

# U.S. Rep. Steil: Speaks at National Police Week press conference to honor Wisconsin law enforcement

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**WASHINGTON, DC**— Today, Congressman Bryan Steil (WI-01) spoke at a National Police Week Press Conference to honor law enforcement officials' bravery, sacrifice, and selflessness in the state of Wisconsin and across the United States. Full remarks from the press conference can be found below:

*National Police Week is a time to reflect and remember the men and women of law enforcement who gave us their lives to protect our freedoms. It is vitally important that we all take a moment to reflect on their great sacrifice.*

*Thousands of men and women across this country wake up every morning, put the badge across their heart, and go out the door knowing that they are going to answer the call, but not knowing the call that is going to come.*

*I remember vividly a police ride-along in Racine County and moments after getting in the car a call came across the radio. Shots had been fired and an officers car had been hit. It was a clear reminder of the danger that the men and women of law enforcement put themselves in every day to keep us safe.*

*Two years ago we saw a scourge of people across this country espousing anti-police rhetoric. We are dealing with the consequences of that to this day. Not only with recruitment of officers, to make sure we are bringing the best and brightest to serve across this country, but also with the significant rise in crime in cities across this country.*

*In the city of Milwaukee, 197 people were murdered last year. Crime continues to increase not only in Milwaukee, but in cities across this country. It's time that we turn the corner on this anti-police rhetoric, and that we stand with the men and women of law enforcement. We must back the badge.*

*It's an honor to be here today to thank the men and women of law enforcement during National Police Week.*