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Resolution requesting Fire and Police Commission implement a database for sworn personnel approved

During today's meeting of the full Common Council file #200263, resolution requesting the Fire and Police Commission to adopt a policy to implement a database providing information to the public regarding police officers' and firefighters' badge or other identification numbers and their records, was approved by the Council. The item was introduced by **Alderman Russell W. Stamper, II**.

"Our police officers and firefighters are sworn to protect and serve the people. They work for the residents of Milwaukee just as elected officials do, and as public serving employees their records should be open for anyone to see," said Alderman Stamper. "Especially in these times when trust is low this measure can only help rebuild trust and increase transparency. Transparency is change. Transparency is trust. We look forward to working with the MPD and the Fire and Police Commission in bringing this database to fruition."

The resolution requests that the Fire and Police Commission adopt a policy to implement a database that provides information to the public regarding police officers' and firefighters' records pertaining to incident reports, disciplinary actions, citizen complaints, and related information, which would be searchable by name and badge or other identification number. No specific database type is recommended but options include a mobile app, listing on the Fire and Police Commission website or another publicly accessible forum.

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