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Statement-
ILACP ASKS FOR CALM IN WAKE OF CHICAGO POLICE SHOOTING AND
ARREST: *NEED FOR ADDITIONAL POLICE TRAINING CITED*

Following the filing of criminal charges against a Chicago Police Officer earlier today, Chief Frank Kaminski, President of the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police (ILACP), joins the chorus of public officials and community leaders in calling for calm and peaceful demonstrations.

“The right of citizens to peaceably assemble and protest is a fundamental right guaranteed under the constitution, one of the many rights and freedoms that our member agencies and officers help to protect every day. I would call on those troubled with the recent events involving a Chicago Police Officer to show restraint and insure that any demonstrations are peaceful and respect the rights of all citizens” said Chief Kaminski.

In light of recent events, both in Chicago and across the nation, a great deal of emphasis has been placed on reviewing the role of law enforcement in American society. The ILACP continues to endorse the importance of Community Policing to build partnerships and community engagement. The ILACP recognizes the importance of accountability, fairness, and the protection of citizen’s rights in the performance of our law enforcement duties. To help achieve this, officers are and must be held to the highest ethical and professional standards.

Since 1941, the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police has been the professional organization representing Police and Public Safety leaders in Illinois, with over 1200 members from more than 450 police agencies.