

INNOVATIVE, BOLD, AND IMMEDIATE SOLUTIONS FOR PUBLIC SAFETY

House Democrats have continued to collaborate with mayors, police chiefs, and other community leaders to deliver resources to urgently address the problems communities are facing. We are putting forth \$150 million of new investments into data-driven, immediate crime prevention. The package directly addresses Republican inaction to invest in public safety solutions that work in Minnesota.



Local Community Innovation Grants

This proposal provides funding to help local officials, police chiefs, prosecutors, and community organizations working on the ground team up to immediately address the increase in violence seen across Minnesota, targeted to the 20 municipalities and 20 counties with the highest crime rates.

Crime Prevention

This proposal provides funding to recruit police officers, build trust between officers and communities, add non-law enforcement personnel to free up peace officers for increased patrols or service calls, add investigators, and more. It also beefs up partnerships between law enforcement and social workers, mobile crisis teams, and violence interrupters.

Training

This proposal provides funding to ensure officers have proper training in the use of force, duty to intercede, and conflict de-escalation.

Transparency and Accountability

When police officers commit bad acts, they need to be held accountable. This proposal provides funding to help the POST Board hire investigators to perform compliance reviews and investigate alleged code-of-conduct violations among peace officers. It provides a body camera for every police and peace officer in the state who doesn't have one, and puts guardrails in place to prohibit altering, erasing, or destroying any recording. Civilian oversight councils would be allowed to recommend disciplinary actions in response to complaints made against officers.

Alternative Licensure

This proposal creates a new POST Board task force to recruit new peace officers, increase diversity and professional backgrounds, promote education and training in the community policing model, and maintain high standards of education and training required for licensure.

Opiate Epidemic Response Grants

Criminals looking to take advantage of Minnesotans suffering from opioid addiction are not welcome in our communities. That's why this proposal provides funding to address opioid overdoses and prevent addiction.