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**Chicago's Public and Private Partnership (CP3) Serve to Better Prepare
First Responders for all Potential Hazards**

*Chicago Police Department's CP3 Portal Will Help First Responders Save Time, Life and Property
During an Emergency Event*

CHICAGO – The City of Chicago continues to coordinate partnerships that will strengthen the response, rescue and recovery efforts of first responders as well as assist in protecting Chicago's critical infrastructure. As such, the Chicago Police Department (CPD), Chicago Fire Department (CFD) and Chicago Office of Emergency Management and Communications (OEMC) have joined forces to ensure the highest level of preparedness for local businesses through the Chicago's Public and Private Partnership (CP3) initiative.

The addition of the Chicago Police Department's CP3 portal will immediately assist first responders across all agencies in saving time, life and property during an emergency event. The CP3 portal gives the private sector the opportunity to proactively update critical information regarding their infrastructure, such as, floor plans and security operations at their specific locations. The portal provides a one-stop-shop for the private sector and first responders to communicate critical information.

Having the latest information on structural layout and building contents serves to enhance the Chicago Fire Departments' ability to rescue people, mitigate a situation and provide the safest environment for our firefighters and paramedics. Immediate access to the most current information can translate time saved to lives saved.

Unique features of the portal database offer a sort and send function that identifies targeted audiences such as hotels, businesses and financial institutions for relevant messaging to be sent directly to the partner.

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This function streamlines response and recovery efforts in a timely and more efficient manner. CP3 expands information that can be included via Facility Information Management System (FIMS) to incorporate information such as: on-site emergency contacts, security protocol details, updates to detailed floor plans or new construction to the premises.

During an emergency, accurate information is paramount. The CP3 database has stringent security protocols that allow information about the facility to be shared strictly between the partner and the responders arriving on the scene.

The CP3 initiative is a result of the City of Chicago's intent to strengthen its partnerships with the private sector. Preparing and educating residents and business owners in advance of a large scale event is one of the many goals of the City of Chicago that is administered by OEMC.

Business owners, tenants and members of a facility's management teams are encouraged to enroll to become a CP3 partner. Becoming a partner requires completing a simple registration application. There are no costs, fees or membership dues. In order to maintain the security of the CP3 portal all users will undergo a security vetting process to verify the legitimacy of an individual's association to the property or business location. Visit www.preparedchicago.org and click on "Become a Partner" and register to obtain a CLEAR path login name and password.

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