Milwaukee’s dedicated public servants deserve our sincere thanks

Statement from Alderman Bob Donovan
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If it wasn’t so cold I’d take my hat off immediately in respect and gratitude to the numerous city workers who have braved the snow, ice and brutal bitter cold temperatures in recent days to help keep Milwaukee’s key systems open and working.

I want to thank the Department of Public Works plow drivers for their efforts, and our Police and Fire personnel who have responded to numerous accidents, incidents and calls for service (including medical emergencies) over these past few days. Our Water Works employees have also been out in these brutal conditions repairing water main breaks (imagine being knee deep in frigid, icy water in minus 20 degree weather!).

I note that we should also acknowledge and keep in our thoughts the city workers who suffered frostbite and minor injuries, in some cases, while out working these past few days. We pray for their healing and quick recovery.

The extreme cold has also caused numerous equipment breakdowns for city crews, including hydraulic lines that have frozen up and electrical/battery issues.

Also, with any plowing operation there will be constituents who are happy and some who are less than satisfied with the work. This is pretty much the case when we have five inches of snow or a foot of the white stuff.

Quite frankly, while most of us have been hunkered down and relatively warm indoors these past few days, many city workers have been out in this weather and doing the best they can to serve our great city.

Given the extreme conditions we’ve seen these past few days, I now WILL take my hat off to the great city workers who have been out there on the front lines.

Thank you and we greatly appreciate your hard work and dedication!

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