

**CITY OF MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT
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STATEMENT FROM THE MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No radio system in the history of the Milwaukee Police Department has ever had an emergency button feature – until now.

Although the implementation process of the new radio system has been far more open and transparent than the Milwaukee Police Association's secret and surprise "no confidence" vote, it is not unreasonable to advocate strongly for a functioning emergency button.

Indeed, as we have taken pains to ensure that for the first time in department history, each member in an operational assignment would have their own personal radio 24 hours a day, seven days a week, the activation of the button had to be delayed, lest it be used incorrectly.

The long-standing procedure for an officer to call for assistance via the radio remains unchanged.

The MPD Office of Management, Analysis and Planning is finalizing a Standard Operating Procedure for the use of this feature which will be distributed within the first two weeks of the New Year.

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