



Police Department

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Alderman Michael Murphy, Chair
Finance and Personnel Committee
City Hall, Room 205

Subject: Extension of Police Services Specialist-Investigator positions

Dear Alderman Murphy:

This communication is to request an extension of the 45-day emergency temporary position authority granted to the Milwaukee Police Department (MPD) on March 30, 2007 by Budget and Management Director, Mark Nicolini. Authority was granted to hire 10 Police Services Specialist-Investigators (PSSI) to assist in the background investigations necessary for the three Police Officer recruit classes in 2007. For additional background information, please refer to the Budget Office's March 27, 2007, letter to the Public Safety Committee as part of Common Council File 061338.

The MPD has identified individuals to fill 6.5 PSSI positions to be nominated at the May 17, 2007, Fire and Police Commission meeting. We plan to have those individuals start work May 21, 2007. We are posting the remaining 3.5 PSSI positions and expect to have them filled shortly after the initial PSSI's start.


Utilizing PSSI positions is an effective way to accomplish the extraordinary number of backgrounds necessary for any person to be hired by the MPD. These additional PSSI's will also allow the MPD to move Detectives and Police Officers back to street duty after the initial push for Police Officer recruit backgrounds is accomplished.

We request these 10 positions' emergency temporary authority be extended through the end of 2007. This will allow us time to analyze the ongoing need for these positions and provide updates on background check progress to the Common Council in the coming months. This would also allow for us to work with the Budget Office on whether or not all 10 positions would be included in the 2008 Proposed Budget.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact my office.

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Sincerely,


Nannette Hegerty
Chief of Police

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Fire and Police Commission
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Legislative Reference Bureau