

# AG Schimel: Appoints Beloit Police Lieutenant Kristen A. Devitt Director of the DOJ Office of School Safety

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MADISON, Wis. – Attorney General Brad Schimel announced today the appointment of Kristen A. Devitt to the position of Director of the Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ) Office of School Safety (OSS). Devitt, who has more than 600 hours of specialized police/child welfare training, is currently Lieutenant of Patrol at the Beloit Police Department, where she oversees school resource officers (SRO). Devitt is also a part-time instructor for the National Association of School Resource Officers.

“Lieutenant Devitt is the ideal candidate to lead the Office of School Safety,” said Attorney General Schimel. “It’s very clear, from Devitt’s background and experience, that she will be able to successfully administer the school safety grant program, as well as provide her extensive knowledge of school safety to local law enforcement and school districts as they make our schools the safest in the nation.”

Since the beginning of Devitt’s career, she has been passionate about the relationship between students and law enforcement officers. After graduating from Illinois State University in 1999 with a Bachelor’s Degree in Sociology, Devitt provided K-12 SRO services while an officer at the LaSalle, Illinois Police Department. After her time at the LaSalle Police Department, Devitt began a career as a police officer in the Madison Police Department. Three of Devitt’s eight years at the Madison Police Department were spent as an educational resource officer at Madison East High School. After leaving the Madison Police Department, Devitt served as Police Academy Director at Blackhawk Technical College before joining the Beloit Police Department. Devitt also holds a Master’s Degree in Education from UW-Platteville.

Devitt will begin her new role on Monday, July 9, 2018.