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The Board of Fire and Police Commissioners
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Dear Commissioners:

In order to comply with ACT 348 which was signed into law in April 2014, the Milwaukee Police Department signed a memorandum of understanding in August of 2014 with county law enforcement agencies outlining which outside agency would be called to investigate when an agency experienced a critical incident. All surrounding jurisdictions including the District Attorney's Investigation Unit would call the Milwaukee Police Department. We would use the State of Wisconsin Department of Criminal Investigations to conduct our critical incident investigations.

The initial memorandum of understanding also created a task force that jointly created the Suburban Critical Incident Team, to lessen the burden placed on Milwaukee Police investigators and ensure the investigations were conducted uniformly. That team is now fully trained and available for investigating critical incidents. Since the inception of the Suburban Critical Incident Team, a new memorandum of understanding was drafted and signed by the Milwaukee County Chiefs of Police.

While the new agreement still allows us to use the Department of Criminal Investigations if needed, our first call will be to the Suburban Critical Incident Team. This allows a rapid initial response from local investigators, supervisors and command staff and further permits us to use over 50 investigators (which are not affiliated with our department) along with the Wisconsin Regional Crime Lab.

The five lead investigative agencies on the team will be:

Greenfield Police Department
Milwaukee Police Department
Oak Creek Police Department
West Allis Police Department
Wauwatosa Police Department

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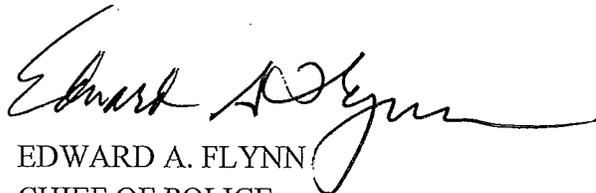
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Over fifteen agencies have committed to the Suburban Critical Incident Team and have dedicated resources to it:

Milwaukee Police Department
Greenfield Police Department
Oak Creek Police Department
Marquette University Police Department
Franklin Police Department
South Milwaukee Police Department
West Milwaukee Police Department
West Allis Police Department
Wauwatosa Police Department
Glendale Police Department
Whitefish Bay Police Department
Brown Deer Police Department
Greendale Police Department
State Fair Police Department
St Francis Police Department
Wisconsin Crime Lab (Milwaukee Office)

These changes will permit a more transparent process and result in critical incident investigations that are responded to more quickly and with greater integrity. Please feel free to contact my office at 935-7316 with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



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CHIEF OF POLICE