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PRESS RELEASE

REPORT OF MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT USE OF FORCE

The Fire and Police Commission (FPC) has published an analysis of the use of force by the Milwaukee Police Department in 2010. The report is a collaborative project with the UW-Milwaukee Criminal Justice Department and its chairman, Professor Steven Brandl. Michael G. Tobin, Executive Director of the FPC, summarizes the report:

“While the number of contacts between police and members of the community substantially increased in 2010, the likelihood of officers using force has remained at previous levels. The use of force by Milwaukee police officers is a statistically rare event, occurring in about 1% of all arrests that are made. The department has improved its record keeping since our last report. We are continuing to work with the Police Department to identify and modify training and policy issues to further improve our officers’ ability to confront violent situations with minimum use of force.”

Professor Brandl will formally present the report at tonight’s Fire and Police Commission meeting at 5:30 p.m. in City Hall, 200 East Wells Street, Room 301-B. The report will be available at the FPC website <http://city.milwaukee.gov/fpc>.

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