



DODGE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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Law of the Month – September

It's officially September which means that fall is right around the corner. Due to this, we will be experiencing less daylight hours and colder temperatures (unfortunately). With the colder temperatures, deer are much more active, increasing your chance of hitting a deer with your vehicle. Every fall, car vs. deer accidents increase drastically compared to the rest of the year, due to deer activity, and this year will be no different. Cooler temperatures also mean that our roads will be slick in the next coming months. This also increases the likelihood of being involved in a vehicle accident. Both of these are reasons why it is important to make sure that your vehicle has liability insurance. Keep in mind, it is a law that you must have liability insurance, but you also must have proof of it in the vehicle with you. The proof can either be a card, or if your insurance company has an app, that works too. Keep in mind, a citation for not having insurance is more money than just getting insurance in the first place. Just because you may be a good driver, does not mean that you don't need insurance.

344.62- Motor vehicle liability insurance required.

(1) Except as provided in s. 344.63, no person may operate a motor vehicle upon a highway in this state unless the owner or operator of the vehicle has in effect a motor vehicle liability policy with respect to the vehicle being operated.

(2) Except as provided in s. 344.63, no person may operate a motor vehicle upon a highway in this state unless the person, while operating the vehicle, has in his or her immediate possession proof that he or she is in compliance with sub. (1). The operator of the motor vehicle shall display the proof required under this subsection upon demand from any traffic officer. The proof required under this subsection may be produced in either printed or electronic format, including by display of electronic images on a cellular telephone or other electronic device. If this proof is displayed in electronic format on any cellular telephone or other electronic device, the traffic officer may not view, and producing proof in electronic format is not considered consent for the traffic officer to view, any content on the telephone or other device except the proof required under this subsection.