

Face the Facts

- Major Richard M. Daley and the Superintendent of Police, Jody Weis, are trying to equip Chicago police officers with M4 rifles¹
 - The M4 is a semi-automatic assault rifle with the capability to be accurate up to 656 yards, or the distance of six football fields²
 - Average cost of M-4 = \$1300^{3 4}
 - Average cost of 5.56mm ammo = \$166 for 200 rounds per gun^{5 6}
 - Number of M-4 needed for Chicago Police Department = 13000⁷
 - Cost of equipping CPD with M-4 = \$19.1 million, and that's **not** including spare parts, other necessary accessories, initial training, pay for training, cost of range staff, targets, practice ammunition, cleaning cost and periodic recertification
 - The M4's maximum penetration with 5.56mm ammo occurs at 654 feet, or 218 yards
 - Traditionally, officers in the CPD are trained that most shootings involve 3 shots and that shootings happens within second, with an average distance of about 21 feet, or 7 yards⁸.
- Reasoning Behind the Deployment of the M4 into Chicago Police hands:
 - Superintendent of Police Weis: "They [Chicago PD] were completely outgunned. I do not want to have officers going against an assailant who is armed with an AK47 and they have a Smith and Wesson revolver, they would lose every time."⁹
 - Mayor Daley: "We're finding out that the weapons of criminals are getting bigger and bigger, AK-47s, all type of different weapons, because they can carry assault weapons, it's not a violation of federal law, and that is a concern for all of us."¹⁰
 - On July 8, 2008, Chicago Justice Project filed a request for data from the Research and Development Division (R&DD) section of the Chicago Police Department. The following data was requested¹¹:
 - The number of murders in Chicago as a result of high powered weapons or assault weapon in 2002-2007
 - The number of times officers have reported being fired at from high powered/ assault weapons in 2002-2007.
 - Total number of times officers have report being shot at from 2002-2007
 - R&DD response: "Unfortunately, the data you are seeking is unavailable in an accessible format. The data cannot be easily queried and would require staff

¹ "Chicago Police To Get Assault Rifles" NBC5 News April 27, 2008 <http://www.nbc5.com>

² M-4 Carbine, US Army Fact Files, <http://www.army.mil>, August 19, 2008

³ "Cops May Get Assault Weapons in Chicagostan" Bob Owens, May 3, 2008 <http://www.pajamasmedia.com>

⁴ "Malaysia replaces Steyr Assault Rifle with Colt M4 carbines" Petaling Jaya, April 26, 2006 <http://targetshooting.meetup.com>

⁵ Impact Guns, <http://www.impactguns.com>, August 19, 2008

⁶ Winchester Ammunitions, <http://www.winchester.com>, August 19, 2008

⁷ "Chicago PD to get M4 carbines," PoliceOne.Com Products, <http://www.policeoneproducts.com>

⁸ Briefing Sheet: M4 Assault Rifle, Chicago Justice Project

⁹ CBS News Chicago, Dorothy Tucker, May 16, 2008

¹⁰ Officers may get assault rifles – Mayor backs plan, say cops 'outgunned', Chicago Tribune, April 27, 2008

¹¹ Briefing Sheet: M4 Assault Rifle, Chicago Justice Project

to review case report narratives. Such a review would be3 unduly burdensome to complete.¹²”

- For the 2009 Fiscal Year, Governor Rod Blagojevich cut the state budget by \$1.4 billion dollars¹³
 - This budget cut hits almost every budget item including social services and higher education¹⁴
- What Was Cut?
 - Health care received a **\$530 million** cut to hospitals that provide Medicaid services¹⁵.
 - Social Services lost **\$210 million** including:
 - \$55 million for substance abuse programs¹⁶
 - \$5 million for developmentally disabled programs¹⁷
 - \$4.6 million physically disabled programs¹⁸
 - \$36 million mental health services¹⁹
 - \$4 million for HIV/AIDS programs²⁰
 - \$3 million for domestic and youth shelters²¹
 - \$30 million decrease for DCFS²²
 - Education lost **\$100 million** in cuts including:
 - \$18 million in higher ed financial assistance for low-income students²³
 - \$22 million in grants for health care education services²⁴
 - \$5.6 million in higher education tuition support²⁵
 - \$10 million for community colleges²⁶
 - Public safety lost \$9 million for **inmate transition programs**²⁷
- “For fiscal year 2009, the Office of Budget and Management currently anticipates a shortfall in the [Chicago] corporate fund in the amount of \$420 million.”²⁸
- “An analysis of revenues and expenditures through the remainder of 2008 indicates that the [Chicago] corporate fund is projected to end the fiscal year with an estimated year-end shortfall of \$141 million, which is reflected in the 2009 \$420 million shortfall.”²⁹
- In the proposed budget for fiscal year 2009, 36.6% of the corporate fund will be allocated to the Police Department, while only 1.9% of the corporate will be allocated to serving the needs of Chicago youth.³⁰

¹² Megan Alderson, Research & Development Division, July 21, 2008

¹³ *Weekly Review*, Center for Tax and Budget Accountability, <http://www.ctbaonline.org>, August 19, 2008

¹⁴ *Weekly Review*, Center for Tax and Budget Accountability, <http://www.ctbaonline.org>, August 19, 2008

¹⁵ *Weekly Review*, Center for Tax and Budget Accountability, <http://www.ctbaonline.org>, August 19, 2008

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²⁰ *Weekly Review*, Center for Tax and Budget Accountability, <http://www.ctbaonline.org>, August 19, 2008

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²⁷ *Weekly Review*, Center for Tax and Budget Accountability, <http://www.ctbaonline.org>, August 19, 2008

²⁸ *Preliminary Budget Estimates*, Office of Budget and Management, <http://egov.cityofchicago.org>, August 19, 2008

²⁹ *Preliminary Budget Estimates*, Office of Budget and Management, <http://egov.cityofchicago.org>, August 19, 2008

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