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MILWAUKEE FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSION
PUBLISHES CRIME STATISTICS AUDIT

The Fire and Police Commission (FPC) has published a report of its independent audit of the Milwaukee Police Department Crime Statistics. The report acknowledges past inaccuracies in the crime statistics and confirms that no efforts were undertaken to intentionally manipulate the data. The 139-page report also provides a detailed analysis of the police department record management system and the corrective actions that are required to provide more accurate crime statistics in the future.

Michael Tobin, Executive Director of the FPC stated:

“Public concerns about the accuracy of the police department crime statistics have been addressed by this comprehensive review. The report details exactly how the errors occurred and what we need to do to fix them. This exhaustive report will serve as a basic template for every police department in the country that has experienced crime data errors. This report provides a way forward in crime reporting for both the community and the Milwaukee Police Department. It’s important for the community to have confidence in the crime data that is published, and this independent audit is a major step in that direction.”

Representatives of the independent consultant firm PRI Management Group will present a summary of the report at the FPC meeting on Thursday, January 3, 2013 in Room 301-B of City Hall, 200 E. Wells Street, at 5:30 p.m. It will also be broadcast live on Time Warner Cable Channel 25.

The report can be viewed and downloaded from the FPC website at <http://www.city.milwaukee.gov/fpc>.

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