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Ford Applauds Congress and Mayor Daley for Putting More Cops on the Streets

CHICAGO – Fresh off the call for federal help for Chicago’s growing problem with violent crime, state Rep. La Shawn K. Ford (D-Chicago) commended Congress and Mayor Daley for allocating stimulus funds to hire more police to patrol the streets of Chicago.

“We have called on Congress to provide more resources to help the Chicago Police Department in their fight to get a handle on violent crime and address troubled areas in the city, and as a result, the City of Chicago can put 130 new police officers on the streets,” said Ford. Of the 130 police officers, 86 of them are new recruits from the Police Academy and the remaining 44 will be reassigned from administrative duties within the department. The new beat officers are funded by federal stimulus dollars.

With at least 27 people shot in Chicago over the Memorial Day weekend, Mayor Daley announced that 130 additional police officers will be added to street patrols. In May, Rep. Ford introduced House Resolution 1208 asking the United States Congress for additional funds to hire police officers and help reduce crime. He also filed House Bill 6865 creating a “Scratch Out Crime” lottery ticket. Revenue from the lottery ticket would be earmarked to hire more police officers in the inner city.

“This new wave of police recruits is a move in the right direction to assist Superintendent Weis in the city’s high crime areas,” said Ford. “In this time of high unemployment and violence, crime is a very tough issue to deal with. This action shows that Mayor Daley is strongly committed to making our communities safer. Everyone deserves a peaceful community, and we should continue to work hard to achieve this for all.”

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