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from State Representative La Shawn K. Ford

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Ford, CPD to Hold Press Conference to Call for End of Gun Influx & Community Togetherness

CHICAGO, Ill. – With Chicago entering the summer months, when it is statistically the deadliest in the city, state Rep. La Shawn K. Ford, D-Chicago, and Dwayne Betts, Commander for the 15th District of the Chicago Police Department in the Austin neighborhood, will host a press conference to call for an end of illegal guns and drugs coming into Illinois and into the Austin community. The press conference will be on Monday, June 12 at 10:30 a.m. outside the Loretto Hospital ER, located at 645 S Central Ave. in Chicago.

“My home community of Austin has had more victims of gun violence this year than any other neighborhood in Chicago, logging more than 30 homicides in the first half of 2017. It should be all too clear that we have to work together with lawmakers, police officers and the community to keep illegal firearms off of our streets,” said Ford. “Police officers are in the same dangerous settings that many of us are. Every day, we don’t know if we will be a victim of circumstance and be in the wrong place at the wrong time. That by itself should serve as a call to action to all of my brothers and sisters to unite and decide that the killings need to come to an end. If we can stand as a community to do something about the guns and drugs pouring in, we can come together and make the streets safer and give our children an opportunity to build their futures.”

“The bottom line is that the Austin community cannot thrive with the increase we are seeing in this senseless gun violence. If we cannot control the pipeline of illegal guns and drugs into our streets, this devastating system will continue to repeat itself,” said Commander Betts. “The Chicago Police Department has a history of working closely with the community ever since the inception of the CAPS program so this is the perfect opportunity for people to come off the sidelines to help make a real impact in our neighborhoods. We have to understand that we are all stewards of the community and have to commit to work together with our elected officials, police officers and community members to unite our neighbors together to save the community, one block at a time.”

This event is free and open to the public. For more information, please contact Ford’s district office at 773-378-5902.

WHO:	State Rep. La Shawn Ford Commander Dwayne Betts, Chicago Police Department – 15 th District Community Advocates
WHAT:	Combating Community Violence and Uniting Neighbors Press Conference
WHEN:	Monday, June 12, 2017 10:30a.m.
WHERE:	Loretto Hospital Emergency Room 645 S Central Ave Chicago, IL

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