

# Rep. Dallman: Votes for law enforcement package

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Madison, WI — State Representative Alex Dallman joined his Assembly colleagues in passing a law enforcement legislative package on the session floor, including Representative Dallman's bill, Assembly Bill 833.

Assembly Bill 833 provides grants to support law enforcement officers and their departments. This bill helps to address a significant barrier for small departments needing to fill law enforcement positions. For smaller departments, the costs of onboarding and outfitting an officer can be significant, especially if they will only be serving part-time.

"Crime is unfortunately on the rise in Wisconsin and the number of officers on our streets is at the lowest it has been in over a decade. This bill package helps to restore the dignity and respect that our finest men and women of law enforcement deserve," said Representative Dallman. "I will continue to stand up for the rule of law and the men and women who defend it each day."

Wisconsin currently has 13,576 law enforcement officers, the lowest number in a decade. Retirements amongst law enforcement is currently up 45 percent and resignations up 18 percent.

"As I have talked with many constituents around my district, we all understand that investing in our officers, means keeping our communities safe," continued Representative Dallman. "The votes taken today aim to reverse the trend of rising crime and police officers leaving the workforce."

The bills in this package will allocate approximately \$25 million federal dollars to recruit, retain, train, support, and equip our officers.