

WisGOP: ICYMI - Defund the Police ally Mandela Barnes spent nearly \$600,000 in taxpayer dollars for private security detail

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In case you missed it, Defund the Police [ally](#) Mandela Barnes **spent nearly \$600,000 in taxpayer dollars** for his police detail during his first two years in office as lieutenant governor.

As Fox News [points out](#), the \$587,281 in pure taxpayer funds went to paying for 8,868 regular hours of police protection, 4,900 hours of overtime protection, and 203 hours of holiday protection. In comparison to the former lieutenant governor, **Mandela Barnes required about [52x more hours of protection](#)** than Kleefisch did in one year.

The now-U.S. Senate candidate had no problem being protected by the police, all while he was [cozying up](#) to the Defund the Police and Abolish ICE movements during his tenure as Lieutenant Governor of Wisconsin.

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Wisconsin Dem Senate candidate spent nearly \$600k on police detail cozying up to defund police movement

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Wisconsin Lieutenant Governor Mandela Barnes paid nearly \$600,000 in taxpayer dollars for his state police detail over two years while cozying up to the defund the

police movement.

[...]

Fox News Digital has learned Barnes' total bill for his police detail between January 7, 2019 and November 6, 2021, was \$587,281 in pure taxpayer funds.

The \$587,281 went to paying for 8,868 regular hours of police protection, 4,900 hours of overtime protection, and 203 hours of holiday protection, records requests show.

Barnes, who is running for Senate in the Cheese State, dwarfed his Republican predecessor's spending with his two-year, half a million-dollar bill.

As the Democrat Senate candidate spent the taxpayer money on his own police protection, Barnes was also cozying up to the defund the police movement.

Barnes has made statements online with a soft tone on the defund the police movement, and his campaign has received funding from five groups that advocate for defunding cops.

[...]

The Wisconsin lieutenant governor is a noted progressive, aligning himself with "Squad" members like Omar and progressive ideas like abolishing U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).