



The safety of 19th Ward families, and all who visit our community will always be my top priority. With that in mind, I want to inform you that the Chicago Police Department has procedures in place to deal with any incidents that may occur as a result of the Van Dyke trial verdict.

As the trial concludes and a verdict is reached, I will continue to maintain regular communication with the Commander Harmon and top CPD officials, as well as the Chicago Public Schools' Office of Safety & Security. When the Chicago Police Department has information to share with the public, I will distribute it immediately through my email newsletter and social media.

Beginning Thursday, October 4th, there are operational plans being put in place by CPD Superintendent Johnson. All days off will be cancelled until further notice and there will be a significant increase in CPD presence in Beverly, Morgan Park and Mount Greenwood. Special attention will be added for critical infrastructures, including schools, churches and retail areas. At this time, I must stress the importance of being a good neighbor and remaining vigilant. As always, please call 9-1-1 if you observe any suspicious behavior.

In the coming days, I will continue to work closely with law enforcement and community leaders to ensure the safety of our great neighborhood. Thank you for your cooperation as we navigate this situation. Working together we will keep our community strong and safe.

Sincerely,

Matthew J. O'Shea
Alderman, 19th Ward
