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Milwaukee has lost a true supporter

**Statement from Alderman Bob Donovan
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Early this morning I received the sad news that my dear friend, retired Milwaukee police officer Mark Dudenhoefer, passed away suddenly yesterday.

I spoke with his wife this morning, and I offered my sincere condolences to her and to all of Mark's family and friends.

Mark was the longtime MPD community liaison officer at District Six, and I worked very closely with him for many years, even before I was elected to the Common Council. He cared deeply about Milwaukee and its citizens, and he actually came up with the idea of conducting neighborhood walks to check in with residents and to see about problem properties and other issues.

Mark joined me on many of those neighborhood walks, and he was great at meeting and talking with residents and business owners. He was, very simply, a terrific community liaison officer and an even better person.

When he was transferred to District Three many years ago, there was a grassroots effort to keep him in District Six, with neighbors even erecting signs which said "Keep Mark." People valued his service, and they didn't want to lose him.

When Mark served in District Three, he walked a beat near Marquette University. He loved interacting with students, with young people, and he made a positive impact there.

Mark was a true professional, and he was also a true supporter of the City of Milwaukee.

I will miss him, and I believe Milwaukee will miss him, too.

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