



Milwaukee Police Department

Incidents of Misconduct Third Quarter of 2020

The Chief of Police reviewed the following incidents of misconduct during the months of July, August and September in 2020. These incidents resulted in the listed discipline:

1. An off-duty Network Manager was involved in an incident that elicited a police response and actively resisted responding officers.
 - a. This is the member's first offense of failing to obey state statutes. [Three day suspension without pay]
2. A Police Officer was involved a vehicle pursuit that ended in a squad accident.
 - a. This is the member's third sustained violation for failing to exercise due regard during a vehicle pursuit. [Two day suspension without pay and re-training in EVOC]
3. A Police Officer was the passenger in a squad car that was involved in a vehicle pursuit and ended in a squad accident. The member failed to intervene.
 - a. This is the members first sustained violation of failing to exercise due regard during a vehicle pursuit. [Official Reprimand and re-training in EVOC]
4. A Police Officer apprehended a suspect of a vehicle pursuit and struck the driver's wrist causing the driver to verbally complain. The member used profane and insolent language during the incident. The member failed to activate their body worn camera for the whole day, including during this particular incident.
 - a. This is the member's first offense of failing to have the body worn camera activated during a pursuit. [Five day suspension without pay]
 - b. This is the member's first offense of failure to treat the public with courtesy and professionalism. [Five day suspension without pay]
 - c. This is the member's first offense of failing to exercise restraint in a use of force. [Five day suspension without pay and re-training in Pro-Com, Vehicle Contacts, DAAT and Firearms]
5. A Police Officer pulled into the traffic lane attempting to engage in a vehicle pursuit when a citizen collided with their squad car.

- a. This is the member's first offense of failing to exercise due regard during a vehicle pursuit. [District Level Written Reprimand]
6. A Police Officer was working as the district booking officer when a prisoner was found in the cell hanging in an attempt to harm himself. The member failed to conduct a cell check for an extended period of time.
 - a. This is the member's first offense of failing to conduct prisoner cell checks within the required time intervals. [Discharged from the Department]
7. A Police Officer engaged in a foot pursuit after a vehicle pursuit for reckless driving and lost sight of the suspect. When the member encountered the suspect, the member discharged their firearm in the direction of the suspect subsequently striking and injuring unintended bystander.
 - a. This is the member's first offense of failing to stop and look for the suspect after losing sight during a foot pursuit. [Twenty day suspension]
 - b. This is the member's first offense of failing to meet the deadly force requirement of target isolation. [Discharged from the Department]
8. An off-duty Police Sergeant was involved in a single vehicle accident, which resulted in the death of a passenger.
 - a. This is the member's first offense of failing to obey the ordinances of the City of Milwaukee. [Twenty day suspension]
9. A Police Officer and their partner were dispatched to a call and did not exit the station until an extended period. Once on scene, the member failed to contact the caller, failed to investigate the call further before clearing and failed to document information about the call in the member's memorandum book.
 - a. This is the member's first offense of failing to document an investigation in a memorandum book. [District Level Written Reprimand]
 - b. This is the member's first offense of failing to render service to the community promptly and efficiently. [Five day suspension without pay]
 - c. This is the member's first offense of failing to fully investigate. [Discharged from the Department]
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11. A Police Officer and their partner responded to a child abuse complaint. The member failed to verify the suspect information resulting in the wrong person being arrested.

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13. An off-duty Police Officer was found to be impaired while operating a vehicle. The member was disrespectful to the arresting officers.

- a. This is the member's first offense of failing to obey the laws of the State of Wisconsin. [Thirty day suspension without pay]
- b. This is the member's first offense of behaving in such a manner that discredit was brought upon the department. [Fifteen day suspension without pay]

14. A Police Officer responded to a citizen in an inappropriate manner.

- a. This is the member's first offense of behaving in such a manner that discredit could be brought upon the department. [Official Reprimand]

15. A Police Officer and their partner were dispatched to a reckless use of a weapon and property damage complaint involving the victim's child's father. The member failed to investigate the domestic violence portion of the incident.

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17. A Police Officer and their partner responded to an accident. The member administered deficient standard field sobriety tests to a subject involved in the accident and did not arrest the subject. The member failed to issue a contact card to a citizen involved in the accident.

- a. This is the member's second offense of failing to conduct a thorough and accurate investigation and ensuring accountability and responsibility in accordance with the law. [Five day suspension without pay]
- b. This is the member's first offense of failing to issue a community contact card to a citizen at the conclusion of their contact. [Policy Review]

18. A Police Officer and their partner responded to an accident. The member's partner administered deficient standard field sobriety tests to a subject involved in the accident. The member did not intervene in the deficient tests and improperly indicated information on the accident report. The member failed to issue a contact card to a citizen involved in the accident.

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19. A Police Sergeant contacted several supervisors on their fiancé's behalf to clarify issues brought to their attention by their fiancé, who is also a department member. There were other inquiries made by the member about their fiancé and their fiancé's field training to supervisors at the district level.

- a. This is the member's first sustained offense of using one's position within the department to unnecessarily interfere with professional responsibilities. [Five day suspension without pay]

20. An off-duty Police Officer was found to be impaired while operating a vehicle.

- a. This is the member's first offense of failing to obey the laws of the State of Wisconsin. [Thirty day suspension without pay]

Disclaimer: The information provided is the initial decision rendered by the Chief of Police. Members have the right to appeal their discipline, which could result in a modified (reduced or increased) punishment.