

Public Safety and Emergency Management

- **EMS Services:** Support legislation that encourages financial support of volunteers in emergency medical services and that addresses liability issues and professional standards. Support state reimbursement for radio frequency and upgrade requirements.
- **Communications Surcharge for 911 Systems:** Support legislation to redirect ~~electronic communications surcharge to County 911 Centers, some of the Police and Fire Protection Fee surcharge to 911 Centers.~~
- ~~Next Generation 911: Include \$7 million annually in the 2017-19 state biennial budget to begin the transition to Next Generation 911 in Wisconsin.~~
- **Recording Fees:** Support legislation that allows counties to re-coup the cost of locating/recording 911 records for individuals when the costs of searching ~~and~~ recording those records exceed \$25. Current statutes prohibit counties from recouping the cost when the cost exceeds \$50.
- **First Responder Training:** Require training for first responders ~~(police officers, paramedics...)~~ on appropriate procedures for identifying, assisting and interacting with older adults who may have complications from abuse, dementia, mental health or other disorders.
- ~~Emergency Communications Interoperability: Enact local and state communication networks for disaster events and fund through State grants.~~
- **Open Records Law:** Support updating the open records law to cover all county costs for new and emerging labor-intensive records requests and associated costs including redaction.
- **Criminal Background Check:** Support additional funds to the Department of Justice to enable the conducting of uniform criminal background checks of to-be-hired direct care workers by public and non-profit agencies.
- **Multi-line Telephone System (MLTS) calls to 911:** Support legislation requiring owner/operators of these systems to deliver to Wisconsin 9-1-1 Centers precise location information instead of merely the "headquarters office" location and call-back numbers now delivered when callers from their system dial 9-1-1 seeking aid.
- **Support Gun Control:** Ban habitual criminals from obtaining concealed carry permits, make the purchase of a firearm for someone who is prohibited from possessing a firearm a felony, make the possession of a concealed firearm by those prohibited under Wisconsin law a felony and require that private gun sales be subject to criminal background checks performed by a federally licensed gun dealer.
- **Concealed Carry Weapons:** ~~Provide an exclusion for the facilities and grounds of the Alliant Energy Center, "Modify the concealed carry law to prohibit concealed weapons may not be from being carried onto the grounds, parking lots or areas associated with convention, entertainment and sporting facilities, nor brought into venues where the public assembles for tradeshows, demonstrations, conventions, consumer shows, entertainment, sporting or educational events, including zoos, convention centers, arenas, horse arenas, hockey arenas, concert and sporting venues for public assembly events, including when those facilities are used for private events"; oppose weapons in institutions of higher learning, public schools, child care facilities, community centers and health care facilities; Support setting concealed carry license fees at an amount sufficient and amend conceal and carry legislation to increase all fee amounts to provide fund all County Sheriffs' costs with sufficient funds associated with administering the conceal and carry law.~~

Commented [WD71]: Suggesting this change to reflect 2018 RES 330.

Commented [WD72]: This language was added because it was approved in 2017 RES 045, but because this funding was added in the 2017 budget, it is no longer relevant and should be deleted.

Commented [WD73]: Is this provision necessary or can it be removed because of the "Open Records Law" provision below?

Commented [WD74]: Unnecessary

Commented [WD75]: Remove because OBE, federal government and DaneCom addressed this.

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Criminal Justice and Corrections

- **State Audit Probation & Parole Program:** Request the Legislative Audit Bureau to analyze Wisconsin's probation and parole program for effectiveness and efficiencies; to identify improvements in procedures to streamline the revocation process in order to reduce days in jail; and compare the Wisconsin program to other states.
- **Prisoner Re-Entry:** Adequately fund prisoner community re-entry programs to increase success and effectiveness.
- **Close Public Defender Eligibility Gap:** Support changing Public Defender eligibility levels to the same level as eligibility for appointed counsel to eliminate the gap that currently requires

Commented [WD77]: Rather than requesting an audit, would the County prefer to support reforming the probation and parole program to streamline the revocation process in order to reduce days in jail?

