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I hope this message finds each of you well. Thank you all for your hard work and remaining professional during this unprecedented time. Your work ethic and commitment to the city is not going unnoticed. We write to you today regarding Assembly Bill 1039, the COVID-19 relief package. You may have heard on the news recently that this package does not protect an officer's rights to file workers comp claims, **this is not true.**

The bill does state that if a police officer were to become ill with COVID-19 during the public health emergency declared by the Governor (executive order 72) and for 30 days after the termination of emergency, it will assume you obtained this illness from job related duties. The bill also states that for them to make that assumption, you must show a record of encountering someone with the COVID 19 virus, during your time at work.

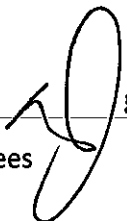
The last section of that bill is what some are upset about. This in no way says that you must show that you contracted the virus from that person, it just asks that you show you encountered anyone with COVID 19, including other department members. We urge all members to document every contact you have with anybody showing symptoms of this virus. We encourage you to file a memo and give it to your Lieutenant. Make a copy of the memo after it has been stamped "Received" by the acting Lt. in case it is misplaced. Please email a copy of the memo to [Bormann@milwaukeeecops.org](mailto:Bormann@milwaukeeecops.org) so a record of the memo can be kept. Also, be diligent when going into a home or place of business. You should obtain the names of everyone inside. This way, if needed, we can prove you encountered someone with COVID 19 by checking those names.

We do understand that this bill is not perfect, and we would like to see an outright assumption that you obtained this illness from work. We would also like to see this bill extend past the 30-day time limit after the expiration of the State of Emergency, because we know that until a vaccine is released, there will always be some risk of exposure. Please know that we are working to lobby the legislature to include those items in the next round of bills that will come out regarding COVID 19.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call the MPA office.

On a completely different note and hopefully more uplifting. Due to the Democratic National Convention being moved to August, we had to move our MPA Annual Golf Outing. The new date for our golf outing is now **August 10** at New Berlin Hills. Hopefully, you will be able to attend, and we can get back to a little bit of normalcy. Thank you again for all that you do. Stay Safe

Sincerely,

*President*  *Bormann*  
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