

Statement of Ald. Bob Donovan
May 17, 2007

I want to publicly and emphatically pledge my full support for the Neighborhood Safety Initiative announced Tuesday by Police Chief Nan Hegerty.

I call 'em like I see 'em, and in the past I have been critical of Chief Hegerty and Mayor Barrett on public safety and police matters when I felt the criticism was deserved. However, after reviewing the chief's summer plan, I'm hopeful and believe it will be successful in reducing disorder and violence on the streets of Milwaukee. I'm appreciative of the chief's efforts and I'm glad that this initiative is moving forward.

I will be fully supportive of efforts at the Council level to ensure that funding is available to make the Neighborhood Safety Initiative as successful as possible. The citizens of our city deserve nothing less.

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