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Title: Call for hearing(s) to with various City departments to discuss Emergency Vehicle Preemption (EVP)

Committee(s) Assignment: Committee on Pedestrian and Traffic Safety

*INVITATION EXTENDED TO VARIOUS CITY DEPARTMENTS TO DISCUSS
EMERGENCY VEHICLE PREEMPTION.*

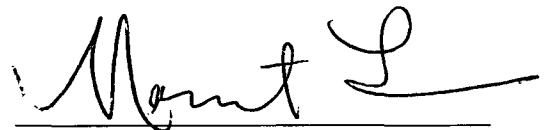
WHEREAS, There is a nationwide trend of municipalities moving to emergency vehicle preemption (EVP) systems at intersections with traffic signals; and

WHEREAS, EVP technology allows fire trucks, law enforcement vehicles and ambulances to intervene in the normal operation of traffic control systems by using wireless communication devices installed on the traffic signals and emergency vehicles; and

WHEREAS, Often times congestion and gridlock in urban areas prevent civilian drivers from pulling their vehicles over and surrendering the right of way to emergency vehicles. EVP devices have the ability to use real-time traffic information to clear downstream intersections; and

WHEREAS, The deployment of EVP systems can have several positive results. EVP can significantly reduce the response time of emergency vehicles. It can reduce the risk of emergency-civilian vehicle accidents and crashes, therefore resulting in a reduction of the cost of replacing damaged emergency vehicles and the liability of municipal agencies when drivers and passengers are injured; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved, That representatives of the Chicago Department of Transportation, Department of Innovation and Technology, the Chicago Police Department and the Chicago Fire Department are invited to provide testimony before the Chicago City Council's Committee on Pedestrian and Traffic Safety in regards to this topic.



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