

Fire Department

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To the Honorable
The Board of Fire and Police Commissioners
200 East Wells Street, Room 706
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202

Dear Commissioners:

There have been organizational changes in association with the movement of apparatus as detailed in my correspondence to you dated November 12, 2019. I have highlighted the changes below (see attached draft organizational chart).

Currently, there are three Incident Safety Officers assigned to Battalion 1, and effective December 29, 2019, these positions will no longer exist. In their place, three Battalion Chief, Fire positions will be created, bringing our total complement of Battalion Chiefs to eighteen. We will also create a sixth Battalion, which will be named Battalion 10, due to shared services naming conventions. One Battalion Chief of those assigned to each major incident will function as the Incident Safety Officer, and he/she will also be able to get to each scene in a much more timely and efficient manner.

For your information, we also have two new positions approved for the 2020 budget, a Fire Captain overseeing our Fire Cadet program at the Training Division (which had been a member on a temporary assignment), and a Fire Lieutenant, MORI (Milwaukee Overdose Response Initiative) Supervisor at the EMS Division, who will be based at the Mobile Integrated Health Station House.

After Commission approval, the organizational chart will be distributed as needed. I look forward to discussing any questions or concerns you may have at the next meeting of your Honorable Board.

Respectfully,

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