MEDIA ADVISORY

Safe Summer News Conference on Memorial Day
Alderman Urges Public to Remember 2006 Memorial Day Weekend Violence in Strive for Safe Streets

On Memorial Day weekend in 2006 there were 28 shootings in Milwaukee in what served as a deadly beginning to a summer filled with gun violence in the city. On Monday, May 25, 2009 (Memorial Day) Alderman Bob Donovan will join members of the Southside Organizing Committee (SOC) during a news conference to promote greater community involvement and cooperation with police in hopes of preventing a reoccurrence of what happened in the summer of 2006.

The news conference will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday in front of Prince of Peace School, 1646 S. 22nd St.

“When it comes to fighting, solving and preventing crime and violence, the police can’t do the job alone,” said Alderman Donovan, chair of the Common Council’s Public Safety Committee. “We need people from every part of the community to be vigilant, whether it’s identifying a nuisance property or drug house, busting graffiti vandals, or helping to solve a murder – it all helps make Milwaukee safer.”

The alderman will also be helping to promote SOC’s fourth annual “Community Gathering for a Safe Summer,” to be held the following evening at the school and featuring Milwaukee Police Department Assistant Chiefs James Harpole and Gregory Habeck, Milwaukee County District Attorney John Chisholm, and Milwaukee County Sheriff Deputy Inspector Tobie Weber, as well as various summer youth and adult enrichment program providers and elected officials.

WHAT: Safe Summer News Conference
WHEN: 10:30 a.m. Monday, May 25, 2009
WHERE: 1646 S. 22nd St.