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Thompson for sheriff

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WATERLOO --- Tony Thompson is the right one for Black Hawk County sheriff. I have intently been watching this year's election campaign. Most interesting to me is the local race for sheriff. I see this race between Tony Thompson and Mark Johnson as being similar to our presidential race. We have the opportunity to elect between an old, seasoned officer, or a younger, more aggressive, moving toward change officer.

I for one am interested in change. I am interested in a sheriff's office that is more involved in our community, an office that is willing to be more responsible for impacting crime and being more proactive in crime prevention. Tony Thompson is the only candidate talking about these things. He has a very comprehensive campaign platform that addresses narcotics enforcement, community outreach, jail administration and inmate work crews.

I want more pro-activity in our law enforcement officers. I want more responsibility for positively impacting our communities. And finally, I want leadership that does not waiver and compromise.

Tony Thompson developed our anhydrous tank lock program. He developed the senior 911 cell phone program. He is actively involved in multiple groups and community service organizations and he leads his fellow officers as president of their association and teaches leadership in the Army. I think he fits the bill perfectly.

Please join me and vote the right Black Hawk County sheriff into office in November. Vote Tony Thompson for Black Hawk County sheriff.