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TITLE: Winnebago County Sheriff's Office Receives Grant for UAV'S (Drones)

The Winnebago County Sheriff's Office is proud to announce it has received a \$9,619 grant to purchase two (2) UAV'S (drones). The grant was awarded by the Dr. Louis & Violet Rubin Fund of the Community Foundation of Northern Illinois Community Grants Program.

These UAV's (drones) are fitted with both visible and thermal spectrum cameras allowing functional operation during the day or in the dark of night which is essential for search & researches and active shooters incidents. The drones will also be used for crime scene documentation, traffic collision documentation, and in natural disaster assistance. These devices allow us to search large areas much faster than of foot and during incidents like flooding, we are able to document and asses flood threats in areas that would have otherwise been difficult to get to.

Representatives from the Community Foundation of Northern Illinois and the Sheriff's Office will be here on Wednesday June 5, 2019 at 10:30am at the Criminal Justice Center located at 650 West State Street to do a live demonstration of the drones for the media.

The mission of the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office is to serve our community with exceptional public safety services that are second to none.

About the Community Foundation of Northern Illinois:

The mission of the Community Foundation of Northern Illinois is to serve as a catalyst for giving in order to attract, preserve, and grow an endowment for current and future needs of Northern Illinois. Since its founding in 1953 CFNIL has granted more than \$71 million for charitable purposes. Learn more about CFNIL's grantmaking and commitment to endowment at cfnil.org.

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