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Red Arrow Park shooting update on Public Safety Committee agenda tomorrow

In the interest of providing answers for concerned members of the public, Alderwoman Milele A. Coggs announced that she has requested an update from the Milwaukee Police Department and the Fire and Police Commission regarding the officer-involved shooting in Red Arrow Park last month.

Alderwoman Coggs said that she hopes police officials can shed new light on the ongoing investigation into the shooting, which resulted in the death of a 31-year-old mentally-ill man, as well as provide some answers for the man's grieving family. She also requested, as part of the communication file, a briefing on standard operating procedures and policies relating to officer interactions with mentally-ill people.

"When a conflict with law enforcement results in the death of a community member—especially one with mental health needs—it is paramount that we examine with utmost transparency the circumstances around that death," Alderwoman Coggs said. "The community must be assured that every precaution is taken to safeguard the lives of its most vulnerable citizens."

The communication is scheduled to be heard at **10:00 a.m.** in the regular Public Safety Committee meeting on **Thursday, May 22 in Room 301-B of City Hall, 200 E. Wells. St.** The meeting begins at 9:00 a.m. and will be carried live on the City Channel and at milwaukee.gov/citychannel.

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