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Wanggaard Named Police Association's "Legislator of the Year"

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Wanggaard Tops WPPA Scorecard for the Second Straight Term

MADISON – Senator Van Wanggaard (R-Racine) has been named the Wisconsin Professional Police Association's (WPPA) "Legislator of the Year" for the second straight session. The WPPA, representing over 10,000 current and retired police officers, recognized Wanggaard for his efforts to protect public safety and improve the ability of law enforcement to work effectively.

"Too often, law enforcement is given a bad rap, and criminals are given the benefit of the doubt," said Wanggaard. "I'm proud to see my efforts to change this dynamic be recognized by our men and women in blue."

Wanggaard authored or co-authored several bills that were part of WPPA's anti-crime, propolice legislative scorecard. Among these bills were bills that increased penalties for carjackers, repeat gun offenders and drunk drivers, standardized body camera laws in Wisconsin, and enhanced anti-human trafficking efforts. The WPPA used a total of 37 legislative proposals from the 2017-18 legislative session to determine its legislative scorecard. Points were awarded based on authorship and votes for the 37 proposals.

"Advocating for law enforcement is something everyone can and should do," Wanggaard said. "I'm proud to back to badge, and I'm glad they recognize that."

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