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MEDIA ADVISORY

Ald. Donovan sets 2 p.m. news conference near homicide scene

Alderman Bob Donovan will hold a **news conference at 2:00 p.m. TODAY (Monday, July 6, 2015)** just feet from where a man was shot and killed on Saturday (July 4) at S. 22nd and W. National. He will be joined by residents and business owners who are outraged about the rising deadly violence and crime across the city.

Alderman Donovan said he will also be sharing some “**shocking information**” regarding Milwaukee’s police staffing levels in comparison to peer cities that are also seeing increases in violent crime and disorder (**attached** is information from Alderman Donovan that he said should concern every Milwaukeean). “Just to reach the next lowest-staffed peer city (New Orleans), we need to hire 192 new police officers tomorrow,” he said.

What: News conference
When: 2:00 p.m. TODAY - Monday, July 6
Where: S. 22nd and W. National Ave.

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Comparing Milwaukee's Police Staffing to Peer Cities

Atlanta, Cleveland, Detroit, Memphis, Milwaukee, New Orleans and St. Louis are the only cities meeting the following criteria in all three categories (identifying Milwaukee's peer cities in size, crime and poverty combined):

1. Population of 300,000 to 900,000 (50% variance of Milwaukee population)
2. Ranked in the Top 10 of FBI's 2012 Homicide rate and/or Violent Crime rate
3. Ranked in the Top 10 of poverty rate in cities 300,000 to 900,000

Per Capita (10K) sworn officer staffing (2012) per FBI:

St. Louis	41.5
Atlanta	40.6
Cleveland	37.6
Memphis	36.7
Detroit	36.3
New Orleans	35.0
Milwaukee	31.8

Average of Milwaukee's six peer cities: 37.95/10K residents

To reach the average staffing levels of its peer cities Milwaukee needs to hire 369 officers

To reach the staffing level of its next closest peer city (New Orleans) Milwaukee needs to hire 192 officers

*2012 is most recent data from FBI

Milwaukee's Homicide Pace

192 as of the end of July 4

58.8% of homicides in 2013 and 2014 occurred after July 4.

79 as of the end of July 4—pace is 192

* On pace to eclipse 1991's record (163 per FBI) by the end of October. *

* Bob Donovan first warned in March that Milwaukee was on pace for approx. 200 homicides in 2015. *

Overall Crime Numbers

- * Violent Crime: Up 25% from 2010 to 2014
- * Auto Theft: Up 53% from 2010 to 2014
- * Gun-related Crime: Up 72% from 2010 to 2014
- * Homicide: Up 114% over same time last year (37 to 79 for July 4)
- Non-Pursuits pacing for 3,000—FOUR times the number in 2014

Traffic Fatalities pacing at 70 this year