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# Chief's comments outrageous

## Statement from Alderman Bob Donovan July 20, 2015

During an appearance this afternoon, with the mayor standing quietly beside him, Chief Flynn said this:

*"We expect criminals to act recklessly without regard for lives of the innocent. We expect the police to put the lives of the innocent first. I think it's unfortunate we've got some politicians out there that think the police should be thinking like criminals."*

For the Chief to equate highly trained, professional and sworn law enforcement officers with criminals is simply outrageous. Our officers are sworn to apprehend those who break the law, and when they are allowed to do their jobs they're pretty damn good at it.

Officers perform duties on a daily basis that most of us would not ever think of performing. And for this chief – in his twisted logic – to compare the thoughtful and measured actions of officers with those of reckless criminals, is utterly outrageous and disappointing.

The Chief's comments are an insult to our dedicated officers, and he quite apparently has lost his sense of proportion.

And how about the mayor? When will we hear from Milwaukee's CEO on this important topic (no pursuit policy)?

He seems content to simply hide behind someone else – in this instance the Chief – and his comments.

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