



DODGE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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Law of the Month – November

It is now just about November and this means that slippery road conditions will become more frequent as we progress towards winter. Slippery road conditions lead to more accidents, especially on unattended vehicles parked on the side of the roadway. In the event that you were to hit an unattended vehicle parked on the road, Wisconsin State Statute 346.68 states that you must immediately stop in a safe place that is out of the roadway, and attempt to notify the vehicle's owner of the accident. If the owner is not present, leaving a written notice of the incident leaving your name and address, the name of the owner of the vehicle, and a statement of how the incident occurred is acceptable.

346.68 Duty upon striking unattended vehicle.

The operator of any vehicle which collides with any vehicle which is unattended shall immediately stop and either locate and notify the operator or owner of such vehicle of the name and address of the operator and owner of the vehicle striking the unattended vehicle or leave in a conspicuous place in the vehicle struck, a written notice giving the name and address of the operator and of the owner of the vehicle doing the striking and a statement of the circumstances thereof. Any such stop shall be made without obstructing traffic more than is necessary.