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Thompson for sheriff

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WATERLOO --- I have attended most of the parades held in Black Hawk County this summer and the one thing that has caught my attention in a big way is the sheriff's race. What I see is the positive impact Deputy Tony Thompson has had on the youth in every city parade in Black Hawk County. Tony Thompson is the candidate who walks the parade route, even after running a 5K earlier in the day. Tony Thompson is always in contact with people where he performs his duties. The amazing thing is the positive impact Tony has on the youth, the grade school kids, high school students and our young people who have already graduated.

You see so many people waving, calling Tony --- doing the high fives and shaking his hand with just plain respect and admiration. This respect and admiration was developed over the years by Tony Thompson going the extra step. An example of this is the DONT'S program (Drugs Offer No Tomorrow). Tony also teaches law enforcement lessons for driver's education classes. I admire him for his commitment to his job 24/7. The parents of the hundreds of children thank him for his efforts and how he has impacted them in a positive way. Tony has the proven ability, integrity, motivation and physical ability to improve Black Hawk County for many years to come. We all can thank Tony Thompson and vote for him on Nov. 4.