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**CHIEF FLYNN REQUESTS OFFICERS TO ASSIST
CITY OF ST. PAUL DURING CONVENTION**

Milwaukee Police Chief Edward A. Flynn is requesting to send 36 Milwaukee Police officers to assist the St. Paul, Minnesota Police Department during the Republican National Convention, a national special security event, September 1-4, 2008.

Chief Flynn emphasizes that any assistance provided to the St. Paul Police Department would not impact Milwaukee Police patrols on the streets of the city of Milwaukee.

“We would have the same number of officers we always have had conducting patrol duties on our streets,” Chief Flynn said. “Assistance provided during a major incident for a neighboring state will not affect any neighborhood in the city of Milwaukee.”

The MPD response to this mutual aid request from the St. Paul Police represents a unique training opportunity for our Major Incident Response Team (MIRT) – invaluable experience and training they could not access locally.

The costs incurred will completely be reimbursed by the federal government. For the first time in recent memory, the Milwaukee Police Department is operating within its overtime budget. There will no “backfill” overtime of any significance during this event.

Additionally, as 36 of 2,000 Milwaukee Police officers would be in St. Paul, the city of Milwaukee is left with more than enough police officers to respond to any major incident that could occur here.

“As a law enforcement executive, I have been asked to provide police personnel for mutual aid and have asked for mutual aid during my career,” Flynn said. “We in law enforcement know that no one police department can handle an event of this magnitude alone. In America mutual aid is critical and if we can supply it at no cost to our city, we have an obligation to assist. We never know if the city of Milwaukee may someday need to make a similar request.”

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