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2013 Sheriff of the Year

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Sheriff Clarke's Statement Regarding Protest Tactics

Milwaukee, WI – Today, Sheriff David A. Clarke Jr. made the following statement:

“The information sharing model developed after the 9/11 attacks taught law enforcement the importance of involving the public in our effort to create a two-way street to enhance public safety. That sharing of information has to flow up, down and across the spectrum that now includes the public.

My homeland security education has taught me that when information sharing is necessary, more is better than holding back.

With that preface, I want to alert the public of information that has come to our attention regarding the potential of disruptive tactics. A credible source has informed us that several anarchist groups led by outside persons, are gathering in the Milwaukee area to plan disruptive activities both before and after the decision by Milwaukee County DA John Chisholm regarding the Dontre Hamilton case. The information indicates that the groups have exploited the tragic situation involving the death of Mr. Hamilton, to destabilize daily activities of law-abiding citizens in public and private spaces open to the public. This includes the use of blockades on the interstate system and around other roadways to prevent law enforcement from responding quickly to emergency situations. These leftist groups use the tactic of hiding among legitimate peaceful protestors to conduct their illegitimate campaign.

We are asking members of the public to report any activities like those described to law enforcement as soon as possible and to provide detailed descriptions of any actors involved.

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We will use all resources available to maintain law and order.

When additional credible or actionable information becomes available we will share it with the public.”