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July 6, 2009

Ald. Joe Davis, Sr.  
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## MEDIA ADVISORY

### Police Officer Who Helped Catch Gun Suspects to be Honored

**Alderman Joe Davis, Sr., Public Safety Committee chair Alderman Bob Donovan** and the Common Council will honor **Sgt. William Walsh** of the Milwaukee Police Department during a special presentation prior to tomorrow's regular meeting of the Council. The presentation will begin at 8:30 a.m. in the third floor Council Chamber Anteroom at City Hall, 200 E. Wells St.

On June 21 Sgt. Walsh, who works the day shift at District Four on the city's northwest side, was at home playing a video game with his daughter when he heard gunfire on the street outside. He looked out his window and saw three men, and one of the men was firing a handgun into the air. Still wearing his flip-flops, Sgt. Walsh grabbed his police identification badge, walked outside and started pursuing the three suspects from a distance. With the help of a citizen who lent the sergeant his cell phone, backup officers were summoned and the three men were arrested without incident several blocks from the original shooting scene.

**Alderman Davis**, who represents the area where the incident occurred, said Sgt. Walsh clearly put his life on the line in doing what he did. "Sergeant Walsh and his fellow officers put their lives on the line each and every day to protect us, and he embodies the true meaning of 'duty' in my mind," he said. "His courage under extremely dangerous circumstances exemplifies his selfless duty and devotion, and Milwaukee is grateful for his extraordinary service."

**WHAT:** Presentation to Sgt. William Walsh

**WHEN:** 8:30 a.m. TOMORROW (July 7, 2009)

**WHERE:** City Hall (Chamber Anteroom), 200 E. Wells St.

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