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Ford & Commander Wines Organizes Police Roll Call To Put A End To The Heroin Highway

CHICAGO- State Representative La Shawn K. Ford, D-Chicago, is organizing a police roll call with the 15th District Chicago Police Department headed by Commander Patrina Wines alongside local Austin residents on Tuesday, September 29th at 5:00 p.m. on the 900 block of South Mayfield in Chicago. The aim of the roll call is to send a strong message that the criminal activity known as the heroin highway must come to an end.

The Heroin Highway is a route on highway 290 where people are coming to the Chicago's Westside neighborhood from the suburbs to buy heroin. As noted in an article from NPR, authorities say the drug operation allowed customers to pay at one location, pick up the heroin at another and be back on the expressway within minutes.

"We are going to work with the Chicago police, Cook County Sheriffs, and The Illinois State Police to stop put an end to heroin highway," said Ford. "The drugs and guns coming into Chicago are being transported to the west side from the Eisenhower 290 expressway must end."

For too long, drug sales and criminal activity have been out of control in South Austin. Ford along with the 15th District Chicago Police Department plan to combat and cut off drug deals from the heroin highway in South Austin. The Westside Heroin/Opioid Task Force will also be present at the roll call to offer support for those struggling with a substance use disorder.

WHO: State Representative La Shawn K. Ford, Commander Patrina Wines (15th District CPD), Westside Heroin/Opioid Task Force, Austin Residents

WHAT: Police Roll Call to End the Heroin Highway

WHEN: Tuesday, September 29, 2020 @ 5:00 p.m.

WHERE: 900 Block of South Mayfield in Chicago, IL

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