



# DODGE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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Last Friday, February 16, 2018, Dodge County Sheriff Dale Schmidt authorized criminal interdiction efforts to take place in collaboration with the Lomira Police Department, both in Lomira and on Interstate 41. This interdiction effort was two-fold in purpose. First the sheriff's office regularly conducts high visibility criminal interdiction in areas throughout the county in an effort to curb criminal activity such as illicit drug and weapons violations and other criminal activity.

We also focused on the Lomira area as the Outlaws motorcycle gang has opened a clubhouse in the Village of Lomira. This is very concerning to law enforcement as throughout the state and the country, the Outlaws have been known to bring with them criminal activity that includes drug use, weapons and violent behavior. While we are certainly not implying that the individuals in this particular clubhouse are part of that activity, we would be remiss if we did not give proper attention to ensure the safety of our citizens. Our efforts are meant to be high visibility in an attempt to deter criminal activity before it becomes a reality. Last Friday night the Sheriff and deputies conducted this enforcement effort from 9pm until 3am. The enforcement had 23 traffic stops and included a variety of results including drug arrests and numerous traffic violations. We were also able to make a heavy presence known around the new Outlaw clubhouse to ensure none of the problems that have followed this gang in other areas are allowed to present themselves in Lomira. To be clear, the violations observed were not all from people attending the Outlaw clubhouse.

This evening, on Friday, February 23, 2018 the sheriff is authorizing the same type of high visibility criminal interdiction in the Lomira area and it will continue as needed to ensure the safety of our citizens. Sheriff Dale Schmidt states, "It is my sincere hope that the Outlaws are here only to have a good time in a legal way. If that is not the case, we will be watching and will be prepared to respond accordingly. If they respect the law, they will have no problems with our law enforcement officers in the area."

Questions may be directed to Sheriff Dale J Schmidt.

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