



Madison Police and Fire Commission Monthly Report

Stephanie Drescher, Captain of Police

January 2026

Promotions and Probationary Status

PFC Approval—Interim Approval for Promoted Positions (Step 1)

Name, Promoted Rank	Prior Rank	Effective Date
Lisa Wedekind, Detective	Officer	02/01/2026

PFC Approval—File Review and Candidate Discussion (Step 2/Step 3)

Name, Promoted Rank	Current Rank	Effective Date
Ryan Gibson, Lieutenant	Sergeant	01/18/2026
Jack Graziano, Sergeant	Officer	01/18/2026

PFC Approval—Completion of Probationary Period (Step 4)

Name, Promoted Rank	Off Probation Date
Sam Brier, Sergeant	02/02/2026
James Brown, Sergeant	02/02/2026
Kyle Dabbs, Sergeant	02/02/2026
Lucas Hale, Sergeant	02/02/2026
Tyler Hess, Detective	02/02/2026
Korrie Rondorf, Detective	02/02/2026
Jessica Wolf, Detective	02/02/2026

Probationary Status Extension

Name, Rank	Revised Off Probation Date
Grace Favor, Detective	07/09/2026

PFC Notice of Acting Promotion

Name, Promoted Rank - Acting	Prior Rank
None	

Retirements and Resignations

Name, Rank	MPD Start	Effective Date
Christopher Kobinsky, Officer	05/1999	01/05/2026
Carey Leerek, Officer	05/1999	03/17/2026
Chad Joswiak, Officer	05/1999	01/06/2026

2025-2026 Hiring Process Updates

- Request for January (26th) and February (23rd) special meetings regarding eligibility and hiring lists

2025-2026 Promotional Process Updates

- None

2025 & 2026 Pre-Service Academy Update

- None

PSIA Report/Discipline Attachments and Notices

- Professional Standards Open Case Memo
- No suspensions requiring notification to the PFC

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Jenna Rousseau, Counsel for PFC
Andy Schauer, Assistant City Attorney
John Patterson, Chief of Police

Madison Police Department
CORRESPONDENCE / MEMORANDUM

Date: December 3, 2025

To: All Personnel

From: John Patterson, Chief of Police

Re: **Promotion Announcement**

It is my pleasure to announce to the organization the following promotion, contingent on the approval of the Police and Fire Commission:

Police Officer Lisa Wedekind to Detective

Police Officer Lisa Wedekind began her career with the MPD in May of 2015. She is currently assigned to patrol services in our Midtown District (1st detail). Officer Wedekind also takes on the role of being one of our pre-hire background investigators, adjunct instructor, domestic violence liaisons, and mental health liaisons.

Officer Wedekind obtained a Bachelor's Degree in Exercise & Sport Science and a Master's Degree in Clinical Exercise Physiology from the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse.

Please join me in congratulating Officer Wedekind on this well-deserved accomplishment!





CITY OF MADISON POLICE DEPARTMENT



INTER-DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

Date: January 7, 2026

To: Police and Fire Commission
From: John Patterson, Chief of Police
Subject: **Final Promotional Approvals**

The below-listed personnel have successfully performed their duties in their ranks listed during the interim promotional periods. I recommend each of them for final appointment at their ranks as of the dates provided.

Employee Name	Rank	Off Probation Date
Kyle Dabbs	Sergeant	February 2, 2026
Samuel Brier	Sergeant	February 2, 2026
James Brown	Sergeant	February 2, 2026
Lucas Hale	Sergeant	February 2, 2026
Jessica Wolf	Detective	February 2, 2026
Tyler Hess	Detective	February 2, 2026
Korrie Rondorf	Detective	February 2, 2026



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INTER-DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

Date: January 7, 2026

To: Police and Fire Commission
From: John Patterson, Chief of Police
Subject: **Promotion Probationary Status Extension Notice**

Police Officer Grace Favor was promoted to Detective in November of 2024 with an expected start date of February 2, 2025. Detective Favor's start date was delayed as she was out/off on extended leave. Detective Favor began in her detective role on July 9, 2025. Her updated off-probation date in her promoted rank will be July 9, 2026.