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WPOA Calls on Mayor, Council to Stop Misinforming Public

For weeks the WPOA sought clarification about a claim Wauwatosa Mayor McBride has misleadingly touted to the public: “Experts we have consulted tell us that Officer Mensah is unique, in that no other officer in America has shot and killed three people while on duty, and in such a short time span (five years).”

But instead of a clarification or an apology, we have received even further evidence that the mayor and the common council are still misinforming citizens of Wauwatosa.

The mayor has yet to respond. And we now learned that Alderperson Alison Byrne replied to a citizen stating that Officer Mensah has been in a “nationally unprecedented third lethal shooting within five years.”

The WPOA contacted the Mayor, Alderperson Byrne, and Council. Yet again, the WPOA pointed out their misleading and defamatory statements about Officer Mensah. Once again, we provided an example of a Broward County Sheriff’s Deputy involved in three fatal shootings within three years, and a fourth fatal shooting afterward. We directed them to the Baltimore Officer involved in four shootings that unfortunately resulted in five deaths. And we pointed out a Phoenix Officer involved in three fatal shootings within five years.

Again—now weeks later—we yet again demand that the Mayor and Council Members stop disseminating this inaccurate statement and stop misinforming and misleading the public.

Mayor McBride did respond. But did not identify his “experts.” Mayor McBride dismissed this as merely a “factual quibble.” We believe that representing such false claims against police officers to mischaracterize their actions, amounts to much more than a “quibble” as Mayor McBride now claims.

From the beginning the WPOA has been focused on the facts. And unlike others, we will continue to do so. Yet hopefully for the last time, we again ask Mayor McBride and the council members—and specifically Alderperson Byrne—to identify their “experts” and to clarify their inaccurate statements with the WPOA and the community.

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