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Indiana County's No Confidence Letter about OpenSky Forwarded to Alderman Donovan

Statement of Alderman Bob Donovan April 12, 2011

Unfortunately, Milwaukee is not alone in its troubles with the OpenSky police radio system. The **attached letter** was forwarded to me today by someone in the communications industry in Indiana. The "NO CONFIDENCE" statement from Steuben County (Indiana) Sheriff Tim Troyer – co-signed by other public safety, emergency services/emergency government, and communications leaders there – includes information about failures (and frustrations) that is reflective of what we've experienced here.

Further, the officials in Indiana want to dump OpenSky and obtain "a radio communications system that works properly."

Seems to me they may be on to something. Maybe we can take a cue from Steuben County, and do the right thing here in Milwaukee.

Today the Common Council voted again to hold the OpenSky records subpoena issue for a cycle (three weeks) so that Chief Flynn can respond.

In the end we need to do what is right to protect the safety and welfare of our police officers and our citizens. In my opinion, that is truly all that matters.