



MICHAEL MCGEE, JR.

ALDERMAN, 6TH DISTRICT

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Chief Nannette H. Hegerty
749 W. State Street
Milwaukee, WI. 53233

Dear Chief,

I am writing you to express concern regarding several issues that will require your immediate consideration. Given the extreme number of incidents involving City of Milwaukee police officers, ranging from brutality, to officer involved shootings of citizens; I would like to bring to your attention a few areas of interest. I am having difficulty comprehending why there is a policy that allows an officer who is involved in a shooting of a citizen, to function in any capacity at the district where the incident occurred. Also, I would like to address night patrols.

This summer, during a community meeting at my district office, a citizen was assaulted and robbed outside of the building. Among the officers who responded to the scene of the crime was none other than Officer Craig Nawotka. Because of Officer Nawotka's involvement in the murder of Justin Fields in March of 2003, many residents including myself were very surprised and perplexed by his presence. I, as well as many of the citizens present that day, felt disrespected and offended that Officer Nawotka is currently on active duty at the 5th District Precinct. After the Justin Fields execution, I find it hard

to imagine how Officer Nawotka could continue to serve in the same district where the shooting occurred.

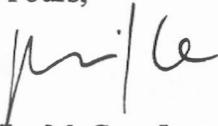
Another member of concern is Officer Jacob Knight, who was involved in the shooting death of Robert Agnew in November of 2005. During the inquest hearing conducted by the District Attorney's office regarding possible negligence for the shooting death of Robert Agnew, I received calls that Officer Knight tried to intimidate witnesses. A constituent, who witnessed the shooting, recalls seeing Officer Knight drive up to his place of employment and issue tickets during the day and weeknights of the hearing. He also was reported to have driven up, and just park stationary in front of the establishment that the witness works at, and subject he and other witnesses to intimidating stares. Already afraid of retaliation, the constituent and his employer have legitimate concerns that question why Officer Jacob Knight should be allowed to remain in the 5th District Police Precinct. I ask after such an incident, how can this be so?

Chief, I close by asking you to remove and transfer both officers in question to other police precincts. For the emotional stability of the community, families, and officers; I believe a more considerate message should be initiated. I find it altogether disrespectful to allow officers who have been involved in shooting incidents of this magnitude to continue serving in the very areas these incidents occurred. I was under the impression that the new early intervention program you initiated would take into consideration situations such as the aforementioned.

Another issue of concern is late night patrols. During the summer (September 16th, 2006 in particular), I along with members of the citizen lead patrol team; Rapid Response patrolled the area of 7th and Melvina, to Capitol, from 2nd Street. During the patrol, which lasted, from 8P-11.30 AM, we did not see one squad car. I find it troubling given the fact that in the area a young girl was recently gang-raped. I understand that your resources are stretched, but the citizens expect to see squads at least once in a 4 hour period.

As police chief, I expect you to take accountability for the emotional and psychological stability of residents as you formulate policy that may have negative ramifications for them. Given the relatively unstable environment with police and community relations, the situation at hand is only going to exacerbate the community's negative perception of the police department. I look forward to your appropriate response, as this situation requires immediate resolution. Please don't hesitate to call or correspond by writing. Thanks for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike McGee, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

Alderman Mike McGee, Jr.
6th Aldermanic District

Cc: Mayor Tom Barrett