Milwaukee needs all hands on deck

Statement from Alderman Bob Donovan
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My heart goes out to the innocent young girl shot last night while inside her home near 15th and Meinecke, a victim of criminals who were outside spraying bullets at each other. I pray that she will recover from her wounds, and make a full recovery.

I also offer my support and prayers to the Milwaukee police officer who was shot last night during a foot pursuit with a masked armed robbery suspect on the northwest side. Other officers exchanged fire with the suspect during the incident, and the 38-year-old suspect was killed just a short distance from where the foot pursuit started.

I hear the injured officer – who was wearing body armor that likely saved his life – has been released from the hospital. In my book he is a true hero, and I pray that he will make a full and speedy recovery.

As chair of the Public Safety Committee, I am well aware that our city faces many challenges related to crime and deadly violence. But I am confident that if we work together – elected officials, residents, ministers and pastors, business owners, students and young people – we can put together common sense solutions to address these challenges.

We need an “all hands on deck” approach and attitude to fight our very serious public safety challenges, and I am confident that together we can make that happen.

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