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## MEDIA ADVISORY

# MPD Changes Pursuit Policy; Alderman Donovan to Hold News Conference

*Public Safety Chair says Change Takes Discretion Away from Officers; News  
Conference Tomorrow at City Hall*

Today **Alderman Bob Donovan**, chair of the Common Council's Public Safety Committee, issued a statement (attached) regarding a major change Chief Edward Flynn has made to the police department's standard operating procedure when it comes to vehicle pursuits. **The alderman will hold a news conference to discuss the matter at 11:30 a.m. tomorrow (Tuesday, March 30, 2010) in the third floor anteroom of the Council Chamber at City Hall, 200 E. Wells St.**

Alderman Donovan said the changed pursuit policy now requires an officer to determine probable cause – rather than reasonable suspicion – that the vehicle occupant/s was involved in a violent felony (shooting, armed robbery, homicide, etc.) before a pursuit can be initiated if the driver does not pull over.

**WHAT:** News Conference on MPD issues  
**WHEN:** 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 30  
**WHERE:** Chamber anteroom, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of City Hall

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