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MILWAUKEE POLICE ANNOUNCE PLAN FOR DISTRICT 2

A plan to reduce the crime, fear and disorder on Milwaukee's South Side was announced tonight by Milwaukee Police Chief Edward A. Flynn, together with District 2 Captain Eduardo Negron and MPD's valued community partners.

Police District 2 has many diverse communities - some are evolving while others are established. Each neighborhood requires dedicated patrols to eradicate a variety of criminal activity affecting the quality of life. While some areas have violent crime associated with gang and drug activity, others are victimized with property crimes. The goals of the Walker's Point/Walker Square Neighborhood Policing Plan are to:

- Reduce the crime, fear and disorder in that area,
- Empower the residents in maintaining a stable quality of life and
- Partner residents, police and other agencies formally and informally, for a long-lasting effect.

The target area is bounded by S. 11th St. to the I-94 Freeway (S. 5th St.) and from W. Historic Mitchell St. to W. National Ave. This neighborhood is comprised mostly of residential and commercial properties. The adjacent neighborhood, Walker's Point, also will be the site of a component of the plan, specifically, W/E Bruce St. to E/W Orchard St., S. Water St. to S. 5th St. This area has a mix of residential, business, night clubs, high schools and industry.

Components of the plan include neighborhood foot patrols, neighborhood walks with residents and elected officials, informational meetings for stakeholders, strengthening and expanding block watch programs and consistent information sharing. Police also will conduct narcotics, gang and prostitution investigations and will gather intelligence on other criminal activity. They also will work with the community on identifying nuisance properties and problem taverns.

"We can not allow fear to take the life from our city's most vibrant neighborhoods," Milwaukee Police Chief Edward A. Flynn said. "Our partnerships with the community will reduce the crime, fear and disorder and will empower those residents to build and maintain a quality of life."

Joining Chief Flynn and Captain Negron in the announcement were Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett, Alderman James Witkowiak, Milwaukee County District Attorney John Chisholm, City Attorney Grant Langley and Milwaukee County Supervisor Peggy West.

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