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Thompson for sheriff

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CEDAR FALLS --- I have been reading letter upon letter to the editor about sheriff's candidate Tony Thompson, and I must say that I am impressed with the number of people willing to write about their thoughts regarding this upcoming election. As a former educator, education is a voting issue that I am most interested in, and strangely enough, I have found more and more information focused on education in the sheriff's campaign to motivate me to write this letter.

I've compared the resume of both candidates, and when it comes to education, Tony Thompson beats his opponent hands down. First, Tony has a bachelor's degree in communications. Tony also is working on his master's degree in public administration. His opponent has some college. Tony teaches (or taught) at the University of Northern Iowa as an adjunct professor in the area of communications studies. He teaches law enforcement issues with the Iowa Enforcement Academy. He teaches jail and communication issues with the Iowa State Sheriffs and Deputies Jail School. He teaches DON'T (Drugs Offer No Tomorrow) drug education curriculum in local area schools (a program that he helped write). He also teaches leadership classes and Officer Candidate School for the U.S. Army and Iowa Army National Guard.

I so firmly believe that public education is the cornerstone of change, protection and future improvement, that I am motivated to write, motivated to speak out publicly, and motivated to ask each of you to discover for yourself what a committed public servant Tony Thompson is.