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INFORMATION: SHERIFF'S INMATE WORK CREW SUSPENSION			
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Sheriff Gary Caruana announces that due to Budget Cuts from the Winnebago County Administration and County Board, it will be necessary to suspend the operation of the Sheriff's Inmate Work Crew, Effective October 30th, 2017

Sheriff Caruana reinstituted the Inmate work Crew in April of 2015. The work Crew is supervised by a Corrections Officer. The work crew consisted of 2-6 inmates who have been sentenced to the Winnebago County jail for low level offenses.

Sheriff Caruana recognized the need to restart the work Crew to assist Non Profit Organizations and Municipalities in the Winnebago County region. Since restarting the program, the Inmate work crew has performed 9,320.75 man hours of work throughout the Winnebago County region as of today.

Many of the duties performed by the work crew included Storm cleanup, sandbagging for flooding issues, Set up and tear down of Rockton Old Settlers days, Roadside Cleanup, Loves Park Young at Heart Festival, Rockford 4th of July Fireworks, Cherry Valley days, Pecatonica Fairgrounds work, (Kids around the world) loading of Playground equipment. Keep Northern Illinois Beautiful. Along with several thousand hours of work performed for the County of Winnebago.

The Sheriff's Inmate work crew was an asset to the communities as well as a valuable job training skill for many of the Inmates involved in the work.

Sheriff Caruana hopes that in the future, that the Inmate work Crew can once again be productive in the Winnebago County region.

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