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Alderman Cavalier Johnson welcomes Milwaukee County Sheriff partnership

Statement from Alderman Cavalier Johnson September 15, 2017

The recent announcement by Acting Sheriff Richard Schmidt, regarding a partnership between the Sheriff's office and the State that will add Wisconsin State Troopers to the efforts of Milwaukee County Sheriff Deputies to reduce speeds on freeways in Milwaukee County is a welcome sign. All too often, many of my constituents feel as if they cannot even go about their day due to rampant reckless driving in our community.

Not only do I hear these stories on a constant basis, I see them unfolding before my eyes quite literally every time I get behind the wheel myself -- including at least three incidents today before 10:00 AM.

I am sure that my constituents would request not only extra presence on freeways but also, that partnerships should extend to county trunk highways and the state highways, like Capitol Drive, that bisect the city.

I'm certain that families that have seen loved ones killed or severely injured would appreciate this. For example, about four weeks ago, I learned of an accident in my district where a reckless driver struck a family traveling northbound on Fond du Lac Avenue in the rear. I have heard reports that this person was driving in excess of 30 miles per hour ABOVE the posted speed limit. Members of the family struck, suffered broken bones and pierced organs, and that wasn't even the worst injury. As I attended a church service in my district last Sunday, I learned that an innocent fifth grader at the local school, and a member of the church, suffered severe injuries in the event. Until recently, the kid was in a coma because of the collision, and his injuries required a part of his skull had to be removed. No child deserves this. Period.

Therefore, I would implore Acting Sheriff Schmidt to bring this partnership to local state highways so that reckless drivers think twice before other children in some other neighborhood are hurt for no cause.