

# Executive Update

Milwaukee County Executive Scott Walker's Weekly Newsletter

May 2, 2008

## Message from County Executive Walker

*Today, I attended the funeral for Specialist Steven J. Christofferson of Cudahy. He served honorably with the 5th Platoon, Delta Company, 1st Battalion, 327th Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team of the 101st Airborne Division. He sacrificed his life in defense of his country on April 21, 2008 in Iraq. He was the 90th service member from Wisconsin killed in the war since 2003.*

*Christofferson graduated from Cudahy High School in 2006 and later joined the United States Army that same year. The funeral service was held today in the Field House at Cudahy High School.*

*My prayers go out to Steven's mother Michell (who is a 10 year veteran of the United States Air Force), his two brothers and to all of his family and friends.*

*Scott*



## Walker and DA Chisholm highlight staffing issue



County Executive Walker and District Attorney John Chisholm addressed the need for a budget repair bill to prevent a crisis in prosecutor staffing levels at a news conference at the executive's office this week. With the announcement of cuts to federal grants, the State will lose 21 prosecutors, of which up to 16 positions are affected in Milwaukee County, if the State Legislature does not act immediately. Joining them were a group of prosecutors (pictured above) whose positions would be cut.

The legislative Audit Bureau reports the State Prosecution Program is already at least 132 prosecutors short of competent levels. Wisconsin must act on the prosecution level deficit immediately rather than risk further delays that would add to the problem and jeopardize public safety.

## 911 Technology



County Executive Walker joined Sheriff David Clarke, Jr., Waukesha County Executive Dan Vrakas, Chairman Lee Holloway, Richard Tuma – Waukesha County Director of Emergency Preparedness, and Chairman Lee Holloway to urge that the cell phone surcharge should continue with its intended use to cover 911 equipment upgrades, but not be applied to other government costs.

## Hoyt Park Pool Progress



County Executive Walker joined John and Tashia Morgridge of the TOSA Foundation at their "Dive In!" Capital Campaign event at the Hoyt Park Pool Bathhouse this week. Campaign Chairs Don and Mary Jo Layden and Friends of Hoyt Park & Pool board members planned the evening to announce the need to raise \$4 million in matching funds. Walker, his wife Tonette, and Mayor Tom Barrett and his wife Kris are honorary co-chairs of the capital campaign.

## SBT BizTech Expo



Steve Jagler – Small Business Times (SBT) Editor, UWM Chancellor Carlos Santiago, Walker, Tom Luljak – UWM Vice Chancellor, and Dan Meyer – SBT Publisher, gathered at the SBT BizTech Expo booth and visited with participating businesses at the two-day event.

## Community Events

County Executive Walker presented a proclamation to Marquette University for receiving the Kiwanis Hall of Fame Award, attended the Governor's Prayer Breakfast at the Italian Community Center, and met with bond rating agencies this week.

## Parenting Workshop a Success



More than 100 parents participated in the first parenting conference initiated by County Executive Walker and sponsored by The Milwaukee Ministry and First Ladies' Caucus at the Mother Kathryn Daniels Center. Workshops covered wellness, literacy, discipline, special needs, and the challenges of fatherhood.