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**CITY COUNCIL APPROVES ADDITIONAL POLICE VEHICLES TO SUPPORT MAYOR EMANUEL'S
INVESTMENT IN PUBLIC SAFETY**

More than 600 Additional Police Vehicles Will Be Built at Chicago's Ford Assembly Plant

City Council approved today the purchase of over 600 police vehicles to support Mayor Rahm Emanuel's plan to grow the size of the Chicago Police Department by 970 sworn officers over the next two years.

"Ensuring our police officers have the necessary resources to perform their duties is critical to our strategy to strengthen the Chicago Police Department," said Mayor Emanuel. "By receiving the authorization to purchase these police vehicles now, we will continue our investment in the growing Chicago manufacturing industry and provide our Police Department with the tools they need to serve and protect our neighborhoods effectively."

Last month, Mayor Emanuel presented his comprehensive public safety strategy that includes investments in prevention and enforcement measures on behalf of the police and communities they serve, as well as adding police officers, detectives, sergeants and lieutenants over the next two years. As part of the strategy, Superintendent Eddie Johnson announced plans to increase the size of Chicago Police Department by 970 positions, taking the Department's current sworn strength from 12,565 to 13,535 by the end of 2018. The two-year plan involves promoting current members along with hiring police officers to fill existing vacancies due to retirements and promotions, while keeping pace with attrition.

The all-wheel drive Interceptor SUVs will be built at Chicago's Ford Assembly Plant on South Torrence Avenue. Since Mayor Emanuel took office, the Ford Assembly Plant has added 1,200 employees and a new shift to support increased demand. To pave the way for this job creation, the Mayor has taken a number of steps, including a city contract incentive that supports Chicago-based businesses.

The City received an additional \$25 million borrowing authorization on its previously approved 2016 General Obligation Bonds to support the purchase of these cars over the next two years.

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