

**Statement of Common Council President Willie L. Hines, Jr.
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The City of Milwaukee is fortunate to have a leader like Alderman Murphy who understands that it is not enough for our police force to merely have cutting-edge technology – the technology must be used correctly. Like an iPod that can't play music or a BlackBerry that can't send e-mails, MPD's multimillion-dollar Crime Data System is virtually useless if it's not functioning at a high level to help our officers fight crime. Information technology should never be seen as an ancillary afterthought; it should be seen as another critical weapon in Milwaukee's public safety arsenal.

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