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**Senator Agard Applauds CARES Team**

*City of Madison announces new team for mental health emergency calls*

MADISON - Today, the City of Madison, Madison Police, and Madison Fire announced the creation of the CARES team to handle mental health related calls. This team would replace police responses for all emergencies involving mental health and is made up of paramedics and crisis workers.

Senator Melissa Agard (D-Madison) released the following statement:

“Everyone deserves to feel safe in their communities and safe when they reach out for help. The creation of the CARES team is the perfect example of good governance and listening to the people. The Madison community has been asking for more mental health support and solutions to addressing police violence. This is a great step in the right direction to making our community safer for all.

“I applaud the City of Madison, Madison Police Department, Madison Fire Department, and the many other voices that played a role in the development of the CARES team. I look forward to learning more about the program and seeing the impact it has on our community.”

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