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Alderman Plans Hearing to Discuss MPD and MCSO Resources

Public Safety Committee needs to hear from Police Chief Edward Flynn and Sheriff Clarke about bus patrol coverage and other issues, Alderman Donovan says

With the layoffs of 50-60 Milwaukee County Sheriff's Deputies and a rash of almost daily violence on county buses that has prompted promises of police patrols by **Milwaukee Police Chief Edward Flynn**, **Alderman Bob Donovan** said the Common Council needs to hear how MPD resources will be impacted going forward.

Alderman Donovan, chair of the Council's Public Safety Committee, said he plans to author a communication file inviting both Chief Flynn and **Milwaukee County Sheriff David Clarke** to appear before the committee in January to discuss how they plan to use officers and deputies to maintain public safety and keep residents safe. "The recent rash of fights and assaults on county buses is outrageous, and while I applaud Chief Flynn for committing some of his officers to patrol buses, I'm frankly very concerned about where we're heading," said Alderman Donovan.

"With our Police Department facing an ongoing officer shortage and other challenges, I want to know what we can expect for next summer's patrol coverage. For instance, are we going to be asked to patrol the lakefront and parks in greater force – and if so, are we (MPD) really in any position to do that on a consistent basis?" he said.

Alderman Donovan said he plans to ask Sheriff Clarke about the MCSO's resources and patrols, which he said are being significantly impacted by budget cuts and the layoffs of dozens of sheriff's deputies. He said he may also discuss the possibility of seeking county payment for services provided by Milwaukee police.

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