

**SHERIFF GENE CARY REPORTS THE FOLLOWING
ONGOING ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR AND
NARRATIVE EXCERPTS FROM THE WEEK ENDING February 18, 2008**

This week the Sheriff's Department responded to 34 disabled vehicles, 2 abandoned vehicles, 36 traffic accidents including one fatality, 3 tag or destroy car-killed deer, and 3 wrecker assists, including the following:

02/10 A one-car crash occurred on US Highway 14, Town of Viroqua, when Christopher Dahl, Viroqua, came upon a slower moving vehicle heading in the same direction. Dahl hit the brakes and slid into a wooden post. No injuries were reported.

02/10 A one-vehicle crash occurred on a curve of State Highway 27, Town of Christiana when Nathan Dammann, Onalaska, lost control on the slippery road, crossed the centerline and went into the ditch. His vehicle overturned and landed on its wheels. He reported minor injuries.

02/11 Regina Copus, Viroqua, lost control of her vehicle on snow-covered State Highway 27, Town of Franklin, and hit a snow bank. She reported no injuries.

02/11 A one-car crash on State Highway 27, Town of Christiana, occurred when Valerie Mihalek, Platteville, lost control on a curve, overcorrected, and left the roadway. She reported no injuries.

02/11 Peter Strachan, Genoa, lost control of his vehicle on a snow-covered curve of State Highway 56, Town of Jefferson and hit a Vernon County Highway Department sign.

02/11 Gregory Sauer, La Crosse, passed a road grader on Hegge Road, Town of Christiana, hit some snow piled in the road and lost control of his vehicle, hitting a snow embankment. He reported minor vehicle damage but no injuries.

02/11 A two-car crash on Coon Prairie Avenue, City of Westby was reported when Kimberly Manske, stopped at a stop sign, was struck from behind by a truck and trailer driven by LaVon Oliver, Westby.

02/15 Robert Jeffers, was sanding Klomsten Ridge Road, Town of Coon, when he saw an oncoming vehicle and pulled over to the side. Diane Daentl, Stoddard, also went to pull over, but she slid into the Town truck due to the slippery roads. Neither party reported injuries.

02/16 Lloyd Olson, DeSoto, was hauling big bales on Rag Hollow Road, Town of Sterling. He attempted to stop at a stop sign at Anderson Ridge Road, but the weight of the bales pushed the truck through the intersection and caused the load to jack-knife. No injuries were reported.

02/16 A two-car crash occurred at the intersection of County Road Y and County Road LF, Town of Viroqua, when Susan Berg, Viroqua, pulled out in front of Cheryl Knight, Onalaska. No injuries were reported.

02/17 Craig Davidson, Westby, lost control of his vehicle on State Highway 56, Town of Jefferson, and struck a mailbox belonging to Philip Henden. His airbags deployed but he reported no injuries.

02/17 A one-car crash occurred when Shane Deaver, Viroqua, lost control of his vehicle on some ice on County Road Y, Town of Viroqua, left the road and hit a fence belonging to Roger Hanson. No injuries were reported.

02/17 A van carrying 7 people lost control on snow-covered US Highway 14, Town of Viroqua, spun around, crossed the centerline, and hit the guardrail on the opposite side of the road. No injuries were reported and all parties were wearing seatbelts. The driver, Duane Buttke, was from Mazomanie, and his passengers were all from Madison or Mazomanie.

02/18 **5** car-deer crashes reported this week, as follows:

- Russell Daines, La Farge, on State Highway 131, Town of Stark;
- Elizabeth Fox, La Crosse, on State Highway 162, Town of Hamburg;
- Janice Harbaugh, Hillsboro, on State Highway 33, Town of Hillsboro;
- Mary Humfelt, Chaseburg, on Humfelt Lane, Town of Hamburg;
- Robert Pederson, Coon Valley, on US Highway 14, Town of Hamburg;

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	This past week	This year
Alarm Responses	4	35

Animal Related Issues	3	60
Assisting Municipalities	21	158
Crimes Against People	13	126
Crimes Against Property	12	75
Domestic Crimes	0	12
Fire Responses	6	76
Medical Responses	56	221
Mental Health Cases	2	13
Missing Person Investigations	4	19
Safety Escorts	3	36
Search and Rescues	0	1
Security Check	132	689
Serving Legal Documents	33	206
Suspicious Activity Investigations	5	54
Threat Investigation	0	5
Traffic Accidents	36	300
Traffic Related Investigations	98	596
Vehicle Lockouts	5	81

Weapons Investigation	0	1
Unclassified Calls for Assistance	41	293

TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE	520	3413
ADMISSIONS INTO COUNTY JAIL	22	216

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VERNON COUNTY CRIME STOPPERS AT 637-8477 OR 1-800-657-6868.

Gene Cary, Sheriff