

MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

ORGANIZATION OF THE MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

GENERAL ORDER: 2025-56 ISSUED: November 21, 2025

EFFECTIVE: November 23, 2025

REVIEWED/APPROVED BY: Assistant Chief Craig Sarnow

DATE: October 13, 2025

ACTION: Amends General Order 2025-07 (February 16, 2025)

WILEAG STANDARD(S): 1.3.2, 1.6.1

ROLL CALL VERSION

Contains only changes to current organizational order. For complete version of organizational order, see SharePoint.

The Milwaukee Police Department shall be organized as indicated below, effective November 23, 2025.

The Chief of Police reserves the right to prescribe other duties or responsibilities upon any divisional component as deemed necessary. (WILEAG 1.3.2)

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

A. CHIEF OF STAFF

1. Office of Community Outreach and Engagement

This component shall be responsible for increasing the number of community members engaged with police, bridging the gap between the resources of the department and the potential audiences who can benefit from said resources, as identified in the police strategic plan. This component works strategically and collaboratively with the Public Information Office to increase community awareness of police services and to build the perception of police relevance in their lives. This component shall be responsible for providing services that assist the community in preventing crime and building relationships through educational programs, partnerships and collaboration with community-based organizations. This component augments the department through the Citizen Academy, Police Auxiliary Program and by connecting youth in the community with the Milwaukee Police Athletic League (MPAL) and services that promote education, develops social skills and reduces the likelihood of future involvement in criminal activity. This component shall be responsible for executing the Chief of Police's community engagement strategy.

- 24. Office of Management Analysis and Planning
- 32. Public Information Office

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT (OCOE)

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1. Recruiting and Retention Unit

This component shall be responsible for working with the Fire and Police Commission in recruiting applicants for employment by the department and ensuring applicants remain educated and engaged throughout the process.

PATROL BUREAU (WILEAG 1.6.1)

K. COMMUNITY RESOURCE DIVISION

This component is comprised of the School Resource Officer program and Crisis Assessment Response Team.

School Resource Officers

This component shall be responsible for providing educational resources, law enforcement information and advice, and serving as a positive law enforcement presence within Milwaukee Public Schools. School Resource Officers shall collaborate with Milwaukee Public School staff, parents and students using community-oriented policing philosophies to build relationships, solve problems and enforce the law.

2. Crisis Assessment Response Team

This component is a collaborative effort between the Milwaukee Police Department and Psychiatric Crisis Service (PCS). The component is comprised of crisis team clinicians and police officers and shall be responsible for responding to situations when police intervention may be needed for individuals with mental illness who are in crisis.

ADMINISTRATION BUREAU

B. TRAINING DIVISION

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- 12. Early Intervention and Officer Wellness Program
- 23. Firearms Unit
- 34. In-Service Unit
- 45. Recreation Association of the Milwaukee Police Department (RAMP)
- 56. Recruit Unit
- 6. Recruiting and Retention Unit

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