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**AG Schimel Continues 72-County Tour to Discuss
Public Safety in Brown County**

MADISON, Wis. – Attorney General Brad Schimel continued his 72-county statewide tour to meet with local law enforcement and elected officials this week with a stop in Brown County on Thursday, August 23.

“Local law enforcement and officials around the state deal with public safety challenges that vary community to community. In Brown County, they’re fighting the opioid and meth epidemics, and keeping Wisconsinites and visitors safe at Packer games,” said Attorney General Schimel. “Our roundtable meetings provide valuable discussion about ways the state can continue to partner with local agencies to help solve local public safety challenges.”

“I would like to thank Attorney General Brad Schimel for taking time to meet with local criminal justice system leaders to discuss issues impacting Brown County,” said Brown County Chief Deputy Todd Delain. “His willingness to work with Brown County officials to solve problems and improve quality of life issues is greatly appreciated!”

Attorney General Schimel and the Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ) leadership team is meeting with law enforcement and local officials in every county to discuss public safety concerns specific to each county. The challenges faced by law enforcement leaders and the criminal justice system differ from county to county, even in neighboring communities, making it critical for DOJ to be responsive to public safety needs at the local level. DOJ is a public safety partner for local communities, and these meetings aim to discover what resources and efforts DOJ can provide to make Wisconsin safer and stronger.

DOJ financially supports a number of programs to help public safety officials keep the county safe.

This year Brown County received a \$159,712 to enhance the counties' alcohol and drug courts, which provide an alternative to incarceration for those struggling with addiction.

The Brown County Drug Task Force also received nearly \$83,000 this year from U.S. DOJ and Wisconsin DOJ to help investigate drug distribution crimes in the area. The county will also receive \$78,500 through the U.S. DOJ and Wisconsin DOJ to investigate trafficking of methamphetamine.

DOJ also financially supports Brown County crime victim services organizations, ensuring that crime victims are given guidance and counseling as they participate in the criminal justice system. Since 2015, through U.S. DOJ Victims of Crime Act grants, DOJ has distributed more than \$1.03 million to Family Services of Northeast Wisconsin, Golden House, and Wise Women Gathering Place.

To see what other counties the Attorney General has visited, and where he will going next, go to: <https://www.doj.state.wi.us/ag-roundtable-map>