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### **SHERIFF JOHN SPEARS REPORTS THE FOLLOWING ONGOING ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR AND NARRATIVE EXCERPTS FROM THE WEEK ENDING June 25, 2018.**

06/18 Damion Reekie, New Lisbon, was traveling east on County Road WW, in the Town of Hillsboro. The tire blew, which caused the truck to veer off the road into the ditch. The vehicle traveled up the ditch before striking the embankment. Reekie stated the vehicle rolled and came to a rest on its wheels. Reekie returned home, and didn't report the accident until 3 ½ hours later. No injuries were reported.

06/19 Jeffrey Coleman, Westby, was traveling southbound on Strangstalien Valley Road, in the Town of Coon, when he swerved to avoid striking a deer. The vehicle left the roadway, and traveled into a steep ditch. The vehicle hit a tree, and came to rest on its roof. No apparent injuries were reported at the time of the crash.

06/19 Merlin Steinmetz, Westby, was backing up in a private driveway on County Road P, Town of Christiana, and struck another vehicle, owned by Kay Buros, Coon Valley. No injuries were received.

06/20 Bijan Jafari, Readstown, was traveling westbound on State Highway 56, in the Town of Viroqua. Jafari lost control of the vehicle due to the wet roads and inadequate tires. Jafari left the scene of the accident. This remains under investigation.

06/22 Joseph Hesselberg, West Salem, was driving a motor home on State Highway 35, in the Town of Genoa. Hesselberg reached for his drink, went off the road, and hit a tree. The motor home was removed by Goldbeck's Towing. No injuries were sustained. (See attached picture)

06/25 **1** reportable car / deer crashes:

David Bailie, Boscobel, on State Highway 27, Town of Christiana.

Sheriff Spears would like to wish everyone a safe and Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July. If you plan on lighting fireworks, be sure they are legal. Closely supervise children around the fireworks, and make sure your pets are contained, so they don't get scared. Be sure to have a bucket of water handy in case of a minor fire. Firework presentations include: Vernon County Fairgrounds at 9:30 PM or dusk; Westby Industrial Park starting at dusk; Ontario Village Square at dusk; and La Farge starting at dusk.

*****	This past week	Year to Date
Alarm Responses	11	201
Animal Related Issues	32	540
Assisting Municipalities	41	781
Crimes Against People	18	356
Crimes Against Property	15	325
Domestic Crimes	2	74
Fire Responses	31	1008
K-9 Calls	0	15
Medical Responses	31	904
Mental Health Cases	3	68
Missing Person Investigations	8	128
Public Talks	0	9
Safety Escorts	8	146
School Walk Through	0	304
Search and Rescues	1	6
Security Check	89	3032
Serving Legal Documents	19	525
Suspicious Activity Investigations	24	407
Threat Investigations	0	40
Traffic Accidents	19	597
Traffic Related Investigations	105	2637
Vehicle Lockouts	9	209
Weapons Investigation	0	13

Unclassified Calls for Assistance	81	1557
<b>TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE</b>	<b>628</b>	<b>14895</b>

ADMISSIONS INTO COUNTY JAIL	9	444
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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