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**JOINT PUBLIC SAFETY TRAINING ACADEMY TO BE NAMED IN HONOR OF
CHICAGO POLICE COMMANDER PAUL BAUER**

Mayor Rahm Emanuel today announced the upcoming Joint Public Safety Training Academy will be named in honor of Chicago Police Commander Paul Bauer, who was tragically killed in the line of duty earlier this week. His honors wake and funeral arrangements were held Friday and Saturday.

"Paul Bauer may be gone from this earth, but his legacy as a great police officer and a great man will live on forever," said Mayor Emanuel. "For decades to come, every police and fire recruit learning to protect and serve Chicagoans will train in the Paul R. Bauer Academy, and be inspired by the example he set for us all."

"Commander Bauer earned the respect and admiration of his police officers as well as this city because he did his job with sincerity, professionalism and kindness," CPD Superintendent Eddie Johnson said. "The way he lived his life should serve as an example for every police officer and that is why I am proud to have his name on our new Public Safety Training Academy."

The new Joint Public Safety Training Academy will help first responders continue to strengthen Chicago's community-focused approach to public safety. The new campus will be located in West Garfield Park and will include indoor and outdoor training spaces that both extend the current training capabilities of the Police and Fire Departments as well as offer more joint-training opportunities. The new features will ensure the training academy will not only improve interagency collaboration in emergency response, but also expand the capacity for first responders to receive specialized hands-on tactical training in real-world situations.

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