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## **Communication file introduced to seek answers regarding MFD incident**

Alderwoman Milele A. Coggs has introduced a communication file to help clarify recent events within the Milwaukee Fire Department (MFD), as well as the department's policies and procedures for investigating and responding to incidents of this type. This comes on the heels of the MFD acknowledging an investigation into a brown figurine found hanging from a pink, looped ribbon in a fire station. Co-sponsors of the file include Alderman Russell W. Stamper, II, Alderwoman Nikiya Dodd, Alderwoman Chantia Lewis, Alderman Khalif J. Rainey and Alderman Ashanti Hamilton.

“There are still many questions surrounding the incident that occurred at a Milwaukee fire station and the ensuing investigation. This file can allow for a public discussion as we continue to seek as much transparency as possible within local government,” said Alderwoman Coggs. “Most importantly, we need to make sure every department within the City fosters an open, welcoming and inclusive environment for all people to feel safe and respected. Incidents like the one that occurred should not be acceptable and making sure they are dealt with in an appropriate manner is vitally important.”

The communication file will be heard at a future meeting of the Council's Public Safety and Health Committee. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Public Safety and Health Committee will be Thursday, July 16 at 9 a.m.

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