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## **Grand Opening of the Milwaukee Fire Department Mobile Integrated Healthcare Program at Station 31, and Announcement of the Milwaukee Overdose Response Initiative**

**WHAT:** The Milwaukee Fire Department Mobile Integrated Healthcare (MIH) Program has expanded and as of January 1, 2019, has moved into a previously closed firehouse for the purpose of conducting community paramedic visits and pre-emergency outreach. Station 31 is now utilized to deliver *proactive medical services* to the citizens of Milwaukee as we look at the patient as a whole.

The Milwaukee Overdose Response Initiative (MORI) is a community-wide approach which operationalizes the [Milwaukee City-County Heroin, Opioid, and Cocaine Task Force \(CCHOCTF\) recommendations](#). The goal initially is to focus on decreasing fatalities by utilizing diverse databases to uncover trends, streamline access to treatment, and provide education in schools.

“I am proud to have sponsored the Milwaukee Overdose Response Initiative in collaboration with the Milwaukee City-County Heroin, Opioid, and Cocaine Task Force to bring together the Milwaukee Fire and Milwaukee Health departments,” said Ald. Murphy. “This effort will utilize MIH to address the opioid crisis by working with multiple public and private agencies to answer the question: *‘What can WE do to make a difference?’*”

“I am very pleased to see this initiative go forward, and I thank Ald. Murphy for his leadership,” said Ald. José Pérez. “The opioid crisis has hit the 12<sup>th</sup> District hard and I have learned that there is no one answer to the problem. I am looking forward to watching this program work, evaluating its results, and figuring out how it best fits with all the efforts the City and the community are bringing to bear.”

**WHEN:** Friday, May 3 - 11:30 a.m.

**WHERE:** Station 31, 2400 South 8<sup>th</sup> Street

**WHO:** Mayor Tom Barrett  
Milwaukee Fire Department Chief Mark Rohlfing  
Health Commissioner Jeanette Kowalik  
Alderman Michael J. Murphy, 10<sup>th</sup> District  
Alderman José G. Pérez, 12<sup>th</sup> District  
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