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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ALDRETE RECOMMENDS REVIEW OF CRITICAL POLICE DEPARTMENT OPERATING PROCEDURES RELATING TO OFFICER-INVOLVED DEATHS TO BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

SOP covers officer-involved death incidents, standardized responsibilities, and processes that ensure a thorough and proper investigation

Milwaukee, WI (May 13, 2020) –The Executive Director of the Fire & Police Commission (FPC), who provides operational leadership, guidance, and coordination as the chief administrator for the Board of Commissioners, has recommended the Board officially review the Milwaukee Police Department’s [Standard Operating Procedure \(SOP\) 453](#) at the two (2) tentatively scheduled May meetings of the full Board, and the Policies & Standards Committee.

A Standard Operating Procedure commonly referred to as “SOP”, are established directives and policies that are related to the core values and functions of the police department, and the disciplinary procedures contained within them.

“As the Executive Director, I am recommending to the Board, as the oversight entity of the Police Department, they move this item up in the review process and place this on the May 27th meeting agenda. While SOPs primarily govern on-duty conduct as a matter of state statute, greater clarity surrounding the facts of this event will inform the scope of the officer’s activities on the evening in question and determine the applicability of SOP 453 to his conduct. Whatever the outcome of that fact-finding, now is the time to ensure that a strong, clear SOP regarding officer-involved deaths is reviewed thoroughly by the Board” says Aldrete.

The Executive Director of the Fire and Police Commission does not have the authority to place items on the agenda, cancel or schedule meetings; however, they do provide guidance, recommendations, and coordination of Board operations.

Aldrete additionally states “The residents of the city are looking for transparency and trust in the process and I am committed to this and to ensure we are fulfilling our mission”.

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WHO: FIRE & POLICE COMMISSION

WHAT: REVIEW OF SOP 453

WHEN: MAY 27, 2020 (TENTATIVE)

WHERE: TBD

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