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Madison Police and Fire Commission Invites Feedback on Fire Chief Finalists

The Board of Police and Fire Commissioners (PFC) for the City of Madison, Wisconsin is soliciting input from the public regarding the hiring of a new Fire Chief. The Chief of the Fire Department is an important leader in the City of Madison and oversees services which impact members of the community in their times of greatest need. The prevention and education missions of the Madison Fire Department keep every Madisonian safe every day. The five citizen members of the Police and Fire Commission would love to hear from as many Madison residents as possible about what they value in the leadership of this essential city service.

The City of Madison Fire Department provides much more to the community than just fire suppression. The Department is an active leader in Emergency Medical Services, as well as several specialty teams including Hazardous Material, Lake Rescue, and Heavy Urban Rescue. Additionally, the Department plays a key role in the Madison Community Alternative Response Emergency Services (Madison CARES) Team, which pairs community paramedics with mental health crisis workers to respond to behavioral health emergencies. Supplementing the emergency services, the Department provides progressive, cutting-edge fire prevention and community education programs to enhance public safety.

Information on the four finalist is available at www.cityofmadison.com/PFC. Video statements from each candidate will be available at the same site on Thursday, March 10 after the final interviews have been conducted.

Public input is welcome either at the regularly scheduled meetings of the Police and Fire Commission or via email to pfcc@cityofmadison.com. The meeting on March 14 at 5:30pm will be the final opportunity to speak to the commission before it makes a decision. Registration is open on the City of Madison website at <https://www.cityofmadison.com/city-hall/committees/meeting-schedule/register?meeting-id=54746>. Public comment is item #1. All registrants will have three minutes to speak at the start of the meeting.

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