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**CLERK DOROTHY BROWN REMEMBERS FRED RICE: CHICAGO'S  
FIRST AFRICAN-AMERICAN POLICE SUPERINTENDENT**

The Honorable Dorothy Brown, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County, issued the following statement upon the passing of Mr. Fred Rice on Jan. 10, 2011.

I am saddened by the passing of the Mr. Fred Rice, a man of exemplary stature who served the citizens of Chicago as a police officer, and rose to the rank of Police Superintendent, becoming the first African American to do so.

He was known for his quiet but strong leadership and he deftly handled racial problems that plagued the police department during his tenure. He was well respected by his fellow officers for his strength of character and integrity.

His many accomplishments, including serving in the Armed Forces, working as a patrol officer and Police Superintendent, obtaining undergraduate and master's degrees and being a founding member of the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives, speak to how Mr. Rice lived his life honorably.

He was a great man who will be truly missed.

My thoughts and prayers are with his wife, Thelma, his children and grandchildren, other family members and friends during this solemn time.

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