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LAMONICA BEVERAGES & HARD ROCK CASINO ROCKFORD SPONSORS "SAFE RIDE HOME" INITIATIVE

Winnebago County Sheriff Gary Caruana is pleased to partner with LaMonica Beverages & Hard Rock Casino Rockford and offer our community another option to arrive home safely this Thanksgiving Eve.

LaMonica Beverages & Hard Rock Casino Rockford has generously agreed to fund this program. Sheriff's Deputies will provide safe ride homes from 10:00p.m. to 3:00a.m. on Wednesday, November 25, 2026. Citizens who are in need of a ride home should call the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office non-emergency line at (815) 282-2600. **Rides will only be given to a residence and not to bars or other businesses.**

"Thanksgiving Eve is a time when friends and families come together, and we want everyone to make it home safely," said Sheriff Gary Caruana. "One bad decision behind the wheel can change lives forever. Thanks to the generosity of LaMonica Beverages and Hard Rock Casino Rockford, we're able to provide a safe alternative that can prevent tragedies before they happen. This is a great example of our community working together to keep people safe."

The Sheriff's Office appreciates LaMonica Beverages & Hard Rock Casino Rockford and their strong commitment to help keep the community safe. Sheriff Caruana, LaMonica Beverages & Hard Rock Casino wish everyone a safe and Happy Thanksgiving.

The Winnebago County Sheriff's Office reminds everyone to drive sober, stay alert, watch your speed, and buckle up. If you plan to drink, take advantage of our safe ride home program. Let's keep our roads safe this holiday.

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