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## Area Church Members Honor Police Officers

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CHICAGO (CBS) — It was a day of remembrance and honor Sunday morning at a Southwest Side church, where parishioners gave honor to the men and women and blue.

As CBS 2's Rafael Romo reports, both the current police superintendent and a former one were among the honored guests.

Chicago Police Supt. Philip J. Cline received a standing ovation at the New Life Community Church. He received a plaque from the pastor of the church, who happens to be the brother of a fallen police officer.

Don Marquez was shot and killed while serving a subpoena four years ago, and the pastor says he was impressed by the way police officers came together after his death.

"For the first time in my life I saw really a different side of the Chicago Police Department," New Life pastor Mark Jobe said, "and I came away from that experience with a heightened respect."

In accepting the award, Cline said, "We're here today not only to honor Donny Marquez and other officers who died in the line of duty, but the police officers who put the star on their chest and put a gun on their hip and go out every day to make the streets safer for you and your family."



Police Supt. Philip J. Cline  
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Former police Supt. Terry Hillard was also one of the guests of honor. He told the crowd about the importance of police officers' work.

"Each night, when you go to bed, get down on your knees and thank the good Lord that somebody, namely our cops, are out there walking the point for you," Hillard said.

Cline also invited churchgoers to work together to fight crime.

"We can't do it alone," he said. "When the community and police work together, gangbangers and drug dealers don't stand a chance."  
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