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Generous Donations for MPD Bicycle Officers to be Announced

*News Conference at 3 p.m. TODAY will feature Police Chief Edward Flynn, Alderman
Donovan and bicycle officers*

The owner of a near south side business and a public-private partnership founded by **Alderman Bob Donovan** have teamed up to offer donations that will be used to outfit all Milwaukee police bicycles with special lights and to replace bicycles destroyed last week by a drunk driver.

The donations from **Miller Compressing** owner John Busby (\$10,000) and Alderman Donovan's **Operation Impact** (\$3,000) will be announced today during a **3 p.m. news conference** outside MPD District One, 749 W. State St. (**in front of the Milwaukee Police Headquarters sign at the corner of 7th & State**). Joining Alderman Donovan will be **Police Chief Edward Flynn, Mr. Busby**, and MPD bicycle officers.

Alderman Donovan said Mr. Busby committed to helping the MPD bicycle officers outfit their bicycles with the special lighting after noting several bicycle officers have been injured in and/or involved in hit-and-run crashes and other incidents during the past several weeks. "These incidents have endangered our brave officers, and this is a pure example of a private business stepping up and offering help when our police officers have identified equipment that could substantially improve their visibility and safety," Alderman Donovan said.

"John Busby is showing us what 'dedicated corporate citizen' looks like, and the City of Milwaukee thanks him for his kindness and generosity," Alderman Donovan said.

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MPD Bicycle Donations/ADD ONE

The enhanced light package for the MPD bicycles was created by MPD **PO Paul Helminiak** (a bicycle officer), who is expected to be at today's news conference. Currently, bicycles used by officers have front and rear lights, in addition to reflectors on the bicycles and on the uniforms of the officers. The new setup created by PO Helminiak has flashing lights on the handlebars and above the back wheels.

Alderman Donovan said the \$3,000 Operation Impact donation will help pay for the replacement of three MPD bicycles that were destroyed last week by an impaired driver on W. Lincoln Ave. near S. 11th St. Over the past several years Operation Impact has attracted private donations from large and small business owners and foundations to pay for surveillance cameras, extra beat patrol officers, and other items meant to enhance public safety in a targeted area of the near south side.

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