

CHAPTER 314  
BOARD OF FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSIONERS

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**314-1. Members.** 1. STATE LAW. Pursuant to s. 62.50, Wis. Stats., the members of the board of fire and police commissioners shall be appointed by the mayor and subject to confirmation by the common council.

2. REQUIRED. a. Prior to confirmation by the common council, every person appointed a member of the board shall be subject to the same full and complete background investigation as any candidate for appointment to any position in the fire or police departments, including but not limited to verification of educational degrees, previous employment and arrest and conviction records. Such background investigations shall be conducted by the sheriff of Milwaukee county, and the written report of each investigation submitted to the common council.

b. Each newly appointed commissioner shall register for training related to the missions of the fire department and the police department within 6 months of the date of confirmation of their appointment by the common council, and shall complete said training within 12 months of the date of confirmation of their appointment by the common council.

b-1. Fire department training shall include such training and ride along programs as may be recommended by the executive director of the fire and police commission. Newly appointed commissioners who have professional experience as a firefighter are exempt from the fire department training requirement.

b-2. Police department training shall include attending the Milwaukee police citizen academy and participating in the police

department ride along program, as may be recommended by the executive director of the fire and police commission. Newly appointed commissioners who have professional experience as a law enforcement officer are exempt from the police department training requirement.

b-3. The fire and police commission shall submit an annual report to the common council of training taken by fire and police commission members.

**314-3. Duties.** In accordance with the duties provided in s. 62.50, Wis. Stats., the board of fire and police commissioners shall:

1. Conduct a policy review of all aspects of the operations of the police and fire departments, may prescribe general policies and standards for the departments, and may inspect any property of the departments, including but not limited to books and records, required for such review.

2. Audit internal police and fire department investigations to ensure thorough, fair and credible results.

3. Monitor the citizen complaint process to ensure timely and objective resolutions.

4. Use oversight authority to identify systemic problems within the police and fire departments, identify opportunities for improvement through organizational change, and delegate authority for follow-up to the respective chief.

**314-5. Executive Director.** Pursuant to the authority granted to 1<sup>st</sup> class cities under s. 62.51, Wis. Stats., there is created a position of an executive director to comprise the role of executive secretary of the board. Under the direction of the board, the executive director shall act as the principal staff of the board in exercising the board's functions and

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powers provided in s. 62.50, Wis. Stats., and described under s. 314-3. In addition, the executive director shall:

1. Review a complaint investigation when a citizen is dissatisfied with the outcome of an investigation that has been completed by the police or fire department.
2. Evaluate police and fire department policies, practices and patterns, including but not limited to deployment of staff, crime and fire prevention training, use of force, search, seizure, citizen interaction and communication.
3. Issue periodic public reports relating to the status and resolution of complaints, timeliness of complaint resolution, trends and patterns of concern pertaining to complaint investigations, nature and frequency of complaints and other performance indicators.

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Abbreviations:

am = amended  
cr = created

ra = renumbered and amended  
rc = repealed and recreated

rn = renumbered  
rp = repealed

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