

Violent Crime Advisory Council Meeting

Minutes from September 6th, 2024

Attendance: Chief Mitchell Davis, Eddie Lopez, Dr. Jaleel Abdul-Adil, Celia Colon, Dr. Kim Miiller, Gloria Hicks, SA Rhinehart, Kathy Daniher, Melissa Ellison, Erica Katava. Rep. Norine Hammond, Vickie Smith

Absent: Dr. Derrick Gordon Booth, Dr. Tony Salaam, Rep. Gordon-Booth

Agenda

Welcome and Attendance

Approval of Minutes March 1st, 2024 (1st: Chief Davis, 2nd, Dr. Miiller)

Updates from Crime Victims and Violence Prevention Bureau

- Christelle Perez shared information around the following trainings: Crime Victims Rights and Address Confidentiality Program. She provided information as to how to access these trainings
- Christelle Perez announced that Crime Victims Compensation trainings will be posted on the ILAG website at the end of the year and will have important updates

Presentation #1: Chief Antoinette Ursitti, Bureau of Detectives, Chicago Police Department.
Sergeant Pete Medina, Bureau of Detectives, Chicago Police Department.

- Chief Ursitti and Sgt. Medina shared information on the Family Liaison Officer initiative, which provides support for the families of homicide victims in the Chicago Police Department. They discussed their efforts to support survivors through community engagement events and a Gun Violence Survivor Leadership Network, which regularly convenes survivors to help inform strategies within CPD to best support individuals affected by violence.

Presentation #2: Chief Mitchell Davis III, Hazel Crest Police Department

- Chief Davis has played a pivotal role in Juvenile Justice Councils, which are tasked with creating proactive programs and resources to divert youth from entering the juvenile justice system. For eight years, he served as a founding member and Chairman of the Southland Juvenile Justice Council. This council focuses on diverting juveniles in south suburban Cook County from the criminal justice system, emphasizing rehabilitation over incarceration. He also discussed the importance of early childhood education as a preventive measure against future criminal behavior, highlighting the importance of addressing root causes early in a child's development. Under his leadership, the Hazel Crest Police Department has prioritized community engagement and the development of programs aimed at providing alternatives to detention for at-risk youth, focusing on rehabilitation and support.

Public Commentary

- None

Meeting Adjourned