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FOR INFORMATION CALL

June 29, 2012

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MEDIA ADVISORY

Extreme dry conditions, fireworks bad combination

*Aldermen to be joined by MFD and MPD officials during fire safety news conference
TODAY at 2 p.m.*

Alderman Terry Witkowski will be joined by **Alderman Bob Donovan**, **Milwaukee Police Deputy Inspector Ramon Galaviz**, and **Acting Deputy Chief Ralph Gallow** of the **Milwaukee Fire Department** to inform the public about fire safety issues and the dangers of fireworks as we approach the 4th of July holiday. Today's news conference will be held **near the entrance to the parking lot** (via S. 27th St./Layton Blvd. just north of W. Pierce St.) at **Mitchell Park**.

Possession of fireworks is against the law in Milwaukee and can result in fines ranging from \$500 to \$1,000. "The handling of fireworks should be left to the professionals and I encourage residents to enjoy any one of the many staged displays in our area," said Alderman Witkowski, chair of the Common Council's Public Safety Committee. "In the extreme dry conditions we've been experiencing, it won't take much to spark a fire, and residents need to know about the very real dangers that we face."

What: Fire safety news conference

When: 2:00 p.m. TODAY – June 29

Where: Entrance to Mitchell Park – S. 27th St.

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