



Department of Employee Relations  
Board of City Service Commissioners  
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To The Honorable  
Alderman Robert Donovan  
Chair of Public Safety Committee  
Common Council  
City of Milwaukee

Dear Alderman Donovan:

At the February 10<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Public Safety Committee we were directed to prepare a more detailed and comprehensive report regarding injuries and illnesses in the Milwaukee Fire Department and to research the availability and impact of light duty programs in City agencies, including the Milwaukee Police Department.

Please be aware that the level of detail requested in terms of nature and cause of injuries and the total number of lost work days in the Fire Department will have to be researched manually. In addition to the requested information, we intend to assess and identify the proportion of injuries stemming from actual firefighting activities versus those occurring in the course of employment, but not as the direct result of firefighting activities.

We anticipate being able to provide a follow up response to you and other Committee members by the end of March. A file could then be introduced to be heard at the April 21<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Public Safety Committee. Please let me know if this timeframe is acceptable.

I look forward to working with you and other Committee members in addressing this critical issue.

Sincerely,

Maria Monteagudo  
Employee Relations Director

Public Safety Committee Members  
C: Burma Hudson