

RAGA: WisDOJ holds opioid summit to kick-off Drug Take Back Day

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Opioids in Wisconsin are a serious concern for Attorney General Brad Schimel. When he's not working to keep schools safe or protect the elderly, he is fighting back against the rising epidemic of opioids and meth that cripple Wisconsin communities. One of his biggest accomplishments is the Wisconsin Drug Take Back program, which has led the nation in pounds of drugs recovered only behind California and Texas. Now he is kicking off another Drug Take Back weekend.

Here's what you missed:

[Wisconsin DOJ](#): *This week Attorney General Brad Schimel and U.S. Attorneys for Wisconsin Scott Blader and Matthew Krueger are hosting a major summit on fighting opioid and meth abuse with more than 500 attendees expected from around Wisconsin. Attorney General Schimel also invites all Wisconsinites to do their part in preventing the misuse and abuse of prescription painkillers and other pharmaceuticals by taking their unwanted medications, both prescription and over the counter, to Drug Take Back Day locations on Saturday, October 27, 2018.*

[Fox 6](#): *More than 500 people are meeting in Milwaukee this week to fight Wisconsin's opioid epidemic. Law enforcement calls it an epidemic — and the numbers back up their claim. According to the Wisconsin Department of Justice, 829 people died of a drug overdose in Wisconsin last year alone ... In attendance, people who treat addiction, work to prevent drug abuse, and a large group of the officers and prosecutors who enforce the law.*

[CBS 58](#): *According to the Department of Justice, Wisconsin has the third largest drug disposal collection in the country behind California and Texas ... On Tuesday, Milwaukee Police collected prescription drugs near Kilbourn and 3rd. More information on Drug Take Back Day can be found on the Dose of Reality website.*

[TMJ4](#): *Opioid and meth abuse don't just affect teens and adults -children are also at risk. In Milwaukee County alone 9 children under the age of 5 have died in the last three years from an opioid overdose. Attorney General Schimel and other local law enforcement leaders hope to change this by working together and providing effective treatment for addicts.*

[Kenosha News](#): *When it comes to National Drug Take Back Day, Schimel uses that expression literally not metaphorically. Kenosha County is participating in the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency's national Prescription Drug Take-Back Day from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday at the Kenosha County Job Center, 8600 Sheridan Road, and the Kenosha County Center, 19600 75th St. in Bristol. In the last 3½ years, Wisconsin has gathered over 400,000 pounds (approximately 19 semi-trailers) of unused drugs.*