



MILWAUKEE TEACHERS'  
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**City of Milwaukee Common Council, Public Safety and Health Committee**

200 E Wells Street  
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Greetings Alderpeople of the Public Safety and Health Committee,

We, the Milwaukee Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression (MAARPR) along with other organizations and community members, have been organizing around a community demand to restrict police chases (Standard Operating Procedure 660 [SOP 660]) along with the changes to SOP 575 to include accidents resulting from a pursuit to be considered a critical incident. We have collected hundreds of signatures from all districts and have spent countless hours researching the topic of police chases and public safety.

When providing input at Fire and Police Commission (FPC) meetings, multiple third parties such as the NYU Policing Project have indicated that we have one of the worst police chase policies in the country. On the other hand, the NYU Policing Project also cited that Louisville, Kentucky saw a lower number of pursuits, injuries, and deaths as a result of restricting their police pursuit policy. In 2025, 10 community members died from accidents resulting from a MPD vehicular pursuit - 6 of which were innocent bystanders. Unrestricted police pursuits often result in higher casualty rates, and these are often innocent bystanders. The families that have to suffer through enough deserve to have some transparency into why their loved ones are gone, which is why these accidents must be considered a critical incident and apply to SOP 575.

We at MAARPR, along with other organizations, community directly affected by the chases, union members, and Alderwomen Dimitrijevic and Moore support modifications to SOP 660 and SOP 575 with the FPC unanimously adopted recommendation. Our desire is to keep our communities safe, and we consider modifications to SOP 660 as an important step in a longer struggle to make Milwaukee a safer city.

We are urging the members of the Public Safety and Health Committee to move the FPC's resolutions regarding vehicular pursuits forward to the Common Council. Thank you for your time, and we look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Milwaukee Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression