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Police Division Will Move To Former District Three Station

Relocation to West Side Facility Will Help Bolster Police Presence, Ald. Murphy Says; News Conference Today Will Include Mayor Barrett and Chief Flynn

The Milwaukee Police Department's Professional Performance Division will relocate from the city's safety academy to the former District Three Police Station at 4715 W. Vliet St., Ald. Michael J. Murphy said today.

Mayor Tom Barrett and Police Chief Edward Flynn will join Ald. Murphy during a news conference announcing the move at 1:30 p.m. today (Friday, March 7, 2008) in front of the old District Three facility, 4715 W. Vliet St. Media coverage is encouraged.

Ald. Murphy, who last year supported a \$200,000 item in the 2008 city budget calling for the shift of the PPD to the vacant former District Three Police Station, said the increased visibility of the division in the community and the increased presence of additional police officers in the area will benefit public safety in the Martin Drive, Washington Park and Washington Heights neighborhoods.

"I believe the greater visibility and police presence will have a positive effect on this area and the surrounding neighborhoods, and I would eventually like to see the Fire and Police Commission move to the old 3rd District station also so that the community feels it is more accessible and better connected to residents," Ald. Murphy said.

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New West Side Home For PPD/ADD ONE

Although the District Three facility is blocks away from the scene of a February 26 homicide inside Coop's Tiny Tap, 5501 W. Vliet St., Ald. Murphy said the effort to relocate the PPD was initiated last year. "There's no connection whatsoever, but I know the residents and business owners in the area will benefit from the presence of more police officers in the neighborhood and will welcome this move with open arms," he said.

The PPD – formerly known as the Internal Affairs Division – is now located at the safety academy facility at 6680 N. Teutonia Ave. The move is expected to be completed within six months.

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