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CITY COUNCIL
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RESOLUTION

Introduced by: Alderman Anthony V. Napolitano, 41st Ward

Date Introduced: Wednesday, September 23, 2026

WHEREAS, the City of Chicago has a responsibility to provide the men and women of the Chicago Police Department with effective training, modern technology, and resources that improve officer safety, public safety, accountability, and professional performance; and

WHEREAS, advanced scenario-based training technology can provide officers with realistic opportunities to strengthen situational awareness, communication, decision-making, de-escalation, crisis intervention, threat recognition, and problem-solving skills; and

WHEREAS, Law Enforcement Network Solutions ("LENS") has been presented as a modern training platform combining realistic scenario-based instruction with immediate, data-driven performance analytics; and

WHEREAS, LENS may provide the Chicago Police Department with additional tools to identify training deficiencies, measure officer performance, reinforce Department standards, and improve training outcomes; and

WHEREAS, the Chicago Police Department Consent Decree requires reforms in areas including training, crisis intervention, use of force, supervision, officer wellness, accountability, transparency, and data collection and analysis, and LENS should be evaluated for its potential to help the City and CPD advance compliance with those court-ordered mandates and reforms that followed the U.S. Department of Justice investigation; and

WHEREAS, improved and measurable officer training may also help reduce preventable disciplinary actions, complaints, use-of-force incidents, settlements, judgments, and lawsuits involving the Chicago Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the Chicago City Council should examine the capabilities, costs, effectiveness, implementation requirements, and potential benefits of LENS before determining whether further evaluation or a pilot program is appropriate;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this 23rd day of September, 2026, hereby request that the Committee on Police and Fire and the Committee on Public Safety convene a JOINT HEARING AND BRIEFING regarding advanced law enforcement training technology, including the LENS platform; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that representatives of LENS, the Chicago Police Department, and other appropriate City officials and subject-matter experts be invited to present information regarding LENS's capabilities, performance analytics, costs, implementation requirements, compatibility with CPD policies and training standards, and potential to assist CPD in advancing compliance with applicable Consent Decree requirements; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the joint committees examine whether LENS could improve officer training and decision-making, strengthen de-escalation and crisis-intervention skills, identify training deficiencies through measurable performance data, support Consent Decree compliance, and potentially reduce disciplinary actions and litigation involving the Chicago Police Department; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the joint committees consider the feasibility of establishing a limited CPD pilot program with defined performance benchmarks to evaluate the effectiveness and potential value of LENS before any broader implementation.

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