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MILWAUKEE SAFETY COMMISSION

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The Honorable Common Council
Public Safety Committee
200 East Wells Street
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202

Dear Committee Members:

Under the current organizational structure, it is difficult to respond to the many public inquiries regarding the Milwaukee Safety Commission's Activities. Common Council Ordinance 320-27 identifies the responsibilities of the Milwaukee Safety Commission, however, there are inherent conflicts with those identified responsibilities. The responsibilities specified in the Ordinance for duties of the Milwaukee Safety Commission lies under the authority and jurisdiction of several City Departments, including the Public Works, Health, Fire and Police respectively.

Recently with the reappointment of the five Milwaukee Safety Commissioners and the appointment of two new members, the Milwaukee Safety Commissioners at their last meeting on February 12th, 2009 established a sub-committee to review the current ordinance and make appropriate recommendations to modify the current Ordinance. It is the intent of the Milwaukee Safety Commissioners to incorporate their skills, knowledge and experiences in the broad area of Safety to identify legislation that would best meet the needs of the City of Milwaukee in promulgating effective safety awareness strategies throughout the greater Milwaukee community.

Following the review of the current Ordinance, the Milwaukee Safety Commissioners will forward their recommendations to the appropriate body for consideration and action.

If there are inquiries regarding this correspondence, please contact Chair Jim Koleas. I may be reached during the day at Koleasjw@milwaukee.k12.wi.us or 773-9826 (Office) and 640-7523 (cell)

Respectfully,

James W. Koleas, Chair
Milwaukee Safety Commission