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SHERIFF JOHN SPEARS REPORTS THE FOLLOWING ONGOING ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR AND NARRATIVE EXCERPTS FROM THE WEEK ENDING March 26, 2018.

3/19 The Town of Genoa reported a stolen traffic barrel from Amann Road.

3/24 A stop sign was hit at the intersection of N Chipmunk Road / County Road K, Town of Bergen. The stop sign was found lying on the ground.

3/25 6-20 Holsteins were loose along King Road, Town of Sterling. The owner was notified.

Sheriff Spears would like to remind everyone to be aware of potential phone scams, fraud, and identity theft. Please be cautious and do not respond or provide personal information, unless you are sure it's legitimate. Mostly importantly, please do not send money, unless you know the facts are true and correct.

Recently, scammers have been "phishing" and have been able to send scams via text messages through local phone numbers. Other common phone scams include the IRS scam, the jury duty scam, the Microsoft scam (tech support scam), Government grant scams, and lawsuit / arrest scams.

According to Consumer Reports, if you answer a scam, and are able to identify that it's a scam, hang up right away. Don't engage with the caller, even if you know it's a phone scam. File a complaint with the FTC (Federal Trade Commission) online or call 877-382-4357. The FTC's website has helpful information regarding scams and fraud.

3/26 **6** reportable car / deer crashes:

Joseph Harbaugh, Westby, on State Highway 27, Town of Christiana;
Gracee Ott, Onalaska, on US Highway 14, Town of Coon;
Jonathan Turner, Readstown, on County Road EE, Town of Greenwood;
Anthony Ugo, Viroqua, on US Highway 14, Town of Hamburg;
La Verna Orethun, Soldiers Grove, on County Road J, Town of Franklin;
Toni Tengblad, La Farge, on State Highway 33, Town of Hillsboro.

*****	This past week	Year to Date
Alarm Responses	6	95
Animal Related Issues	12	175
Assisting Municipalities	28	338
Crimes Against People	18	138
Crimes Against Property	22	148
Domestic Crimes	2	36
Fire Responses	50	350
K-9 Calls	3	9
Medical Responses	22	456
Mental Health Cases	4	36
Missing Person Investigations	6	43
Public Talks	6	7
Safety Escorts	8	56
School Walk Through	25	193
Search and Rescues	0	3
Security Check	161	1582
Serving Legal Documents	22	291
Suspicious Activity Investigations	17	166
Threat Investigations	1	23
Traffic Accidents	18	272
Traffic Related Investigations	103	1134

Vehicle Lockouts	8	87
Weapons Investigation	0	7
Unclassified Calls for Assistance	48	838
TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE	626	6824
ADMISSIONS INTO COUNTY JAIL	20	214

IF YOU HAVE INFORMATION ON AN ABOVE CRIME, OR ANY CRIME, CALL CRIME STOPPERS AT 637-8477 OR 1-800-657-6868.

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John B. Spears, Sheriff