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Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) – The Illinois Policy Institute reports that Green Line riders were the most likely to be crime victims, with about 1.9 of every 100,000 rides ending in crime. The worst stop on the Green Line was at 63rd and Ashland. Red Line riders were the second-most likely to be crime victims at a CTA station, with nearly 1.7 out of every 100,000 rides ending in a crime. Assaults, batteries, con games, and narcotics continue to play a large role in these criminal incidents.

Cook County Juvenile Temporary Detention Center (JTDC)- Since 2015, Leonard B. Dixon has been superintendent since 1995. A lawsuit representing nearly 200 men and women alleges sexual abuse at the Cook County Juvenile Temporary Detention Center (February 2025). A second lawsuit against the state claims the chief judge's office did not take action to protect young people who were waiting for their cases to be heard.

Cook County State's Attorney Office- Eileen O'Neill Burke announced that she will focus on getting the Restorative Justice Bureau properly staffed. To reduce adult and juvenile recidivism, she plans to rely on restorative justice in juvenile, veterans, drug, and mental health courts. However, in February, she instructed her office to stop diverting people with gun possession charges to the county's Restorative Justice Community Courts (RJCC), which reroute people with nonviolent charges from criminal courts to an alternative program. In effect, the move reduces the RJCC caseload, 82.8% of which was dedicated to adjudicating gun possession cases, according to the Chicago Appleseed Center for Fair Courts.

Cook County Veterans Treatment Court- . The mission of the Court is to assist military veterans who have become involved in the criminal justice system, to reduce their risk of further involvement in the criminal justice system in the future, and to improve their overall quality of life. The Court is designed to help individuals who have served in the United States military. These veterans have been arrested and charged with non-violent crimes such as drugs and theft. Under the supervision of the court, the Veterans Treatment Court team and the community help veterans.

The Crime Lab of the University of Chicago- Crime Lab Pritzker Director Jens Ludwig authored a book that argues the lack of progress in reducing gun violence in America ultimately stems from a misunderstanding of the nature of the problem. On the one hand, conservatives assign the causes of gun violence to morally bad people who are not afraid of any consequences. Their solution to the problem is to threaten people with more severe criminal justice consequences. On the other hand, liberals assign the causes to economic conditions; they believe that due to hunger, people are desperate to feed themselves or their families. Their solution to the problem is to increase social programs. Both groups believe that shooters take the time beforehand to weigh the pros and cons of their criminal behavior. The director indicates that both groups are in error and details his alternative views in his book.

The Criminal Justice Committee of the Westside Branch of the NAACP- In April, the Committee reported on pretextual stops by the Chicago Police Department (CPD). Under the leadership of Carlton Mayer, an attorney, members participated in meetings related to the consent decree. Members reported on CPD super slow compliance with the consent decree. They also reported on the activities of the Community Commission for Public Safety and Accountability.

The Chicago Sun Times – Maintains a database that lists the names of everyone killed by another person in the city of Chicago. It is compiled from reporting and information from law enforcement agencies and the Cook County medical examiner's office and updated every day.

The University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC)- UIC Police maintains a Daily Crime Log, as required by the Clery Act. This log records all alleged criminal incidents having occurred within the patrol boundaries of the UIC Police Department. Within this log, essential information regarding incidents is listed for each event. This includes when the incident occurred, the nature of the crime, the status of each complaint, and the relevant UIC Police report

number. The official UIC Police Daily Crime-Fire Log is retained at the UIC Police Station, 943 W. Maxwell St, Chicago, IL.

Veterans Against Violence- It is a committee of the Coalition of Veteran Organizations (CVO) and is dedicated to helping end the urban violence in Cook County.