

MEMORANDUM

TO: Chicago Police Department
FROM: Community Commission for Public Safety and Accountability
SUBJECT: Summary of Feedback on Draft G01-11 from District Councilors
DATE: June 12, 2024

Purpose

This memorandum provides feedback gathered from District Councilors of CCPSA regarding draft General Order 01-11, as presented by the Chicago Police Department on April 18, 2024. By June 17, the Commission will provide the Department with its comments and recommendations pursuant to Municipal Code of Chicago 2-80-110. The following collection of general feedback provides a larger list of considerations for follow-up as the Commission engages with District Councils and community members on G01-11. The Commission respectfully requests that the Department provide information in response to the feedback listed below before the Commission commences its public comment session on a final draft of G01-11. If possible, please respond to the items in the left column using the empty cells on the right column in the table below.

Feedback and Responses

1. More Structure to Record Requests	
District Councilors have requested more accountability around record requests. They would like to strengthen their ability to effectively access information as well as their ability to provide constituents with clear information on the status of a request. They also would like more clarification on the types of requests they can make.	
Establish timed follow-up and status update requirements on requests, including written responses for unmet requests, notice if a request is outside CPD’s scope, and notice if a requested record is already publicly available. (The current draft says requestors “may” be informed.)	
Make the tracking status of a record request more visible to the requestor or create a publicly	

viewable inventory of all requests from District Councilors.	
Broaden the request system to include requests for information, data, and answers to questions, not just requests for records.	
Provide guidance on what types of records District Councilors can and cannot obtain from CPD (e.g., overtime disclosures, personnel records, crime stats). Also establish expectations for the thoroughness of responses.	
2. Communication with Area	
District Councilors have requests provisions establishing a line of communication between District Councils and Area leadership. Councilors wish to have easier access to information on criminal investigations and crime patterns that Area personnel may be better positioned to provide than District leadership. A line of communication may help Councilors provide updates to constituents or prompt Area personnel to respond to a constituent question.	
Establish a regular cadence of meetings between District Councils and the Area representative or provide Councils with an Area point of contact.	
Improve communications between Area and District leadership to ensure District leadership are well positioned to address District Council inquiries.	
Require Area representatives to provide presentations a certain number of times per year at a District Council meeting at the request of the Council.	
3. More structure to District reports	
District Councilors have requested more information about the function of the reports, more specificity on its frequency, and more participation by District Councils in the creation of the reports.	
Add more information on the purpose and function of the report, the report's recipients and uses, etc.	
Make the report either every other month, quarterly, or semi-annual. Provide a more specific cadence than "periodic".	

Provide District Councils with the opportunity to review the reports, provide input, submit corrections, submit additional comments, etc.	
Require approval by District Councils on the report or on sections of the report relating to input gathered from Councils and Council meetings.	
4. CPD attendance at DC public meetings	
Some District Councilors have requested that CPD attendance at public meetings of the District Councils should not be mandatory. Some Councilors did not believe CPD attendance at every public meeting is necessary; others see value in holding sensitive conversations about public safety and policing issues in meetings that do not include attendance from members of CPD, even if legally, any member of CPD is allowed to attend. In some cases, Councilors were concerned about making CPD attendance a requirement imposed on other District Councils. Other Councilors see the benefit of consistent attendance. Finally, some Councilors do not believe it is necessary to have a Lieutenant or higher at the public meetings and would encourage lowering the minimum rank.	
Reduce the CPD attendance requirement by <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) removing the requirement completely, (2) limiting it to only regular meetings, (3) limiting it to a certain number of meetings per year, (4) limiting it to only by invitation from the District Council, or (5) allowing the District Council to waive the requirement or opt out. 	
Lower the minimum rank required for CPD attendance at the public meeting.	
Clarify the role of the District representative and establish guidelines around “active participation” by the representative; distinguish the meeting from the CAPS meetings.	
5. DC involvement in District Strategic Plan	
District Councilors have requested additional provisions establishing a role for the Councils in District Strategic Plans. District Strategic Plans provide a key opportunity for DCs to convey the interests, needs, and concerns of constituents with respect to the operations of the local police.	
Establish a role for District Councils in creating the District Strategic Plan. The provisions could establish that the District receives input from the Council prior to developing the plan, and/or opportunities for the Council to review and give input on the plan during its development and prior	

to its finalization. The role could also involve a requirement of approval by the District Council for the District Strategic Plan.	
Add a provision requiring the District to present on the status of the District Strategic Plan on a quarterly basis at a District Council meeting.	
6. More Language around District Commander Meetings with DC Members	
Several Councilors asked for more clarity around these check-in meetings to provide more assurances that the meeting opportunity will be accessible for all Councilors.	
Establish more information about the arrangement of check-in meetings, including guidelines on advanced arrangements (e.g., one week prior), flexibility for scheduling, and more explicit language specifying that check-ins will be offered to each Councilor.	
7. Miscellaneous Suggestions and Feedback	
Add specificity to the minimum rank of the District point-of-contact for DCs.	
Add expectations for Districts to arrange for more interactions between Councilors and rank-and-file CPD members.	
Provide Councilors with access to roll calls held for the purpose of providing pertinent information to officers.	
Establish requirement for a BIA representative to attend District Council meetings on a quarterly basis to educate the community on police misconduct issues.	
Have CPD representatives from the District and/or Area attend a Quarterly meeting of the DC to discuss district crime reports, high-profile incidents, current barriers to action, etc.	