

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
Inter-Office Communication

Date: December 13, 2019

To: Supervisor James "Luigi" Schmitt, Jr., Chair, Committee on Finance and Audit
Supervisor John F. Weishan, Jr., Committee on Transportation, Public Works and Transit

From: Jennifer L. Folliard, Director of Audits

Subject: Status Report – Courthouse Fire Audit (File No. 14-952)

At their meetings in January 2015, the Committees on Finance, Personnel & Audit and Transportation, Public Works & Transit reviewed our audit report, "Aftermath of Courthouse Fire Illustrates Need for Improved Insurance Claims Management and Business Continuity," and adopted a resolution indicating concurrence with the report recommendations.

A copy of the Courthouse Fire audit report can be accessed through the following link:

<https://county.milwaukee.gov/files/county/comptroller/Audit/Audit-Reports1/2014/CourthouseFire-FINALDec2014.pdf>

A series of nine status reports were previously submitted to your committees. The current status report is attached for your review. Department of Administrative Services and Office of Emergency Management updates as of December 2019 are highlighted in yellow. *(Please note that for recommendations shown in previous status reports as being implemented, only the most recently provided comment is shown to streamline the document and direct the focus toward the open recommendations).*

As described in the departmental responses, four recommendations remain open with the following status: *No. 2*, nearing completion with the backup alarm system operating in test mode; *No. 3*, which suggests that OEM explore the possibility of relocating Emergency 911 Communications to a more secure location, is tied to the potential new Center for Forensic Science and Protective Medicine development; *No. 5*, OEM is working with Corporation Counsel to pursue suggested revisions to Chapter 99 of Milwaukee County General Ordinances; and *No. 6*, OEM reports the current COOP update status and we offer a further suggestion that OEM pursue another COOP update following the County Executive election to increase the level of updated/current COOPs and engage any new departmental leadership with its respective COOP.

This status report is informational and due to the nature of the four remaining open recommendations we do not plan to coordinate the submission of any future status reports.



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