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The Dodge County Sheriff's Office is partnering with Circuit Court Judge Brian Pfitzinger and former president of the Wisconsin Apartment Association (WAA) Dale Hicks to provide the public with free training on the eviction process with perspectives from all angles. This two to three hour training will be provided to anyone interested in attending to learn more about this challenging process. The training will be October 15, 2019 from 6-8 PM at the Dodge County Sheriff's Office in the EOC training room off the main lobby.

The eviction process can be a very confusing and challenging situation which can have long lasting effects on all parties involved. According to Hicks, an eviction process can easily cost the landlord from \$1,000-\$2,000 by the time all the fees, damages and lost rent are figured in. He states that many landlords do not have a sound understanding of the applicable laws and the procedures to follow when conducting an eviction. Furthermore, tenants do not understand the negative impact having an eviction on their record can have on future opportunities.

Judge Pfitzinger, who presides over these procedures in the courtroom, confirms that many landlords lack the understanding needed to effectively deal with these situations. He recognizes that more needs to be done to educate landlords and tenants on how to handle these processes. For law enforcement, assisting with evictions can be time consuming and volatile, sometimes posing officer safety risks.

Hicks has been a landlord since 1987 when he bought his first duplex. He currently owns eight properties with 24 units. Despite this, he rarely has to evict tenants due to his knowledge of the applicable laws and the procedures he has put in place. Hicks has been a member of the WAA since 1999, including 13 years as president. For the past five years he has worked with law enforcement teaching them landlord tenant law.

At this training Dale Hicks will educate attendees on the different types of evictions, proper terminology and processes for a successful eviction. Judge Pfitzinger will share his perspective from the bench while the Dodge County Sheriff's Office will discuss their procedures and what to expect when an eviction occurs.

Who should attend? - landlords, managers, tenants, city/village representatives, anyone wanting to know more about the eviction process.

How to register? – Just send an email to jzitlow@co.dodge.wi.us with your name and number of attendees or call 920-386-3730.

Questions may be directed to Sheriff Dale J. Schmidt.

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