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Alderman Zielinski invites residents to tune into upcoming hearing about a new initiative to crack down on crime

The Public Safety and Health Committee meets at 9 a.m. on Thursday October 5 in room 301-B at City Hall to discuss the new public safety initiative called **Community Oriented Policing House, or COP House**.

Alderman Tony Zielinski and Alderman Russell W. Stamper, II, launched the initiative after it was first brought to Alderman Zielinski by Mike Crivello, the president of the Milwaukee Police Association. The program is designed to address crime in challenged neighborhoods.

COP House aims to reduce crime incidences and police call volumes by taking a vacant city-owned home and renovating it with the help of community partners. Police officers would then move into the home and use it as a base to police the neighborhood, build relationships with residents, and identifying criminal activity while addressing socio-economic issues by connecting residents with area agencies for help.

The program goes beyond policing; the COP House will also be equipped with computers and staffed with educational partners who will offer a safe and accessible location for tutoring and educational advancement.

The model for the COP House has reduced crime by up to 70% in other cities that are using the program. The criteria for the location of the COP House are crime, calls for service, and nuisance calls.

Thursday's Public Safety and Health Committee meeting will be televised live on the City Channel (Channel 25 on Spectrum Cable and on AT&T U-Verse Channel 99) in the City of Milwaukee. It can also be viewed via streaming video on the city website at www.city.milwaukee.gov/Channel25.

What: Public Safety and Health Committee
When: Thursday, October 5 at 9 a.m.
Where: Room 301-B at City Hall, 200 E. Wells St.