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## Emergency Town Hall Meeting Will Focus On MPD Summer Initiative

*Ald. McGee and Rapid Response Team to Lead Discussion of What Neighborhoods  
Can Expect With Flood of Officers*

Milwaukee police personnel aren't always welcomed with open arms in many neighborhoods in the 6<sup>th</sup> Aldermanic District, yet teams of officers are sure to be patrolling many of those same neighborhoods when MPD kicks off its summer-long Neighborhood Safety Initiative on Sunday, May 20.

**Ald. Mike McGee, Jr. and members of his Rapid Response Team will discuss the impending police show of force during an emergency public town hall meeting at 7 p.m. tomorrow (Thursday, May 17, 2007) at the alderman's campaign headquarters, 2237 N. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr. Media coverage is welcome.**

The surge of police personnel and resources will be especially welcome in high crime areas such as N. 10<sup>th</sup> and W. Ring Streets and N. 12<sup>th</sup> and W. Chambers, but residents in those neighborhoods need to be prepared for it, Ald. McGee said.

"We want residents to know that the Rapid Response Team will be monitoring police activities and watching for instances of harassment and/or police brutality, and we'll also be watching for activities by people who may be on the other side of the law," Ald. McGee said.

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Ald. McGee said residents in many large stretches of the 6<sup>th</sup> District are distrustful of Milwaukee police officers – especially in the wake of the Frank Jude Jr. case and other similar incidents.

Referring to Police Chief Nannette Hegerty’s statement yesterday that police overtime associated with the increased police presence of the summer initiative will likely be more than \$2 million, Ald. McGee said he has better ideas on how that money can be spent.

“There are 88,000 people looking for jobs in Milwaukee’s inner city – including thousands of young people who will need to keep themselves occupied this summer,” he said.

“I think we should use that \$2.2 million for economic development and to encourage entrepreneurship, to create jobs and stimulate commerce,” the alderman said.

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