

Van Orden Campaign: ICYMI: Derrick Van Orden, law enforcement leaders discuss fentanyl crisis in La Crosse

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PRAIRIE DU CHIEN, WI – Derrick Van Orden was joined by law enforcement leaders yesterday to discuss the ongoing Fentanyl crisis, challenges law enforcement are facing in combatting drug trafficking, and what can be done at the federal level to support law enforcement in addressing the crisis.

Derrick was joined by La Crosse County Sheriff Jeff Wolf, Monroe County Sheriff Wes Revels, and other law enforcement leaders from the region.

Take a look at the coverage of yesterday's discussion below:

[WXOW](#): Local law enforcement leaders join round table discussion with U.S. Congressional candidate Van Orden

Recently returning from a visit in south Texas, Van Orden tied what Border Patrol Agents told him about the trafficking of Fentanyl and other drugs across the border to what police and sheriff departments are experiencing locally.

"It's personal to me because I live here. I'm a Wisconsinite. This is my home," Van Orden declared, who lives in Prairie du Chien. "So I care about this enough that I will travel around to figure out what the root cause is and then when I get into office I'm going to implement the changes that I possibly can to mitigate these problems."

[WKBT](#): Congressional candidate Van Orden talks about drug crisis with La Crosse, Monroe County Sheriffs

Van Orden says tackling the crisis starts with securing the southern border.

"I went down there to the border because we're having overdose deaths here in our district so the problems that have been exacerbated by the failed Biden border policies are having effects in downtown La Crosse, in Onalaska, in Sparta, Tomah, in Coon Valley," said Republican candidate for Wisconsin's 3rd district congressional seat Derrick Van Orden.

The sheriffs say a lot of what they deal with like homelessness and mental health

issues relate back in some way to drugs.