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## Council Committee To Consider Filling Vacant Positions in Police Department *Plan by Ald. Zielinski Would Add 40 Recruits to the 2006 Training Classes*

On May 22, 2006, the permanent police officer vacancies in the Milwaukee Police Department numbered 172, and temporary vacancies numbered 17. Ald. Tony Zielinski says that is unacceptable, and he wants the Common Council to fund additional recruits this year to bolster the number of sworn officers protecting our city.

“It is the intent and desire of the citizens, the police department and civic leaders to fill the vacant positions in the police officer ranks at a steady and deliberate pace,” said Ald. Zielinski. “And recent events indicate that public safety concerns are paramount in the city,” the alderman added, referring to the recent surge in gun violence in the city.

**At a meeting of the Common Council’s Public Safety Committee Thursday, June 8, 2006, Ald. Zielinski will propose appropriating up to \$750,000 from the contingent fund for pay for 40 additional recruits in the two remaining classes to be held this year. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m. in room 301-B of City Hall, 200 E. Wells St.**

The alderman says the two remaining police recruit classes scheduled for 2006 are projected to have the combined capacity to accommodate up to 40 more police recruits than is budgeted. “We need additional officers on the streets to make a difference in the quality of life in this city and to make our streets and neighborhoods safe for our families and children,” he said.