- the court to appoint counsel at county expense. Increase state funding to cover counties' costs for court-appointed attorneys.
- **Minority Outreach:** Support state-sponsored outreach to communities about available support services.
 - **County Jail:** Support full state funding for probation ~~and~~ parole holds. continued support for the Treatment Alternative Program (TAP); more funding for incarceration alternatives; and support Justice Impact Statements.
 - **Treatment Alternatives and Diversion:** Support enhancements to public safety and reduce unnecessary Corrections related expenditures by (a) Increasing funding for the Treatment Alternatives and Diversion (TAD) Grant Program by \$15 million annually; (b) Changing the TAD statute so that people who were once convicted of a violent crime can be eligible if the new crime is non-violent in nature; (c) Changing the statute so that people with a mental health issue (and not a co-occurring addiction issue) can be eligible; and (d) Focusing the growth in TAD in these three main areas: (1) Expansion of OWI Courts, SSTOP, and other programs that address drunk driving; (2) Expansion of Drug Treatment programs that can help deal with the growing heroin problem, as well as the lingering issues of methamphetamine, crack and other drugs; and (3) Expansion of funding for treatment alternatives that are targeted to the communities that have the state's highest incarceration rates.
 - **Court Interpreters:** Support appointing court interpreters to all cases regardless of indigency and support an increase in state funding for reimbursement to counties for interpreters services.
 - **Wisconsin Community Justice Reinvestment Act:** Support creation of WCJRA to provide sentencing judges with more effective treatment options while reducing the prison population and sharing the savings with counties to fund local criminal justice/treatment programs.
 - **Racial Disparity Subcommittee:** Support creation of a state Criminal Justice Coordinating Council subcommittee on racial disparities within the criminal justice system.
 - **State Court System:** Increase state funding of the circuit court system, including court security.
 - **Victim-Witness Program:** Support full state funding of program costs.
 - **Clerk of Court Fees:** Pursue statutory changes to increase the county share of fines/forfeitures.
 - **License Fee:** Support \$12 for driver's license suspension if the fee is payable by the defendant.
 - **Domestic Violence:** Support state funding for domestic violence prevention, intervention and prosecution, including funding for three ADA positions dedicated to domestic violence, and shelter services.
 - **Fee Increase for Jury Trial:** Support legislation to increase the fee for a jury trial from \$6 to \$15. The funding is needed to offset increases in juror compensation.
 - **Prisoner Hospitalization:** Oppose any legislation that would reverse ~~or~~ overturn the WI Supreme Court ruling on the Meriter case. Update the statutory language regarding prisoner hospitalization.
 - ~~Industrial Hemp: Support legalizing the production of industrial hemp.~~
 - **District Attorney Funding:** Support increased state funding for more Deputy District Attorney and Assistant District Attorney positions to meet growing caseloads.
 - **Mental Health Screenings:** Support and fund mental health screening and treatment for inmates in county juvenile detention, shelter homes and county jails.
 - **Legalize Marijuana:** Support legislation legalizing marijuana. Dane County voters approved by 64.576% yes votes and 35.524% no votes.
 - ~~Interstate Traffic Tickets: Amend State Statutes allowing Wisconsin to join the Interstate Compact on Traffic Forfeitures to facilitate collection of out of state traffic violators and capture a needed revenue source for the state and county.~~
 - **Boating Laws:** Authorize the state to license, regulate, and require education/training for operation of motorized watercraft. Support legislation making fines and associated penalties for drunken boating commensurate with those for drunken driving.
 - ~~Boater Registration Act: Authorize the state to license, regulate, and require education/training for operation of motorized watercraft.~~
 - **Bail and Conditions of Pre-Trial Release:** Support legislation that reforms bail and conditions of pretrial release that enhance public safety and respects the constitutional rights of the accused, considers the costs to local governments, and incorporates evidence-based strategies.

Commented [WD78]: WCA and the Criminal Justice Coalition is lobbying for this and

Commented [WD79]: DHS pointed out that funding for TAP is directed to DHS, not the jail so delete.

Commented [WD80]: Consider combining this with suggested addition of opposing Marsy's Law Constitutional Amendment.

Commented [WD81]: Has this happened? Is \$12 still appropriate? Where does this money go? WisDot issues a reinstatement fee of \$60.

Commented [WD82]: Remove because passed into law as 2017 Act 100?

Commented [WD83]: Need to pursue given unintended consequence of populous county update.

Commented [WD84]: Either remove results because don't need to include explanatory information or update to reflect 2018 results.

Commented [WD85]: Suggest deletion because unsure what this is. If this is the Interstate Compact on Driver's License (versus Traffic Forfeitures), this started in 1960, the last states to join were in 1993 and Nevada left in 2007.

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Commented [WD87]: DW Suggests based on Legislative Council Study Committee Efforts. Dane Co received a grant to pilot some changes. CJC Subcommittee supports reforms.

- Marsy's Law: Support crime victims by expanding and fully funding current statutory programs that aim to protect and consult them throughout criminal proceedings. Oppose unnecessary constitutional amendments that result in overburdening the criminal justice system and undermining defendants' constitutional rights.

Commented [WD88]: Sup. Wegleitner suggested this language given legislature's second consideration of the constitutional amendment

Immigrants and Refugees

- **Sanctuary Cities/Counties:** Oppose legislation that requires county workers/law enforcement to review immigration status any time an individual comes in contact with government workers. Oppose banning specified immigrants from living in communities. Urge Wisconsin to seek grants for Syrian refugee resettlement.
- **In-State Tuition for Immigrants:** Support restoring the law for in-state tuition for state residents who graduated from a Wisconsin High School, but lack proper immigration documentation.