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Rep. Ford Asks Superintendent McCarthy to Drive Forward with NFL and Announce Their Current Code of Conduct Policy

CHICAGO- In the wake of National Football League Commissioner Roger Goodell's announcement of the NFL's Code of Conduct policy, Rep. La Shawn K. Ford, D-Chicago, is calling for City of Chicago Police Superintendent Garry McCarthy to follow suit and announce and explain the Chicago Police Department's (CPD) current Code of Conduct policy to Chicago citizens.

Due to the backlash due to NFL conduct policies, on December 11 Commissioner Roger Goodell announced the NFL's Code of Conduct policy to the public. In the aftermath of issues surrounding Ferguson, Missouri and Staten Island, New York, and others, polls have shown that citizens have decreased their trust in policies that hold police officers accountable for their actions. Citizens have also questioned the policy of police departments around the country handling cases of police misconduct.

"Due to the national issues concerning police conduct, some citizens in Chicago have lost trust in their local police department's policies that governs the actions of local police officers," Ford said. "I ask that Superintendent McCarthy publicly announce and carefully explain to Chicago citizens the CPD's current Code of Conduct policy. As Commissioner Goodell publicly announced the NFL policy, a similar announcement from the CPD will help to build the crucial trust needed between Chicago citizens and the CPD. Announcing the current policy to the public will show citizens that CPD will hold their police officers accountable for their actions. Citizens will know what to expect; without knowing these expectations, police officers and citizens will never be on the same page".

Ford stresses that if the NFL can publicly announce their expectations of their players, then the Chicago Police Department and every law enforcement agency should do the same.

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