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MCPA Supports House File 1234

The Minnesota Chiefs of Police Association, representing approximately 300 Police Chiefs throughout Minnesota, is writing to you today to offer our support for House File 1234.

Over the past 3-4 years we have seen the number public safety professional leaving their positions on duty disabilities skyrocket. Most of these disability cases are due to PTSD. Over the past two years the MCPA has been actively engaged with a large group of stakeholders to address this very alarming development. House File 1234 addresses the problem with several provisions. Most importantly it provides for treatment for psychological injuries. We believe that offering this treatment prior to processing a duty disability benefit will allow a high percentage of those affected by psychological injuries to return to normal duties. The bill also requires departments to initiate wellness programs to help their staff more effectively process the trauma that is accumulated during a career in public safety.

For the above reasons, MCPA supports House File 1234.

ABOUT THE MCPA

The Minnesota Chiefs of Police Association is a professional member organization representing approximately 1000 current and retired law enforcement and public safety leaders. Together, we bring the highest quality police services and leadership to the people of Minnesota.

Respectfully,

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