School crossing guard seriously injured by hit-and-run driver

Statement of Alderman Terry L. Witkowski
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The at times seemingly lawless state of driving in Milwaukee took another awful turn this morning when a hit-and-run driver struck a school crossing guard who was helping students safely cross near N. 72nd St. and W. Carmen Ave. The crossing guard – a 71-year-old man – was transported to a hospital for treatment of his injuries.

As the former Safety Director for the City of Milwaukee, one of my duties was overseeing school crossing guards who daily put themselves on the line to help thousands of school children navigate busy streets and dangerous intersections. They brave bitter cold temperatures and inclement weather just to make sure our children are safe.

To have someone run away – like a coward – after hitting and seriously injuring a crossing guard should make citizens angry. It should also make the public extra determined to catch the fleeing driver.

MPD is seeking a burgundy, 4-door, 1997-2001 Buick Park Avenue or LeSabre. Anyone with information is urged to please call Milwaukee Police at 414-935-7360.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the crossing guard, whom we wish a speedy recovery.

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