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### **1<sup>st</sup> ILLINOIS TEAMS UP WITH 2<sup>nd</sup> WARD FOR WINTER EMERGENCY SERVICES**

**Chicago, Illinois** - The 1<sup>st</sup> Illinois Civil Support Battalion has teamed up with Chicago Alderman Brian Hopkins (2<sup>nd</sup> Ward) to assist residents with winter snow removal.

Every year, the City of Chicago has its “Snow Corps” ready to mitigate snow emergencies in areas where aid is needed the most by matching volunteers with identified residents in need of assistance, such as the elderly and disabled. City ordinance requires property owners and businesses to ensure their sidewalks are free of snow and ice. Failing to do so creates unintended consequences. Wheelchair bound individuals can’t travel down sidewalks to get to public transportation or to the pharmacies and doctor’s appointments, or elderly individuals can slip and injure themselves.

*“I spent six years working for the City of Chicago, and every summer uncleared sidewalks were a big issue. Having an ample number of volunteers to mitigate the issue only added to the problems.”* Captain Argiris stated.

Captain Argiris is the Commander of 1<sup>st</sup> Illinois Civil Support Battalion, U.S. Veteran Reserve Corps.

This winter, the unit will remain on standby and deploy when needed to service areas of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward that have little to no cleared sidewalks.

The U.S. Veteran Reserve Corps is a 501(c)(3) uniformed service, much like the Civil Air Patrol or U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary. They operate as a Community Emergency Response Team, an all-volunteer network of individuals specially trained in disaster response and relief.

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