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**JOINT COMMITTEE ON POLICE AND
FIRE & PUBLIC SAFETY MONTHLY
RULE 45 REPORT
December, 2025**

Pursuant to Rule 45 of the City Council Rules of Order, the Committee on Police and Fire submits the following monthly report.

On Monday, December 1st, 2025, at 10:37 a.m., The Joint Committee on Police and Fire & Police and Fire called the meeting to order, pursuant to applicable law, the Chairman determined that remote participation was allowed in case of emergency, per the aldermen that requested. Accordingly, attendance at this meeting was in City Council Chambers, with some members participating virtually.

The following members were present: Chico (10), Lee (11), Gutierrez (14), Tabares (23), Sigcho-Lopez (25), Ervin (28), Nugent (39), Vasquez (40), Knudsen (43), Clay (46), Martin (47), Manna-Hoppenworth (48), Vice-Chair Yancy (5), Chairman Hopkins (2), and Chairman Taliaferro (29).

The following members were absent: Hall (6), Lopez (15), Curtis (18), Taylor (20), Mosley (21), Fuentes (26), Cardona (31), Sposato (38), Hadden (49), Silverstein (50).

The following members participated by remote means: Vice-Chair Robinson (4), Mitchell (7), Napolitano (41), and Gardiner (45).

Chairman Hopkins called the meeting to order at 10:37 am. Chairman Hopkins instructed protocol to be used in the forum. Roll Call was taken and a quorum was established. The following members requested remote participation; Vice-Chair Robinson (4), Mitchell (7), Napolitano (41), and Gardiner (45). The motion to let the members participate remotely was so moved by Alderwoman Clay. Chairman Hopkins opened the floor for public comment. The following public speakers were each allowed 3 minutes to speak; Jessica Jackson and George Blakemore. The Joint Committee on Police and Fire and Public Safety received a written comment, which succeeds this report, for public record. Public speaking was concluded.

Chairman Hopkins asked for a motion to approve the September 2024 Rule 45 Report. The motion was so moved by Alderman Chico. The previous Rule 45 Report was approved.

Chairman Hopkins introduced the second agenda item, the Office of the Inspector General Report



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Annual Public Safety Report for 2025. Chairman Hopkins gave the floor to Deputy Inspector General Tobar Richardson. Deputy Inspector General Richardson presented the findings from the 2025 Inspector General Public Safety Report to the body. Chairman Hopkins thanked Deputy Inspector General Richardson, indicated that Chairman Taliaferro would conduct the question-and-answer portion of the hearing, then opened the floor to questions regarding the report.

Chairman Taliaferro began the line of questioning with several questions to the Deputy Inspector General regarding the Annual Report. There were no further questions.

Chairman Taliaferro indicated no further business was before the committee and requested a motion to adjourn. Alderwoman Manaa-Hoppenworth motioned to adjourn the committee meeting. There were no objections. The motion was so moved. The meeting was adjourned at 11:13 pm.



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Written Public Comment:

From: Peng C <pengsbox@outlook.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 26, 2025 11:29 AM
To: CommitteeOnPublicSafety <CommitteeOnPublicSafety@cityofchicago.org>
Subject: Written Comment on Meeting on December 1

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Dear Committee,

I am writing to comment on OIG's Annual Public Safety Report. The committee shall look for concrete measures that address issues identified in the report after review.

Significant delays in processing background checks undermine the hiring process. Clear timelines should be established and adequate staffing resources need to be in place. As for applicants, they should be guaranteed timely and meaningful participate in appeals.

CPD has improved its operational planning on preparation for mass gatherings, but **proper training lacks**. The department thus must bridge the gaps, update and standardize training materials, ensuring to protect constitutional rights and to deescalate situations.

Officers returning to duty after firearm discharges are **not consistently tracked through required steps**. The department should implement robust tracking systems to ensure completion of requirements.

Lack of data access hinders analysis on patrol staffing. CPD is not transparent on staffing level. OIG are supposed to be provided with full access to data resources, as it is looking into the matter.

The committee needs to go further and to translate these findings into actions. Each issue directly impacts public trust and operational effectiveness, and the committee shall keep up on the progress.

Yours Sincerely,
Paul