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Public Safety and Health Committee to hear file regarding MFD workplace incident

At tomorrow's meeting of the Public Safety and Health Committee on Tuesday, September 15th, the committee will hear file #200346 - Communication from the Milwaukee Fire Department (MFD) relating to recent allegations of workplace racial harassment as well as its policies and procedures for investigating and responding to incidents of this type. The file is sponsored by **Alderwoman Milele A. Coggs** and co-sponsored by **Alderman Russell W. Stamper, II**.

The communication file comes in response to the MFD acknowledging earlier this summer an investigation into a brown figurine found hanging from a pink, looped ribbon in a fire station. "There are still questions surrounding this incident that occurred at a fire station and the ensuing investigation. I look forward to an open discussion around the events that took place," said Alderwoman Coggs. "Making sure all city departments are welcoming and inclusive is a top priority, and it should be known that acts such as this one are not acceptable and need to be dealt with in an appropriate manner."

Alderman Stamper shares the sentiment. "When incidents of this nature occur it is vital we have a transparent conversation about what happened, and what can be done to prevent them in the future. I hope this file can help shed light on the internal processes and procedures to make sure all employees are treated fairly and with dignity," said Alderman Stamper.

The Public Safety and Health Committee meeting will begin at 1:30 p.m. and be televised live on the City Channel (channel 25 on Spectrum Cable and channel 99 on AT&T U-Verse in the City of Milwaukee) and via streaming video on the city website at city.milwaukee.gov/Channel25.