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Memorandum

To: Chief Jeffrey Norman

CC: Board of Fire and Police Commissioners
MPD Chief of Staff Heather Hough

From: Leon W. Todd
Executive Director

Date: April 27, 2026

RE: FPC Policy Change Recommendations: SOP 660 – Vehicle Pursuits and Emergency Vehicle Operations, and SOP 575 – Video Release Policy

This memo serves as official notice that, on April 16, 2026, the Fire and Police Commission (FPC) adopted a resolution recommending modification of two Milwaukee Police Department (MPD) Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs): (1) SOP 660 – Vehicle Pursuits and Emergency Vehicle Operations, and (2) SOP 575 – Video Release Policy. A copy of the resolution ([FPC212429](#)) is attached to this memo.

The resolution recommends that MPD or the Common Council modify SOP 660 to prohibit department members from engaging in vehicle pursuits for reckless driving that is observed *after* an attempted traffic stop. The resolution also recommends that SOP 660 be modified to explicitly provide that if the continuation of a vehicle pursuit for reckless driving increases the danger to the public, the department member shall terminate the pursuit.

The resolution further recommends that MPD or the Common Council modify SOP 575 by adding vehicle pursuits involving death or great bodily harm to the categories of incidents requiring release of video evidence.

The grounds for the resolution are stated in the recitals (i.e., the “whereas” clauses) of the resolution.

As you know, FPC Rules provide that the FPC may recommend to the Chief of Police that he amend or suspend any policy established under the Chief's policymaking authority under Wis. Stat. § 62.50(3)(a). *See* FPC Rule IV, Section 3. If the Chief, in his discretion, declines to implement the FPC's recommended policy change, the FPC may then recommend to the Common Council that it modify or suspend the policy. *Id.*

In accordance with this rule, the FPC respectfully requests that MPD submit a formal response to these policy change recommendations within fifteen (15) days of this memo. The FPC will wait to receive your response before forwarding the matter to the Common Council for its consideration.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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