



# City of Chicago



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**Meeting Date:** 7/29/2015

**Sponsor(s):** Mitts (37)

**Type:** Resolution

**Title:** Congratulations extended to those involved in Operation Hot Pipe for crime-fighting efforts against theft and illegal recycling

**Committee(s) Assignment:**

## RESOLUTION HONORING THE EFFORTS OF OPERATION HOT PIPE

WHEREAS, Operation Hot Pipe, a year-long investigation into illegal recycling center, resulting in the discovery and prosecution of the illegal purchase and resale of stolen metals parts at a recycling center, ended on April 1, 2015; and

WHEREAS, this esteemed body has been apprised of this accomplishments by Emma Mitts, Alderman of the 37<sup>th</sup> Ward; and

WHEREAS, Operation Hot Pipe demonstrated swift and effective action from law enforcement, revealing many illegal thefts occurring across Chicago and in Schaumburg, creating an on-going theft problem affecting multiple communities; and

WHEREAS, the affects of these thefts on the community were economically detrimental due to the expensive replacement of the theft of catalytic converters, metal fences, and gutters, but also posed a safety risk due to the theft of protective sewer covers and other recyclable metals around the communities affected; and

WHEREAS, illegal recycling posed an additional environmental hazard due to the risk of spills of oil, transmission fluid, and other contaminants from auto parts brought to the facility without appropriate safety regulations; and

WHEREAS, the police seized approximately \$320,000 and made multiple arrests at one recycling center, with the expectation that this effort will serve as a warning and send a message to other recyclers the consequences of purchasing stolen parts; and

WHEREAS, Operation Hot Pipe was a true team effort through the Bureau of Organized Crime, Vice/Asset Forfeiture Division, Narcotics Division, Drug and Gang House Prosecution Unit, Area North Detective Division, Chicago Major Auto Theft Investigations, Schaumburg Police Department, and the Cook County States Attorney's office; and

WHEREAS, the city of Chicago is immensely grateful for the professional contributions of these departments, and through the hard work and collaboration of many individuals, Chicago has been made a safer place and peace and order have been maintained; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this twenty-ninth day of July, 2015, do hereby honor all those involved in Operation Hot Pipe and commend them for their efforts and dedication to fighting crime in the City of Chicago; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that suitable copies of this resolution be presented to those involved and placed on permanent record in their personnel files as a token of our appreciation and esteem.



Emma Mitts  
Alderman, 37<sup>th</sup> Ward

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OPERATION HOT PIPE

Bureau of Organized Crime

Commander Kenneth Angarone #20

Vice/Asset Forfeiture Division

Lieutenant Karen Konow #209

Asset Forfeiture Unit

Sergeant Nelson I. Perez #910

Asset Forfeiture Unit

Officer Christopher Stenzel #15101

Asset Forfeiture Unit

Officer Humberto Gutierrez #9690

Narcotics Division

Officer Jose Gonzalez #3458

Narcotics Division

Officer John Bartuch 18458

Asset Forfeiture Unit

Officer Christine Connor #14314

Asset Forfeiture Unit

Officer Angela Magee #17021

Asset Forfeiture Unit

Officer Dennis McGuire #11260

Asset Forfeiture Unit

Officer Gerald Morris #19072

Asset Forfeiture Unit

P.O. David Lewis #18965

Drug and Gang House Prosecution Unit

P.O. Margaret Coleman #10537

Drug and Gang House Prosecution Unit

P.O. Sean Newton #16383

Drug and Gang House Prosecution Unit

Area North Detective Division

Sergeant Robert Wheeler #1995

Chicago Major Auto Theft Investigations

Detective Steve Rihani #20381

Chicago Major Auto Theft Investigations

Detective Amalio Corral #20946

Chicago Major Auto Theft Investigations

Detective Michael Conway #20246

Chicago Major Auto Theft Investigations

Detective John Weisser #21259

Chicago Major Auto Theft Investigations

Detective Linda Becker #20239

Chicago Major Auto Theft Investigations

Schaumburg Officers

Commander Kurt Metzger #1760

Schaumburg Police Department

Lieutenant Mike DeGiulio #2019

Schaumburg Police Department

Sergeant Jeff Theriault #1987

Schaumburg Police Department

Detective John Ataimian #953

Schaumburg Police Department

Detective Joe Kaminski #2977

Schaumburg Police Department

Detective Scott Layne #2553

Schaumburg Police Department

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