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## MEDIA ADVISORY

### Case For Additional MPD Background Investigators To Be Made *Ald. Tony Zielinski To Join MPA Officials at News Conference Wednesday*

Milwaukee will continue to be stymied in attempts to efficiently add additional police officers unless it can hire more police background investigators, said **Ald. Tony Zielinski**.

**Ald. Zielinski**, a member of the Council's Public Safety Committee and the primary sponsor of a Common Council resolution that seeks to add 10 police service specialist investigator (PSSI) positions to help the Milwaukee Police Department wade through police recruit candidates, **will join Milwaukee Police Association officials during a news conference at 1 p.m. tomorrow (Wednesday, March 14, 2007) at MPA headquarters, 6310 W. Bluemound Rd. Media coverage is invited.**

With violence a deadly fact of life in too many city neighborhoods – and an alarmingly high police officer vacancy rate caused in part by retirements and promotions – the city needs to get the additional PSSIs on board as soon as possible, the alderman said. “The PSSIs handle the police recruit background investigations and are absolutely essential if the city is to successfully add a third recruit class and move up the second class to mid-August (from December 2007),” Ald. Zielinski said.

Last week the Council's **Public Safety Committee** held the resolution but approved a motion to direct the city's budget office to explore possible funding sources for the 10 additional PSSIs.