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NEW FIRM TO LEAD INTERNAL BELOIT POLICE DEPARTMENT INVESTIGATION

JUNE 23, 2015—To ensure impartiality and maintain the integrity of the Beloit Police Department internal investigation, Beloit City Manager Lori Luther is currently interviewing new firms to lead the investigation. Hilliard Heintze was originally scheduled to conduct the internal investigation, but to ensure a fair and impartial investigation, the firm has withdrawn from the process.

“We are making every effort to expedite the process of the internal investigation, and to ensure complete independence,” says Luther. “Retaining an independent investigator will help to address any concerns of bias and allow for yet another independent review of this matter.”

Because Chief Norm Jacobs and Deputy Chief Tom Dunkin were placed on administrative leave for performance after Luther, Jacobs and Dunkin were briefed on Hillard Heintze’ preliminary findings of their assessment, Wisconsin statute requires an independent investigation to occur to determine if there is sufficient evidence for discipline. The results of the investigation will be shared with the Police and Fire Commission who have the ultimate authority to decide discipline in this matter.

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