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Steve LeClair's Statement Regarding False Accusation

Omaha, NE – Omaha Fire Fighter and Omaha Professional Fire Fighters Association President Steve LeClair made the following statement today regarding the complaint made against him. *Out of respect for the investigative process, this will be the only public comment about the complaint until the investigation is complete:*

“The accusation against me that was reported yesterday about an incident where I allegedly punched a woman at a retirement party back in November is false. The person alleging this is either confused or not being truthful. Once the investigations, which I am cooperating with, have concluded, I’m confident I will be cleared and back to work doing what I have done my entire career; responding to our citizens most in need.”

Key Facts To Consider:

- This person didn’t file a complaint with the City until over a month after the alleged incident even though this person was specifically advised on the process for making a complaint to the Fire Department on November 13, 2018.
- This person didn’t file a police report until two months after the alleged incident – a copy of that document has not been provided to me, but it was provided to the media.
- After over a month since the original complaint was made to my employer, I have not had the opportunity to meet with investigators to tell them my side of the story.
- Witnesses who will corroborate my version of what happened have not even been contacted by investigators.

“I spent over 12 years as a decorated Army veteran who served hundreds of combat missions. Additionally, I have dutifully served the citizens of Omaha as a Firefighter for over 16 years. Anyone who has come in contact with me over my career will attest to the fact that I would not behave in the manner accused. I have always and will continue to champion diversity and equality and look forward to clearing my name.”

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