

<b>WINNEBAGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE NEWS MEDIA RELEASE</b>		<b>NEWS RELEASE NUMBER 2013-020</b>
<b>INFORMATION: RESTRICTION FOR THE ROCK RIVER RIVER IN WINNEBAGO COUNTY</b>		
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**NARRATIVE:**

Sheriff Richard A. Meyers is announcing the establishment of a **“NO WAKE ZONE”** effective immediately for the Rock River within Winnebago County, due to the high water and hazardous river conditions. Although the river currently remains open for use, it is predicted to rise to 11.1 feet by Saturday, June 29, 2013, which is over a foot above flood stage. (The Rock River is at 8.31 feet at Latham Road as of noon today, [June 25<sup>th</sup>].) Boaters and other users of the river are encouraged to avoid using the river for recreational purposes during this time as the presence of debris in the river creates hazardous conditions, which are difficult to detect. Additionally, the increased water flow creates a much faster current than what has been experienced over the past few months with the lower water levels. These conditions increase the likelihood of problems for boaters, which results in exposing first responders to dangerous conditions should a rescue situation develop.

Other rivers, creeks, and streams throughout the County have also been affected by flooding; however most of those areas do not threaten homes. Motorists are also reminded that they should not drive through standing flood water. If they encounter an obstruction due to the water, they should turn around and proceed in a different direction rather than take a risk at driving forward.

**For current river conditions, and any further updates, contact the Sheriff’s Office at (815) 319-6300, or the Rock River information telephone line at (815) 316-8888. You may also visit the Sheriff’s Department’s website at [www.winnebago sheriff.com](http://www.winnebago sheriff.com)**

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