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PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE A

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..Title

Substitute motion modifying Milwaukee Police Department Standard Operating Procedure 172 – Sick and Injured Persons.

..Analysis

This motion modifies Milwaukee Police Department Standard Operating Procedure 172 – Sick and Injured Persons to specify that police officers encountering a sick or injured person will make every attempt to provide medical assistance, even in the event a law enforcement department or agency caused an injury.

..Body

Whereas, The purpose of Milwaukee Police Department Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) 172 – Sick and Injured Persons is to ensure that police officers attempt to identify the nature and cause of a person's injury or illness, provide first aid consistent with their training, and initiate Emergency Medical Services (EMS) if needed; and

Whereas, SOP 172 provides a 5-step procedure for treating a sick or injured person, including immediately notifying a dispatcher and requesting medical assistance, immediately applying temporary first aid, determining the nature and cause of the injury, obtaining personal information and witnesses, and notifying their shift commander if the incident results in death or is life threatening; and

Whereas, SOP 172 does not specify that the 5-step protocol shall occur regardless of whether the injury was caused by an accident, another person, or a law enforcement officer from any jurisdiction; and

Whereas, In situations where a person has been injured, members of the Milwaukee Police Department must act to render or request first aid immediately, regardless of who caused the injury; and

Whereas, S. 62.50(3)(am), Wis. Stats., allows the Common Council to suspend or modify any policy established by the Chief of Police upon a two-thirds vote of all of the members of the Common Council; now, therefore

It is moved, By the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee, that Section 172.15 of the Milwaukee Police Department's Standard Operating Procedure 172 – Sick and Injured Persons shall be modified as follows:

## 172.15 PROCEDURE

A. Members encountering a sick and/or injured person needing medical treatment shall immediately notify the dispatcher and request medical assistance.

B. Members encountering a sick and/or injured person shall apply immediate and temporary first aid consistent with their training when circumstances require it until transferring care to the appropriate medical personnel.

C. Members shall attempt to determine the nature and cause of the person's injury or illness and attempt to determine if the incident was criminal in nature.

D. Members shall obtain the name, date of birth, addresses, and phone numbers of the sick and/or injured person and witnesses to the medical emergency when available and safe and practical to do so.

E. If the incident results in death or serious or life threatening injury, the member shall notify their shift commander in accordance with SOP 700 Case Management.

>>F. Members encountering a sick or injured person shall make every attempt to complete steps A through E, regardless of who caused the injury to the person.<<

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