MEDIA ADVISORY

Alderman Donovan to Present Honor to 100-year-old Wal-Mart Greeter

Public Safety Committee chair says worker – assaulted Sunday while doing her job – deserves recognition & thanks

Alderman Bob Donovan, chair of the Common Council’s Public Safety Committee, will present a special public service award at 11 a.m. tomorrow (Friday, December 3, 2010) to 100-year-old Wal-Mart greeter Lois Speelman during a brief presentation at her usual post at the store, located at 3355 S. 27th St.

Alderman Donovan said Ms. Speelman – pushed by a customer and injured Sunday (November 28) after asking to verify the customer’s purchase of water bottles that were inside a shopping cart – is “the living example of an engaged, committed and caring worker.” “This lady has a tremendous work ethic, enjoys doing what she does, and she was just doing her job when this individual snapped and physically assaulted her,” he said. “As a community we’re going to thank her and let her know that we appreciate her contributions.”

The customer was later arrested, and Ms. Speelman has since returned to work at the store.

WHAT: Presentation of city honor
WHEN: 11:00 a.m. Friday, December 3
WHERE: Grocery entrance – Wal-Mart, 3355 S. 27th St.