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**Re: PAT Test**

Dear Greg:

Per your request that I look into issues raised in an e-mail that you received over the weekend, I spoke with City Attorney Kirby Rainesberger and Attorney Vicky Stolberg earlier today. The e-mail raised concerns about the decision to take blood pressure readings prior to the PAT test. We discussed the issues raised in the e-mail and possible resolutions. I assured Mr. Rainesberger that the PBA does not object to taking blood pressure readings, but explained that we are concerned with the manner in which it is being done.

First, I understand that officers are concerned about the qualifications of those who will be taking their blood pressure. I spoke with Kirby Rainesberger and he said that is aware of the issue. I told him that the PBA would insist that officers' blood pressure be taken by someone with specific training and qualifications to do so, such as a nurse or a paramedic. Mr. Rainesberger told me that he would take our concerns to Chief Hogue and get back with me as soon as he has an answer. The second issue that I discussed with Mr. Rainesberger involves the privacy of the results of the blood pressure tests. I told him that the PBA had concerns about the test results being recorded on documents that could be the subject of public records requests, i.e. training documents. Again, Mr. Rainesberger assured me that he understood our concerns and would bring them to Chief Hogue's attention.

Finally, I addressed the issue of whether or not the handling of high blood pressure readings is a workers' compensation issue. I contacted Vicky Stolberg, a well respected workers' compensation attorney in Tampa, and addressed the issue to her. I anticipate a meeting with her later this week to fully discuss this issue. I will let you know what I find out after this meeting.

Very truly yours,



Robert T. McCabe