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Appointment of Jeffrey Norman as acting chief a great decision for Milwaukee

Statement of Alderman Michael J. Murphy December 18, 2020

At yesterday's meeting of the Fire and Police Commission (FPC), Jeffrey Norman was named the next acting chief of the Milwaukee Police Department (MPD) effective December 23. I couldn't be more supportive of this decision, and commend the FPC for this selection.

I've had the pleasure of working with Jeffrey Norman for many years when he served as captain of MPD's third district, and in his current role of assistant chief. He has always proven responsive, compassionate and puts the needs of the community first. It is no surprise that the 24-year department veteran and life-long Milwaukee resident has the utmost respect from the community, his fellow officers and many others.

Earlier today my colleague Alderman Bauman called on the FPC to pause their selection of a new police chief and allow Jeffrey Norman an extended opportunity to audition for the role of permanent chief. I concur with the sentiments of Alderman Bauman and am also asking the FPC to afford the soon-to-be acting chief a chance to show how he would perform in the role long term.

His experience, commitment to the city and proven track record have earned him that much.

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