

Sheriff's Office and Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department Team Up

With a new year comes new partnerships and this one is exciting!! Recently, the County's Park Ranger retired and in order to fill the need for park and forest enforcement, the Parks, Recreation & Forestry (PRF) Department and the Sheriff's Office have worked together to create a Recreation Deputy position. In addition to the needs of the PRF Department, the WI Department of Natural Resources (DNR) also provides reimbursement through State Aid to law enforcement for the patrol of snowmobile/ATV trails and public waterways. The reimbursements available for this patrol can fund 70%-80% of a full-time position. With that said, the PRF Department will now contract with the Sheriff's Office for one Recreation Deputy and the State Aid through DNR reimbursements will fund a second Recreation Deputy. Both Deputies will work together to keep the County's parks, trails and forests safe and enjoyable for all residents.

Meet our Marathon County Recreation Deputies:

Deputy Michael Van Offeren has been a Deputy with the Marathon County Sheriff's Office for almost 5 years and is an active member of both the dive team and crash team. He attended college at UW-Stevens Point for Resource Management-Law Enforcement and is a certified DNR Safety Instructor. Michael enjoys the outdoors. He grew up fishing, hunting and camping and is looking forward to spending time in the County Parks and Forests.

Deputy Brian Modrzejewski has been a Deputy with the Marathon County Sheriff's Office for almost 5 years and is a certified Bomb Technician as a member of the Sheriff's Office Bomb Squad. He attended college at Northcentral Technical College obtaining a degree in Criminal Justice. Prior to working for Marathon County, Brian was a Deputy with the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office. Brian enjoys hunting and fishing and has a love for the outdoors.

If you see Michael or Brian around please say hello. We are excited to have both Michael and Brian work with our PRF team and embark on this new partnership with the Sheriff's Office.



Michael Van Offeren



Brian Modrzejewski