



From DNR Chief Warden Casey Krueger...

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR)'s Division of Public Safety and Resource Protection is proud to present its 2024–2027 strategic plan, reflecting our entire staff's dedication to public service at its finest.

Produced and reviewed by divisional staff, the plan has an imperative duty to forecast and react to how the division fulfills its duties and obligations to the state of Wisconsin. More importantly, the plan seeks to employ methods to recognize and respond to the state's ever-evolving needs, while simultaneously assessing the successes of the tactics.

Our division staff understands nothing stays the same for very long, and finding comfort in the familiarity of past methods may no longer fit the Wisconsin of 2024 and beyond. Continual assessment and keen attention to changes are critical in delivering duties to fulfill the division's core mission – protection of the state's vast natural resources and the safety of those who enjoy and use them.

Wisconsin is experiencing a rapid rise in residents and visitors enjoying our rivers, lakes and streams, on the trails and in the parks and forests. As the numbers swell to enjoy the rich recreational opportunities Wisconsin offers, our division observes real opportunities coupled with demands to expand in these four priority areas: safety outreach and education; protection of priceless resources; partnerships with current and potential future stakeholders, and support of staff charged with these important duties.

This report is presented in four priority sections committed to service to citizens, natural resources, future generations and our staff. Our plan will outline how teamwork, transparency and tactics merge to support our collective, unwavering commitment to Wisconsin.

The plan incorporates all programs within the division, which includes the law enforcement section – DNR Conservation Warden Service. Other programs include the investigative team, training, environment enforcement, off-highway and on-water recreation, hunter and angler safety and Recruitment, Retention, and Reactivation (R3), homeland security and emergency management.



On behalf of the DNR Division of Public Safety and Resource Protection, I'd like to thank you for helping us fulfill our mission. By being being vigilant and reporting violations, partnering in educational endeavors, working together to solve complex issues or supporting us through your license dollars, your contributions are instrumental in ensuring we successfully protect our citizens and our state's natural resource legacy. No doubt through these partnerships we will achieve our ultimate goal of leaving a safer, healthier environment for future generations.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Casey Krueger'.