Second city worker killed on the job last week was a constituent

Statement from Alderman Bob Donovan
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As has been reported widely, the death of city Department of Public Works employee Bryan Rodriguez on Friday morning (February 8) made for a sad and tragic week as in just over the space of roughly 48 hours in Milwaukee we lost him and Police Officer Matthew Rittner, who was shot and killed working with the MPD’s Tactical Enforcement Unit executing a search warrant on the South Side on Wednesday (February 6) morning.

Mr. Rodriguez was not only an 8th District constituent but was also a neighbor who lived about a block away from me.

As chair of the Public Safety and Health Committee and as a parent of a city worker, it is exceedingly painful to see these tragic deaths. The city is very much like a big family, and when sudden and violent deaths occur it has a lasting and painful impact on the entire family.

So I ask that the public please join me and the entire city family in keeping this DPW worker’s family, friends and colleagues in our prayers. The family’s sacrifice and the sacrifices made by Mr. Rodriguez and all of our valued city workers are acknowledged and always appreciated. May they find comfort in each other and may the community once again stand with and support them.

As for the hit-and-run driver who so recklessly took the life of Mr. Rodriguez – he is still on the loose so let’s help catch this individual as soon as possible!

Anyone with information about the incident is urged to call Milwaukee Police immediately at 414-935-7360.

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