

Rep. Brandtjen: Enforcing the law reduces crime - DDACTS is working

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Madison- State Representative Janel Brandtjen (R-Menomonee Falls) issued the following statement regarding the Data Driven Anti-Crime and Safety Initiative (DDACTS) and the positive results that are being realized.

"Earlier this year Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett was asking for additional funds for public safety in Milwaukee. My first reaction to his request was that money was not the issue in Milwaukee, it was the Mayor's unwillingness to take crime seriously. I believe the problem is lack of enforcement, soft judges and a DA who allows serious criminals to plea down to minor infractions thus giving criminals a free pass. When money is not the problem, money is not the solution. I am pleased that the DDACTS program is working and I would strongly encourage more programs of this nature in the very near future."

The DDACTS program began in October of this year and is thought to be a large part of the significant reduction in crime in Milwaukee. Non-Fatal shootings are down 29%, car thefts are down 25% and traffic stops increased 136%. The program targets 50 areas of Milwaukee that are high in traffic crashes as well as higher crime.

Representative Brandtjen represents parts of Milwaukee, Butler, Menomonee Falls, Richfield, and Lisbon as well as the entire Village of Lannon and the Town of Erin.

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