



Fire and Police Commission

Griselda Aldrete
Executive Director

Steven M. DeVougas
Chair

Nelson Soler
Vice-Chair

Ann Wilson
Fred Crouther
Angela McKenzie
Everett Cocroft
Raymond Robakowski
Commissioners

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

August 3, 2020

MILWAUKEE FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSION STATEMENT

Fire and Police Commission has issued a directive to increase police accountability and transparency following the largely peaceful protests in the aftermath of the murder of George Floyd by a police officer in Minneapolis, MN earlier this year.

The specific directive that has been shamelessly exploited and distorted is Directive #1 (F), which specifically states: “That the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners of the City of Milwaukee, does hereby direct Milwaukee Chief of Police Alfonso Morales to promptly provide a full, public, and accurate explanation of the use of tear gas and large volumes of oleoresin capsicum spray during peaceful civil disturbances and the situations that warrant those tactics within fifteen (15) days from today’s date (July 20, 2020). Deadline: August 4, 2020. The Chief shall work with the Board of the Fire and Police Commission in amending the proper SOP(s) to discontinue the use of chemicals mentioned above.”

We stand at a crucial crossroads in our country's, and Milwaukee's history. We are in the midst of an urgent and overdue national reckoning on race and policing in this country. Only with transparency, accountability and truth will we move forward as a society.

This discussion may make some uncomfortable, and may bluntly scare others. But that is no excuse for political fabrications and feeble attempts to gaslight the public about our steadfast commitment to public safety.

The Fire and Police Commission has always, is now, and will always make the City’s safety the ultimate priority -- and that of course includes keeping the 2020 Democratic National Convention completely safe and secure.

For media inquiries contact fpcpress@milwaukee.gov

To learn more about the FPC, please visit <https://city.milwaukee.gov/fpc>

###