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**CLERK DOROTHY BROWN OFFERS CONDOLENCES
TO FIREFIGHTERS' FAMILIES AND FRIENDS**

Following the tragic fire incident this morning that claimed the lives of two Chicago firefighters, the Honorable Dorothy Brown, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County, issued the following statement:

I am greatly saddened by the loss of the two brave Chicago firefighters, Edward Stringer and Corey Ankum, who died as a result of the worst fire disaster in our city in more than a decade.

These two men and their fellow firefighters demonstrated their dedication and bravery by risking their lives to battle a fire that threatened the lives and property of the citizens of Cook County. Unfortunately, Stringer and Ankum made the ultimate sacrifice in this noble effort and I want their families and other firefighters to know how much we all appreciate and admire them. My hope is for a complete and speedy recovery for the 15 other firefighters who were injured in this incident.

My thoughts and prayers are with the loved ones of Stringer and Ankum as well as with the firefighters who fought this blaze alongside them and are now grieving the loss of two of their comrades. This is an immense tragedy for Chicago. We have lost two great men.

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