



COMMUNITY ALERT

April is Distracted Driving Awareness Month!

Texting distracts a driver for about 5 seconds; at 55 mph, that is like driving the length of a football field *blindfolded*

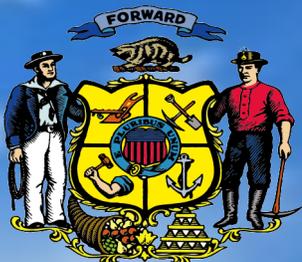
Know the facts, and drive safely!

#JustDrive
#DriveEngaged

Dear Friend,

Thank you for reading the legislative update. I hope you find the information provided here useful.

As Always, I'm Here to Serve!



“SAFE” ACT SIGNED INTO LAW

This Wednesday Governor Walker signed Assembly 464 into law. 2013 Act 321 or the SAFE Act (Stopping Abuse Fatalities through Enforcement), was the product of collaborative work with several domestic violence prevention and law enforcement organizations, to close the surrender of weapons loopholes that allowed some violent offenders to keep their firearms. Act 321 requires the surrender of firearms possessed by a person under a restraining order, and an injunction by a court in cases of domestic violence. Failure to surrender firearms within 48 hours would result in the issuing a warrant for the offender’s arrest. Now that this has been signed into law, this will ensure that the lack of enforcement capability issues in 70% of cases will now become an issue of the past. I am proud to have co-authored this bipartisan legislation with Rep. Gary Bies that in name and in practice, will help make Wisconsin families safer.



WEDNESDAY IS DENIM DAY



April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month. In the month of April, communities across the country raise awareness about sexual assault and show their support for survivors. On April 23rd, we will recognize Denim Day in honor of sexual assault victims. Denim Day began in respect of a woman who was forcibly raped by her driving instructor.

The woman pressed charges, but the case was dismissed because the chief judge decided that, “... because the victim wore very, very tight jeans, she had to help him remove them, and by removing the jeans it was no longer rape, but consensual sex.” Sexual assault is an issue that affects people from all walks of life, regardless of age, race or gender. Every two minutes another American is sexually assaulted. A majority of these assaults are never reported to the police. Together, as a community, we can support survivors and work to change these statistics. On April 23rd join us in wearing denim to recognize that sexual assault is a community problem—and make it clear that tight jeans don’t cause rape!



National Prescription Drug Take Back Day

On April 26th, MMSD will help you to properly dispose of prescription medication. This is an effort to ensure that unused medicine is appropriately disposed of, and not sent into our sewer systems, or placed in the hands of other individuals.

Collection will occur at:
Mitchell Park Domes,
527, S. Layton Avenue,
Milwaukee, WI.

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STAY HEALTHY AND GET TESTED!



Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin, Inc.

STD diagnoses in the Milwaukee Area have skyrocketed in recent years. Rates of Chlamydia have increased from around 1,400 diagnoses in 2008 to almost 11,000 in 2012. The City of Milwaukee accounted for 48% of HIV diagnoses in Wisconsin in 2012. April is Sexually Transmitted Disease Awareness Month, presenting an excellent opportunity to get informed about the dangers of STD's and how to best prevent this epidemic which has been disproportionately affecting our community. During STD Awareness month, throughout April all Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin health centers will be offering free STD testing. Similarly, the Milwaukee Health Department offers free screenings, treatment, counseling, and referrals for sexually transmitted diseases at Keenan Health Clinic, located at 3200 North 36th Street. This month, be smart, be healthy, and get tested!

MILWAUKEE GOING GREEN

I applaud the City of Milwaukee and the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD) for their investment in Green Infrastructure this week! This new infrastructure help to protect our environment and city from deterioration and pollution, and MMSD estimates that this investment will create 500 green maintenance jobs and 160 construction jobs. An internationally recognized water hub, Milwaukee leads the nation in projects that capture storm and polluted waste water, keeping unwanted water out of resident's homes, city sewers, and regional waterways. I am proud that Milwaukee is taking the initiative to clean up the city while creating jobs, something that Governor Walker has neglected to do during his term in office. I look forward to working with the city as a Senator and as a Commissioner at MMSD to continue this great work.



THESE 3 CITIES ALONE
ARE PLANNING TO
INVEST OVER
\$5 BILLION IN
GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE

Wise Words of the Week!

Contact Us!
We Enjoy
Hearing From
You!

"We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors; we borrow it from our children"

- Chief Seattle

"Goodness is about character - integrity, honesty, kindness, generosity, moral courage, and the like. More than anything else, it is about how we treat other people."

- Dennis Prager