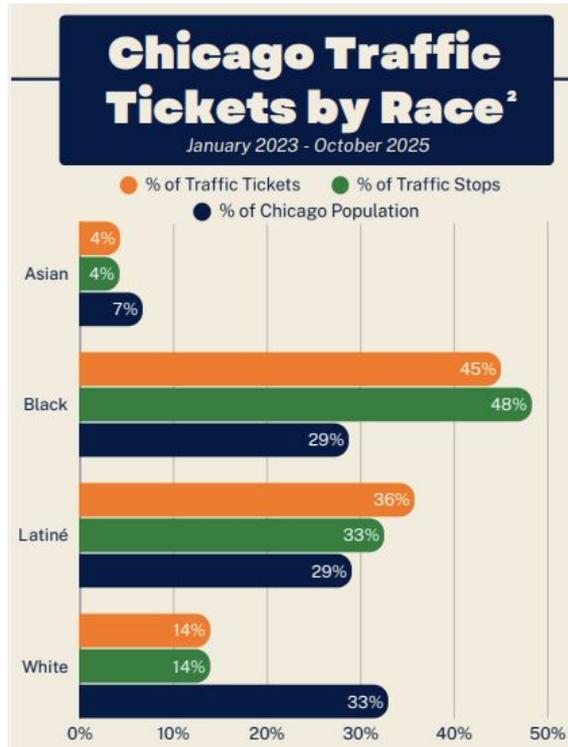
Next Steps from CPD:

- This is a **multi-year transformational initiative**, it will take time to implement recommendations from the plan
- CPD plans to **evaluate feasibility, labor impacts**, and **budget implications** of recommendations

Free2Move: Traffic Stop Fact Sheet

Only 6.6% of traffic stops result in a ticket.

Huge disparities in who is being pulled over across the city – especially here in the 19th District.



Parking Alternative Response Teams (PART)

Update from 2/19/26 Interdepartmental Meeting:

Departments in Attendance: Chicago Police Department, Department of Finance, Office of Emergency Management and Communications, Community Commission for Public Safety and Accountability, City Comptroller, Alderman Martin, Mayor's Office

Area of Consensus: This pilot is a good idea and people want to see it move forward.

Point of Disagreement: The types of parking violations the pilot program should address.

Next Steps:

- Make decision around which parking violations to include in the ordinance
- Finalize dispatch process
- Identify a funding source to seed the ordinance
- Pass ordinance (first in Public Safety Committee then in City Council)

Parking Alternative Response Teams (PART)

Parking Violation 1 (PV1): Obstruction to traffic or immediate hazard (e.g., blocking a fire hydrant, parking in a bus stop, crosswalk, handicap space).

Parking Violation 2 (PV2): Less serious, generally non-hazardous violations (e.g., expired meter, street cleaning, residential permit issues)

Some Departments want the pilot to include PV2s but NOT PV1s.

19th District Data on 911 calls for service*:

	Immediate Dispatch	Rapid Dispatch	Routine Dispatch	Total	Percent of PV calls
PV1	4	16	4,379	4,399	68.6%
PV2	0	1	2,015	2,016	31.4%

*OIG Calls for Service Dashboard (1/29/25 - 1/31/26)

Parking Alternative Response Teams (PART)

Department concerns with including PV1:

- PV1s could result in a tow, and CPD is only department that can write a tow case.
- Police are already out driving in the community.
- Dept. of Finance does not have access to LEADS to run license plates
- Responding to parking tickets helps police build relationships with community.
- Police could be there if things turn dangerous.

Reasons to consider including PV1:

- Parking Enforcement Aides (PEA) already safely write tickets for PV1s (although do not initiate vehicle removal).
- 19DC analysis indicates that less than 0.05% of parking violation calls between 2022-2024 involved a violent or potentially violent situation.
- Public would appreciate a faster response time, which is good for building trust in government.
- Most 911 parking calls are for PV1s.

Some outstanding questions:

- Could some PV1 calls be suitable for PEAs, if not all?
- How many PV1 calls actually result in a tow?

All parties will continue to discuss appropriate solutions.

CCPSA Nomination Process

- The **District Council Nominating Committee** is considering applications submitted to serve on the CCPSA to fill 3 upcoming vacancies.
- **More than 50 Chicagoans** applied to during the application period.
 - Includes **17 youth candidates** and **21 Northside Candidates**
- The Committee will conduct interviews of top candidates over the coming weeks.
- The Committee will vote on nominations **March 7**



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Community Partnership Plan: Monthly Update and Discussion

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Summary of Progress



[Link to
CPP Found
here](#)

	Last Month	This Month	Delta
In Progress	16	16	0
Ongoing	4	4	0
Completed	29	29	0
Total In Progress/ Ongoing/ Completed	49	49	0
Total Goals	54	54	0
	% In Progress/ Ongoing/ Completed	91%	

Presentation & Discussion: Community Violence Interruption

Ways to Optimize Use of Our Police

Proper Officer
Allocation

Increased
Civilianization
Rate

Better Use of
Technology

Improved
Officer
Wellness

Implementation
of Alternative
Response

**These factors can help CPD focus more on serious crime
and building trust with the community**

CVI in Local News

- Gun violence has declined significantly across West Side neighborhoods.
- Success is credited to community-led intervention and street outreach programs.
- Recent federal budget cuts have eliminated millions in violence prevention funding.
- Program leaders warn these cuts jeopardize the area's recent safety progress.

Gun Violence Down On West Side, But Prevention Groups Say Success Is Threatened By Trump Cuts

The city's major decrease in murders and shootings in 2025 was led by a small group of community areas primarily on the West and South sides. New efforts helped violence prevention groups achieve that success, but the gains could be undone by Trump budget cuts.



By Michael Liprot

February 9, 2026



Credibility: Original Reporting On the Ground Sources Cited



Chicago Police officers respond to a fatal shooting in the 2400 block of West 23rd Street in Little Village on Jan. 20, 2026. Credit: Colin Boyle/Block Club Chicago

[Source](#)

Communities Partnering 4 Peace

Guest Speaker:

- Darrell Dacres, Program Manager,
& 20th Police District Councilor

Community Conversation Norms

- **Lead with respect.** Address ideas, not people.
- **Use “I” statements.** Speak from your experience, not assumptions.
- **Land the plane.** Keep comments focused and concise so others can speak.
- **Listen to understand.** Not just respond.
- **Stay on topic.**

Guiding Questions - Self

- Who are the people you trust to help de-escalate a tense situation around you? Why?
- Growing up, who in your community had the authority to “step in” before something escalated?

Guiding Questions - Community

- What places in your community naturally bring people together?
Which places create tension?
- What local strengths already exist here that could prevent violence?
- Why might a community member be able to calm a situation in ways police, teachers, or parents sometimes cannot?

Guiding Questions - Future

- What relationships should exist between community members and violence interrupters?
- What can you do to help spread awareness of CVI's impact, success, challenges, and funding opportunities?

Public Comment

Public Comment - Rules & Follow Up

Rules of Engagement

- 2 min/speaker = ~10 speakers (typically 20 minutes total)
- Request to make public comment must be submitted within 30-minutes of start of meeting
- Order of speakers randomly selected
- No disruption of speakers
- No harassment or disrespect will be tolerated (zero tolerance policy)

Follow Up

- District Councilors and staff will take official minutes of public comments made
- District Councilors may address comments in real time or may follow up with community member at a later time

2-Minutes per Speaker



Reminders & Calls to Action

Thank you to our hosts!

Next Meeting:

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**Wednesday, March 18th
6:30 p.m.
Sulzer Library
4455 N Lincoln Ave.**