

Quinn Chapel AME Church & The People's Response Network (PRN) Host the 30th Anniversary of the Chicago 1995 Heat Wave

**Friday, July 11, 2025
Quinn Chapel AME Church
2401 S. Wabash, Chicago**

**Press Conference & Art Installation: 1 pm
Film Screening Event: 7 pm, Doors Open 6 pm**

Contact: prncoalition@gmail.com

Here is how you can help:

- (1) Share and post the event flyer everywhere to everyone
- (2) Ask your organization, union, or religious group to endorse the event
- (2a) If you know someone who lost a loved one, family member, friend, neighbor, co-worker, classmate in the 1995 Chicago Heat Wave ask them if they would like to give testimonial at the press conference and/or after the 20 minute Cooked film
- (3) Help set-up the art installation @ **11 am on sidewalk next to Quinn**
- (4) Mobilize people to attend **1 pm press conference** & to see art installation. Speakers:
 - Lonette Sims, PRN Chair, MC of Press Conference
 - Pastor Troy Venning, Quinn Chapel AME Church
 - Byron Sigcho-Lopez, 25th Ward Alderman
 - Testimonial: lost a family member, relative, neighbor, co-worker in 1995 heat wave
 - Matt Brandon, Communities Organized to Win (COW)
 - Cheryl Johnson, Executive Director, People for Community Recovery (PCR)
 - Access Living
 - Margarita Reina, Community Epidemiologist
 - Elijah Griggs, PRN Volunteer
 - Dr. Geraldine Luna, Medical Organization for Latino Advancement (MOLA)
 - Dr. Howard Ehrman, PRN Co-Founder
 - Kathy Powers, Chicago Poet
- (6) Help with set-up, coordination and/or security for indoor event & tables 5 pm
- (7) Request your organization or union have a table at indoor event-5 pm set-up

DEADLINE THURSDAY, JULY 3 TABLE REQUEST DEADLINE

(8) Reach out to anyone who may have lost a family member, neighbor, co-worker in the 1995 heat wave, other heat waves, extreme cold weather, and any other climate disaster before or since and see if they would like to attend event and/or speak there

- TESTIMONIAL AFTER FILM

(9) Suggest Speakers for Panel after 20 minute Cooked Survival by Zip Code Film: Deadline Thursday, July 3

(10) Download and learn to use these 5 apps on your phone &/or tablet Before the event:

- OSHA/NIOSH Heat Index
- AirNow
- Red Cross Emergency
- Red Cross 1st Aid
- Chi311

(11) Show others at the event how to download & use these apps at the end of July 11 event

(12) Volunteer to be part of one or both Teams we will set up at end of event:

- **Organize Climate Disaster Teams:** Prevent, Prepare, Train, Organize, Response working with family members, neighbors, co-workers, students, religious groups, in your neighborhood, workplace, school, across the city
- **Climate Disaster Grassroots People First Public Policy Team:** Prevent, Prepare, Train, Organize, Response in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois

(13) Clean-up @ Quinn Chapel after Event