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INFORMATION: BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH		
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As I am sure you are all aware, October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Every year in October, our agency, and other agencies display pink, either somewhere on their uniforms, or on their vehicles to show support for the people that have courageously fought breast cancer. For many of us, breast cancer has impacted us in some way shape or form, and has hit close to home.

This year, Detective Lisa Ballinger and Deputy Sarah McWhirter decided to take it one step further, so we reached out to the Swedish American Cancer Center (Bell School Road) and asked them what were the needs of their patients, and how we, as the employees of the sheriff's office, could do something that helps give them, and their families comfort and support.

After numerous conversations with the Cancer Center, a breast cancer fundraiser has been organized, and drop off bins will be located in several different locations around Rockford, including the sheriff's office, where items such as fleece blankets, beanies, and fuzzy socks (to keep them warm especially after chemo treatments, and going into the cold season) for example, will be collected for the cancer patients. At the end of the month, we will deliver those items to the Cancer Center and their patients.

Many community partners have already stepped up to assist the Men and Women of the Sheriff's department to make this a success including WTVO Channel 17 along with the list of partners who have graciously set up drop off bins at their business. The lists of items needed are:

Fleece Blankets
 Scarves
 Hats
 Gloves
 Socks

(All cozy to help keep patients warm while going through their chemo treatments)

\$10 or \$20 gift cards (Visa, Drugstore, Grocery store or Gas Station) they distribute these through their social services.

The drop off Locations for donated Items :

Miracle – Ear Hearing Center – 5910 E. State St.
 Anderson Rock River Ford – 224 N. Alpine Rd.
 Anderson Mazda – 6551 E. State. St.

Anderson Toyota – 4100 N. Perryville Rd.

Giovannis – 610 N. Bell School Rd.

Winnebago County Sheriff's Department – 650 W. State St.

Winnebago County Wellness Center – 526 W. State St. (The entrance is on the west side of the building facing Winnebago St. Look for the blue awning)

Cucina Di Rosa – 1620 N. Bell School Rd.

Bennies Cleaners – 126 N. 1st St.

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