



Board, Milwaukee Fire and Police Commissioners

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To the members of the Milwaukee Fire and Police Commission:

I am writing on behalf of the Milwaukee County Substance Abuse Prevention coalition (MCSAP) to support the appointment of Acting Fire Chief Aaron Lipski to the position of Milwaukee Fire Chief for a full four-year term.

Acting Chief Lipski is a longtime member of the coalition, participated in our Strategic Planning Committee, and has served as Chair since June 2019. His contributions to the growth and success of MCSAP, Milwaukee County's only county-wide substance abuse prevention coalition, are plentiful, and his dedication to the prevention of substance abuse is very real. Through MCSAP, he has appeared in a public service announcement stressing the need for safe disposal of unused medication to prevent overdose or a potential addiction; educated coalition members on the toll the opioid overdose epidemic is having on individuals, their families, and the Milwaukee Fire Department; and is a welcoming, inclusive leader of coalition meetings. Lipski's involvement in the Milwaukee Overdose Response Initiative (MORI) demonstrates the MFD's commitment to improving the health and safety of Milwaukee residents in creative and effective ways. In addition, Lipski always recognizes that the strength of MCSAP lies in our diverse membership and collaborative nature. While Lipski serves as Chair, he encourages and promotes members to take the lead when they can.

On behalf of the Milwaukee County Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition, I am supporting Acting Chief Lipski's appointment to Milwaukee Fire Chief.

Sincerely,

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