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The Board of the Fire and Police Commission
City Hall, Room 706A
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Dear Commissioners:

I established the critical incident review board pursuant to General Order 2012-28 for the purpose of conducting objective, thorough and timely analyses of a critical incident or any use of force or incident deemed appropriate for such review. The board is charged with reviewing and evaluating the department's policies and procedures, improving training, and ensuring that best practices are in place with regard to critical incidents.

Please find attached an executive summary I had developed to share with your honorable board to outline the critical incident involving Ashanti Dickerson-Hendricks, which occurred on November 14, 2013, at 8901 Connell Avenue [Children's Hospital of Wisconsin].

Actions:

1. The Technical Communications Division has created an electronic "flag" to alert telecommunicators and dispatchers when an assignment location may extend into another jurisdiction.
2. Effective December 16, 2013, a policy was instituted requiring the department to notify the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Department whenever a department squad responds to any facility within the County grounds for a law enforcement purpose.
3. A new policy, effective April 16, 2014, was enacted requiring department staff to notify hospital security departments whenever they respond to a hospital for a law enforcement purpose.
4. Continued training of department members in active shooter response. This training is ongoing and the current in-service session addresses this topic with an eight hour block of active shooter instruction.
5. Telecommunicators, dispatchers and staff assigned to Differential Police Response (DPR) sections, will be provided training on the proper classification and prioritization of calls for service involving armed suspects and suspects within hospitals and other sensitive facilities.

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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Edward A. Flynn". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

EDWARD A. FLYNN
CHIEF OF POLICE

Attachment