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NPD Chaplain Al Lopez

Niles, IL – As part of our ongoing efforts to grow the officer wellness program, the Niles Police Department has brought in a Chaplain to work in conjunction with our full-time NPD social worker.

Retired Chicago Police Officer Al Lopez has previously served as a CPD Chaplain and will join the Niles Police Department to provide spiritual and emotional support to all members of the department, their families, and members of the public. The NPD Chaplain will serve as a resource for the department personnel when dealing with the public in such incidents as accidental deaths, suicides, suicidal subjects, serious accidents, drug and alcohol abuse, and other such situations that may arise.

Generally, the chaplain will serve with Niles Police Department personnel a minimum of eight hours per month. Chaplains shall also be permitted to ride with officers during any shift (with the approval and notification of the shift Commander) to familiarize themselves with the role of law enforcement in the community and observe the operations of the Niles Police Department.

The Niles Police Department will continue to grow our officer wellness program by sending an officer of the department to peer support training to further provide members of the Department with the support they may need.

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