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# Press Release

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## MWRD works behind the scenes during NATO Summit; credits Chicago Police Dept. for keeping the peace

The Cook County agency responsible for sewage treatment and stormwater management for the five million residents of Cook County worked quietly behind the scenes in preparation for the NATO Summit as thousands of protestors and foreign dignitaries converged on downtown Chicago the past week.

“We place a heavy emphasis on security year round, but we have been especially prudent in preparing for any emergencies that may have affected our operations before, dur-

ing and after the NATO summit,” said Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) Executive Director David St. Pierre.

The MWRD maintains a police force that is responsible for physically protecting personnel and securing facilities and outlying properties. Operating remote monitoring cameras with digital video recorders and networking capabilities, the police remained on duty 24/7 before and during the NATO

summit, along with other essential MWRD personnel.

It is a credit to the Chicago Police Department (CPD) that this week has been quiet and calm. The CPD maintained composure and kept the downtown area peaceful and safe.

“There is no better outcome in a high alert condition than the outcome this weekend,” said St. Pierre. “CPD, thank you and job well done!”



*(L-R) MWRD staff members Stanley Leong, Ethan Warren, Dharani Villivalam, and Tom Muscarello tested communications equipment in the MWRD's downtown emergency operations center to ensure a smooth flow of information before, during and after the NATO Summit. Our water environment...Take it personally.*

*Established in 1889, the MWRD ([www.mwr.org](http://www.mwr.org)) is an award-winning, special purpose government agency responsible for wastewater treatment and stormwater management in Cook County, Illinois.*