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NOBLE (National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives) Chicago Metro Chapter is proud to participate in the 81st Annual Bud Billiken parade. NOBLE Chicago Metro Chapter President Chief Gene Williams, Chicago Police Department will be accompanied by Superintendent Jody P. Weis of Chicago Police Department on Saturday August 14, 2010. The NOBLE parade procession will honor four fallen officers:

Chicago Police Officer Michael R. Bailey #13970 End of Watch July 18, 2010
Chicago Police Officer Thor Soderberg #14767 End of Watch July 7, 2010
Chicago Police Officer Thomas Wortham #6181 End of Watch May 20, 2010
Chicago Police Sergeant Allen Haymaker # 2532 End of Watch February 22, 2010

Chapter President's Chief Gene Williams said "One of the cornerstones of ending the senseless violence that has taken the lives of four heroes is the education of our children". The Bud Billiken Parade and Picnic is the oldest and largest African American parade in the United States. It has grown from a locally sponsored event to one with major corporate presence and is seen as a signal of the impending end of summer and beginning of the new school year. Chief Williams went on to say, "We remain committed to serve our community as police officers, mentors and role models"

The National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE) was founded in September 1976, during a three day symposium to address crime in urban low income areas. The symposium was co-sponsored by the Police Foundation and the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration (LEAA). The Joint Center for Political Studies (JCPS) coordinated this unprecedented event in which sixty (60) top-ranking black law enforcement executives representing twenty-four (24) states and fifty-five (55) major cities gathered in the Washington, D.C. area to participate. They exchanged views about the critically high rate of crime in black urban communities and the socioeconomic conditions that lead to crime and violence. They raised questions about relevant issues such as fairness in the administration of justice, police community relations, the hiring and promotion of black police officers, and the unique problems of the black police executive.

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