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MILWAUKEE POLICE LAUNCH NEIGHBORHOOD POLICING PLAN FOR DISTRICT 3

Program highlighted by partnership between MPD, community

Stakeholders in one of Milwaukee's neighborhoods will have a say in their area's crime prevention solutions, Milwaukee Police Chief Edward A. Flynn announced today.

"Reducing crime, fear and disorder is our overarching goal at the Milwaukee Police Department, but we can't meet that goal alone," Flynn said. "Our partnerships with the community will play a large role in the success of this and all our policing plans."

Flynn, together with District 3 Captain James Harpole, launched the Historic Concordia/Avenues West Neighborhood Policing Plan, which takes the police/community relationship to new heights while restoring the open spaces of this neighborhood for use by residents. The neighborhood involved in the plan includes the area between N. 27th and N. 35th Streets, with special emphasis on the Wells Street corridor. This is not only a saturation effort, but it places a strong emphasis on community relationships and involvement. The program started Wednesday night.

The plan's goals are to:

- Reduce visible signs of disorder in the neighborhood (prostitution, drug dealing, loitering, public drinking, loud music)
- Reduce crime, especially violent crime
- Reduce calls for police service
- Abate nuisance activity in and around properties in the neighborhood
- Build stronger community relations and establish new community partnerships
- Remove the barrier of the patrol car and connect officers to the neighborhood
- Ensure that the neighborhood takes ownership of the policing strategies in their own areas.

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Various strategies and tactics will be used to accomplish the goals of the plan, including:

- Foot patrol, uniformed squad patrol, plainclothes surveillance, anti-gang patrols, anti-prostitution patrols
- Regular community stakeholder meetings, neighborhood walks, neighborhood events, distribution of crime prevention information, nuisance abatement enforcement, meetings with problematic landlords

The Historic Concordia/Avenues West Neighborhood Policing Plan is a proactive policing initiative that features in-depth participation from neighborhood police officers, special police work groups and community stakeholders.

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