

# Toney campaign: Opioid epidemic is ripping through our communities, destroying families and killing people at historic rates

Posted on Monday, Sep 26, 2022

>> **WisPolitics is now on the State Affairs network. Get custom keyword notifications, bill tracking and all WisPolitics content. [Get the app or access via desktop.](#)**

WAUSAU, Wis. – Fentanyl and methamphetamine are pouring into the United States at record rates due to the crisis at the southern border and Wisconsin is experiencing record setting overdoses and deaths across the state due to this crisis.

Fond du Lac County District Attorney and law enforcement's choice for Attorney General, Eric Toney, released the following statement:

"The opioid epidemic has ripped through our communities, destroyed families, and is killing people at historic rates – including those in northern and central Wisconsin. Curbing this epidemic will take a commitment from everyone, and I am proud to partner with sheriffs across Wisconsin to help fight the endless flow of fentanyl, methamphetamine, and other illicit drugs into our state."

Toney added:

"As a District Attorney, I've committed to working with our law enforcement partners to aggressively investigate and prosecute those that deliver poison into our community to hold them accountable and keep our streets safe. During Josh Kaul's tenure as Attorney General, Wisconsin has endured historic violent crime and drug deaths as he's politicized the DOJ and defunded DCI agents, defunded prosecutors, and mismanaged our crime labs."

Marathon County Sheriff Scott Parks, Langlade County Sheriff Mark Westen, Taylor County Sheriff Larry Woebeking, and Marathon County Chief Deputy Sheriff Chad Billeb joined Toney for this afternoon's press conference.

[\*This afternoon's full press conference can be viewed here.\*](#)

*District Attorney Eric Toney is endorsed by over 100 Sheriffs, District Attorneys, and Police Chiefs, and has been unanimously endorsed by the Wisconsin Fraternal Order of Police State Lodge, the Milwaukee Police Association, the Racine Police Association, the Racine Deputy Sheriffs' Association, the Kenosha Professional Police Association and the Milwaukee Police Supervisors Organization.*