

LRB RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS MEMORANDUM

Wed, January 24, 2007

To: Ald. James Bohl, Jr, 5th District
Ald. Joe Dudzik, 11th District

From: Thomas Shaffer, Fiscal Review Analyst Senior, Legislative Reference Bureau

Re: Ranking of 17 Cities on Current Salaries for Police Chiefs

Per your request, the LRB staff identified 17 cities and obtained current annual salary information on their police chiefs. The following table is a summary of that information:

Rank	City	Police Chief Salary	Mayor or City Manager Salary
1	Phoenix*	\$ 184,350	\$ 230,089
2	Seattle	\$ 174,678	\$ 147,971
3	Charlotte*	\$ 163,609	\$ 193,538
4	Nashville	\$ 157,858	\$ 136,500
5	Jacksonville	\$ 156,741	\$ 172,823
6	Austin*	\$ 153,000	\$ 196,115
7	Denver	\$ 143,412	\$ 136,920
8	Columbus	\$ 142,313	\$ 145,225
9	El Paso*	\$ 141,809	\$ 183,731
10	Detroit	\$ 140,000	\$ 176,176
11	Milwaukee	\$ 128,552	\$ 139,549
12	St. Paul	\$ 124,511	\$ 101,400
13	Memphis	\$ 116,971	\$ 160,000
14	Madison	\$ 115,571	\$ 112,880
15	Grand Rapids*	\$ 114,502	\$ 147,169
16	Minneapolis	\$ 113,556	\$ 96,108
17	Pittsburgh	\$ 94,592	\$ 96,511

**Salary reflected is for city managers of these municipalities.*

Milwaukee currently ranks 11th out of the 17 surveyed cities in salaries for police chiefs. Of the 17 cities, 6 cities (35% of total surveyed) currently pay their police chief more than their mayor or city manager.

Please contact me at x8661 if you have any questions regarding this information.

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