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## Media Advisory

ROSCOE VILLAGE LAUNCHES VIDEO CAMERA PROGRAM;  
DECLARES AUGUST 8TH "POLICE APPRECIATION DAY!"

## Media Opportunity

- What: Roscoe Village "Police Appreciation Day!"
- Who: Volunteers from Roscoe Village will deliver breakfast, lunch and dinner to 280 Police Officers
- Where: 019 District Police Station, 850 West Addison Street
- When: Wednesday, August 8, 2018
- 60 servings of Breakfast at 7 a.m.
  - 60 servings of Lunch at 11 a.m.
  - 80 servings of Dinner at 5 p.m.
  - 80 servings of Dinner at 9 p.m.

Last weekend's tragic bloodshed again thrusts Chicago into the national limelight for its unbearably high crime rate. In 2018, more than 1,800 Chicagoans have been shot, 347 murdered, 400 carjacked, and armed robberies now commonplace in once-safe neighborhoods. Crime flourishes as the Chicago Police Department struggles with a shortage of more than 2,000 patrol officers, and response times to 911 emergency calls that can stretch for hours.

The residents and business owners of Roscoe Village are taking action to help officers do their jobs.

Their community group, Roscoe Village Neighbors (RVN), is spending \$40,000 to launch its "Neighborhood on Watch" (NOW) video camera program that will install more than 25 high-definition security cameras in key neighborhood locations. Residents and business owners can enroll to have additional cameras installed on their property. All footage will be uploaded to the Cloud where, if a crime occurs in their self-described "Village Within the City," it can instantly be retrieved and provided to Chicago Police detectives.

Concurrent with the program's launch, Roscoe Villagers are taking time to express their appreciation for the men and women of the Chicago Police Department who serve and protect their community. RVN has declared August 8th to be Roscoe Village "Police Appreciation Day!" Working with the 019 District Advisory Council and its chair, Cook County Judge Diann Marsalek, volunteers are delivering breakfast, lunch, and dinner to every officer in the 019 District Police Station.

RVN President David Kerber stated, "We know the risks the men and women of the Chicago Police Department take to protect this city and our neighborhood. We are grateful to them and to their families for the sacrifices they make to keep us safe. The NOW Video Camera Network is one way we can help them. And tomorrow's Police Appreciation Day is a way for us to say 'Thank you.' Both reflect the spirit that unites our 'Village Within the City.'"

**Roscoe Village Neighbors Association is a 501(c)(3) working to enhance safety and quality-of-life for the residents and business owners of Roscoe Village, an area bordered by Addison Street on the north, Belmont Avenue on the south, Ravenswood on the east, and the Chicago River on the west. RVN hosts a variety of activities including social events, educational seminars, and political fora. In addition, RVN publishes the *Village View* newsletter and *What's News in Roscoe Village* e-newsletter. To learn more about the NOW Network or RVN, please visit [www.roscoevillage.org](http://www.roscoevillage.org) or email RVN at [roscoevillageneighbors@gmail.com](mailto:roscoevillageneighbors@gmail.com).**