



## Fire and Police Commission

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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

August 12, 2020

## **THE BOARD OF FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSION TO DO A LOCAL AND NATIONAL SEARCH TO SEEK AN INNOVATIVE AND VISIONARY LEADER TO PROVIDE DIRECTION AND LEADERSHIP FOR THE MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT AS POLICE CHIEF**

### TIMELINE OF EVENTS:

- **Thursday, August 6, 2020**, Chief Alfonso Morales is demoted back to the rank of Captain
- **Thursday, August 6, 2020**, Assistant Chief Michael J. Brunson is named Acting Chief of Police
- **Friday, August 7, 2020**, Acting Chief Michael J. Brunson is sworn in by the FPC Executive Director at 11 a.m. in City Hall, Council Chambers
- **Wednesday, August 12, 2020**: Chief of Police Applications open locally and nationally
- **Friday, September 11, 2020**: Chief of Police Applications to **close by 4:45 p.m.**

The Fire & Police Commission (FPC) is dedicated to restoring trust and seasoned leadership within the Milwaukee Police Department (MPD) and the City of Milwaukee. As a united Board of Commissioners, we stand together in our decision to change leadership during these critical times – of not simply unrest – but of civil rights movement.

While we are Commissioners of the Fire & Police Commission, we are also members of this community as well.

We are mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers, neighbors, friends, allies, and more.

**So that healing and trust in the process from the community occurs, the Board of Commissioners will immediately begin a local and national search for the next Milwaukee Police Chief.** This will be an inclusive, transparent, and non-political process, with involvement from residents and community organizations. While we welcome comments from the Mayor and members of the Common Council, it is the residents whom we must give the greatest voice during this process.

A local and national search process will begin immediately. **The timeline as to when applications will be accepted by the Office of the Fire and Police Commission begins on Wednesday, August 12, 2020 and is set to close at 4:45 p.m. on Friday, September 11, 2020.**

In this process, we will ensure that we have adequate community engagement and wide-pool of candidates to choose from for this vital leadership position for our City, before our final selection is made and announced.

The Board will be working closely with the Executive Director of the Fire and Police Commission to ensure this process is completed in an appropriate timeframe. For more information visit <https://city.milwaukee.gov/fpc>.

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