

Cavalier Johnson: Three police recruit classes, 195 new officers approved

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As a life-long resident of Milwaukee, I know that public safety is the top priority for our residents, and that we must all work collaboratively and creatively to address the current issues we are facing.

A key component of addressing crime throughout Milwaukee is our police department. I am proud to have introduced and fought for a budget amendment adopted today by the Common Council that will fund three new police recruit classes of 65 recruits each, for a total of 195 new police officers in 2022

The last two years have seen our average sworn police strength decline by more than 100 officers, and without the budget amendment adopted today, it would have declined by over 100 more. This amendment will ensure we have the officers needed to continue vital policing initiatives like the Traffic Safety Unit, among others.

As we continue to discuss public safety, including prevention and intervention efforts, I will remain a steadfast and vocal supporter of endeavors that suppress violence on all fronts. I look forward to working with Chief Norman, key stakeholders, and the community at large to ensure a safe Milwaukee.