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MILWAUKEE POLICE ANNOUNCE PLAN FOR DISTRICT 6

Building police/community relationships is the key to the Milwaukee Police District 6 Neighborhood Policing Plan, announced tonight by Milwaukee Police Chief Edward A. Flynn, together with District 6 Captain Donald Gaglione and Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett, along with other elected officials and neighborhood partners.

The neighborhood selected for this crime reduction initiative includes the area of S. Cesar Chavez (16th St.) on the east, S. Layton Blvd. on the west, National Avenue on the north and W. Rogers on the south. This area has been identified as an area that includes a significant amount of the violent crime and gang-related activity in District 6.

“The message we are sending with these Neighborhood Policing Plans is that we will return the city’s open spaces to the residents,” said Chief Edward A. Flynn. “Our message is clear that we will not allow crime, fear and disorder to inhabit those spaces.”

The success of the plan starts with the partnership among law enforcement, community groups and the residents. The plan includes foot patrols working 24 hours – not just the daylight hours; targeted anti-prostitution, anti-gang and Weed and Seed patrols; and local squad officers conducting Park and Walks.

The Community Prosecution Unit will target the nuisance properties and will pay special attention to loud music, parties, drugs and gangs that inhabit or frequent those properties. The CPU will meet with landlords to abate problems and will aggressively deal with those who refuse to cooperate.

New initiatives include the weekly Captain’s walk, where Capt. Gaglione, together with District officers and community stakeholders walk the district to identify challenges and successes. There will be monthly crime prevention meetings, a monthly District newsletter and the institution of Court Watch – a group that will keep an eye on how cases make their way through the judicial system. Additionally, there will be a renewed emphasis on Block Watch and a continued working relationship with those community members who choose to work with the police to take charge of their own neighborhoods.

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