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## **Chicago Police Department' Leadership Is Not the Cause or Effect of the Violence on Their Streets, It Is Society Itself & Politicians**

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When a Chicago newspaper headline makes statements such as '**Chicago mayor: Police 'are losing the streets' to major eruptions of violence,**' it was far from the truth and facts!

Society, gangs, and politicians are at the forefront of the increase in crime and murder. Firstly, understand what policing is, it is '**REACTIVE,**' under the law, the police can do nothing until a crime, event, or situation are reported. There is no such thing as the capabilities of the *Tom Cruise* movie, '*Minority Report.*'

A further statement by the Chicago police president says the increase in officers steps in the right direction to reduce violence. Really? Is this using a gigantic hammer instead of a technology advanced electric drill? Sending force by numbers only exacerbates the decline in societal problems. It is the prior collection of intelligence with the data available in real-time that is the key! Knowledge rules always and the actions that follow.

Society, especially in the vast metropolis is beyond broken and only getting worse with the national socialist unrest, which is fueled by those that use invented words and statements, not the facts of the reality of society of today.

I spent thirty four hours in the air with Police Superintendent Eddie Johnston; we were both attending a major global conference. I was a Keynote Speaker, at the **12th Annual International Symposium, Dubai, U.A.E. Artificial Intelligence & Policing of the Future & Today.**

Johnston and I spent the week together with the most eminent law enforcement leadership gathered to discuss the concerns and necessities required and demanded for today and the future. Then we met on two other occasions at the Chicago Police Headquarters to discuss how we can manage the concerns of his department and the city's issues, which are the same in every town USA.

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The common denominator is people, communities, gangs, drugs, money laundering, and a gang turf war second to none! Well maybe very close to London's 130 individual gangs, where police will not venture and now has a murder rate in London and the UK beyond belief.

*'Murders and shooting incidents in the city of Chicago are down compared to the year before.'* President of Chicago Fraternal Order of Police Kevin Graham stated.

Chicago's new mayor is taking issue with the city's police department as the city continues to see far more homicides than New York and Los Angeles, as well as significant eruptions of other violence.

*"One weekend does not make a trend,"* Mayor Lori Lightfoot said Tuesday, according to [Fox 32](#). *"But we've now had a couple of weekends where it feels like we are losing the streets."*

Sorry Mayor, you are not new to politics or the streets of Chicago, your statements are without a real understanding of your city or how policing has worked for 190 years!

Yes, times have changed, and that is why Superintendent Johnson and I met, to discuss how we can majorly attack and resolve the core of the blight and issues.

Drugs, trafficking in cash, money laundering, and gang wars are the heart of the problem. Chicago's issues will not and cannot be resolved by *expected reactionary measures*; it takes **PROACTIVE ASSERTIVE ACTIONS!**



Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot, right, and Chicago Police Superintendent Eddie Johnson. (Getty)

Lightfoot's comments also came off the back of one of the city's bloodiest weekends so far this year, in which more than 40 people shot, nine of them fatally as reported by the media.

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Right before Independence Day, 50 people were shot. And despite the deployment of an extra 1,200 officers in the city, at least 43 people were shot over Memorial Day weekend, seven of them fatally.

More than 1,500 extra Chicago Police officers hit the streets, parks, and lakefront for the July 4 holiday, typically one of the most violent weekends of the year.

Police also executed three separate operations in June that resulted in a total of 170 arrests on gun and narcotics charges, the seizure of 38 guns and hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of illegal drugs. The most recent effort, called "Operation Independence," ended right before the holiday with the arrests of 77 people — 34 of whom are convicted felons.

Lightfoot said she is not ready to change police leadership but wants to focus on reducing the bloodshed, speaking: "It's no secret that I'm pushing [Police Superintendent Eddie Johnson] and his leadership team to do better."

Mayor, your comments will not solve or resolve Chicago's murder rate until you allow law enforcement to have the tools to carry out necessary measures.

The building of 'entitlement' enclaves has allowed the gangs to take a foothold. Handouts are not the answer and nor are a misunderstanding of the situation. Between politicians and a headline-driven media, you are the cause and effect! The citizens; your constituents are paying dearly for it with their lives!

Are there issues within the Chicago Police Department? Of course, there are, you have management underlings that have a distasteful '*kingdom*' attitude of 'I know it all and unless you are a multibillion company,' you have nothing to offer. **WRONG!** I met some of those characters, listened to their insulting opinions, and know they are the fundamental cause of the failure of necessary policing.

Police Superintendent Eddie Johnson wants to make a change in street-level intelligence, he stated so, and that is why we returned and meet with his other departments, which are not on the same page as the leadership and have their motives to keep others with knowledge, experience, and successes to not given access.

The pilot program was not going to cost Chicago Police Department one single dime; that is how confident we are; the underling team wouldn't even allow us to get to that point. Closed mind clicks and politicians like to hear their voices and not the sound of reason and credibility.

We should talk Madam Mayor; you have a Police Superintendent in Johnson who knows the ropes and actions that are more than demanded, call us!

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