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MEDIA ADVISORY

Alderman Donovan looking for answers after large fight with shots fired gets no response

Alderman Bob Donovan will hold a news conference at 2:00 p.m. TODAY (Monday, April 29, 2013) to address his strong concerns about the lack of police response and the handling of 911 calls related to a big street fight that broke out near S. 24th and W. Scott Streets late Saturday (April 27). **Concerned residents will join the alderman to participate in today's news conference.**

According to Alderman Donovan, frightened residents called 911 after hearing breaking glass and watching a crowd of people fighting in the street. Eventually shots were also fired, according to residents who spoke with Alderman Donovan. But when residents attempted to call 911, they were put on hold (some waited more than 10 minutes before they hung up in frustration), according to the alderman. Calls made directly to MPD District Two by witnesses were re-routed back to 911 as callers were told "there is nothing we can do – we need to route the call back to dispatch," the alderman said.

"This happens far more frequently than people know, and it's a damn shame that the system is letting residents down when very serious incidents occur," Alderman Donovan said. "This is totally unacceptable."

What: News conference

When: 2:00 p.m. TODAY, April 29

Where: S. 24th and W. Scott Streets

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