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Southsiders Demanding Police Services

Aldermen Terry Witkowski and Joe Dudzik Want Chief Nannette Hegerty to Answer Complaints from their Constituents

Concerned about violence throughout the city? Crime in your neighborhood? Police response times? Safe streets? South Side residents have the same concerns as people in other areas of the city, want full police coverage, but say that when they call for police service, they're not getting it.

At the request of Ald. Terry Witkowski and Ald. Joe Dudzik, Police Chief Nannette Hegerty has agreed to respond to citizen complaints about police services in their 13th and 11th Aldermanic District neighborhoods at a special town hall meeting.

The meeting will begin at **6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 9, 2005**, at the **Wilson Park Senior Center, 2601 W. Howard Ave.** Enter from the east or main entrances. All residents and business owners are invited to voice their concerns. **Media coverage is invited.**

"Tight budgets and property tax concerns are having an impact on the police and all departments in Milwaukee," said Ald. Witkowski. "But I've had dozens of constituents calling me to complain that they are being short-changed when it comes to police services. As the 3rd highest taxed area in the city, the residents of the 13th district deserve more police presence and quicker response to their calls for service."

Both aldermen say they are concerned with the amount of violent crime that is occurring throughout the city, and agree the police must devote resources to maintaining order in higher crime areas. "But our constituents are also demanding, and are entitled to a certain level of public safety," said Ald. Dudzik. "I invite our residents to take advantage of this unique opportunity to bring their neighborhood concerns to the police chief."