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City of Madison Public Safety Review Board

Activity Discussion Proposal 2005

Madison Police Department Madison Fire Department





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Dear Public Safety Review Board (PSRB) member

Attached is a proposal for discussing past activity of the PSRB and where we might focus our efforts for 2005.

I hope our discussion and assessment will:

- Increase awareness of the kind of participation we want.
- Help develop the type of citizen review process we believe the PSRB is capable of handling and our community deserves.

Sincerely,

Larry Pasha, member PSRB

Public Safety Review Board Mission

Public Safety Review Board Created in 1985. (Cr. by Ord. 8584, 5-15-85) MISSION: The board shall be advisory to the mayor and Common Council to assist them in the performance of their statutory duties. The board may review and make recommendations concerning departmental budgets; review service priorities and capital budget priorities of the Police and Fire Departments; serve as liaison between the community and the city on public safety issues; and review annually and make recommendations to the Common Council regarding the annual work plans and long-range goals of the departments.

Duties: The work of the Public Safety Review Board shall be advisory to the Mayor and the Common Council to assist them in the performance of their statutory duties regarding the police and fire departments. The role of the Public Safety Review Board shall in no way interfere with the lawfully prescribed powers and duties of the Common Council, the Police and Fire Commission, the Mayor, or the Chiefs of the respective Police or Fire Departments. The Public Safety Review Board may, in the performance of its duties:

- (a) Review service priorities and capital budget priorities of the Police and Fire departments;
- (b) Serve as liaison between the community and the City on public safety issues;
- (c) Review annually and make recommendations to the Mayor and the Common Council regarding the annual work plans and long-range goals of the departments.

Discussion Purpose:

Review of citizen oversight process in its totality and discuss transparency awareness responsibility. Is Public Safety Review Board (PSRB) current mode of operation suitable to Police and Fire department modes of operation? Has PSRB development kept pace with that of MPD/MFD?

Proposed dialogue focus has two broad areas (1) internal administration and issue focus of PSRB; (2) state of relationships and viability of connections with the following:

- Mayor
- Police Department
- Fire Department
- City Council
- General Public

Potential areas of review:

- 1. Engagement Priority: What is the nature of relationship with Mayor or staff designee? How often is contact? How much access does board have to Chief(s) and Mayor? How should we handle communications with City Council?
- 2. Departmental communications: Nature and frequency of information flow from Police and Fire department.
- 3. Contact with frontline personnel: Ride-along requirement minimum. Attending training sessions.
- 4. Community communication: What type of contact should PSRB board have with general public?
- 5. Command and control center functions: Public event site visits.
- 6. Policy focus: How is a particular policy developed? When is board informed about new or revised policy? How many policy violations occur and in what categories?
- 7. Does board need resource support? Budget? Legal advice?
- 8. Agenda Format: Are there any categories to change, add or delete? (add new business, updates or reports).
- 9. Local focus of national security issues. What transparency responsibilities does board have?