

Summary of CCPSA's Proposed Changes to General Order G01-03: "Department Directives System"

What is a General Order?

General Orders are policies that govern the Chicago Police Department's core functions and practices. When CPD wants to create or amend a General Order, the Community Commission for Public Safety and Accountability (CCPSA) must review and approve it before it can go into effect. You can read all CPD General Orders at <http://directives.chicagopolice.org/>.

On January 27, 2023, CCPSA proposed an amendment to an existing order and submitted it to CPD for review. The Commission is working with CPD to improve the proposal and will make its decision in the next few months on whether to enact it.

The Existing Order:

Name: "Department Directives System"
(G01-03)

The existing Order establishes what CPD orders are and how they are created, classified, and followed.

Most CPD policies are General or Special Orders. General Orders govern CPD's core functions and practices. Special Orders establish procedures on specific CPD functions and programs.

Under law, CCPSA has the power to create, review, and approve General Orders, but not Special Orders.

Why this Order matters to CCPSA:

An example of a Special Order outside of CCPSA's power to review is the **Criminal Enterprise Information System (CEIS)** (S10-02-01). Introduced November 2022 but not yet enacted, the CEIS Order establishes a criminal organization database plus rules for how CPD enters, uses, protects, and removes people's names from the database.

CCPSA's Proposed Changes:

CCPSA proposes to add a section to the Department Directives Order that says the following:

If CPD wants to collect, use, and share information on criminal enterprises, like street gangs, those activities must be governed by a General Order subject to review and approval by CCPSA. As a result, CPD would not be able to enact and use its proposed Criminal Enterprise Information System (CEIS) without seeking input and approval from CCPSA.

CPD's Response:

CPD responded with these suggestions to CCPSA's proposed changes to G01-03:

1. Not proceeding with CCPSA's proposal
2. Revising G01-03 to describe CCPSA's role and the role of the Consent Decree in how CPD creates policy.
3. Dividing CPD's proposed CEIS Order from last November into two orders: a special order on how to enter data, and a general order on the criteria for adding or removing people from the gang information system.