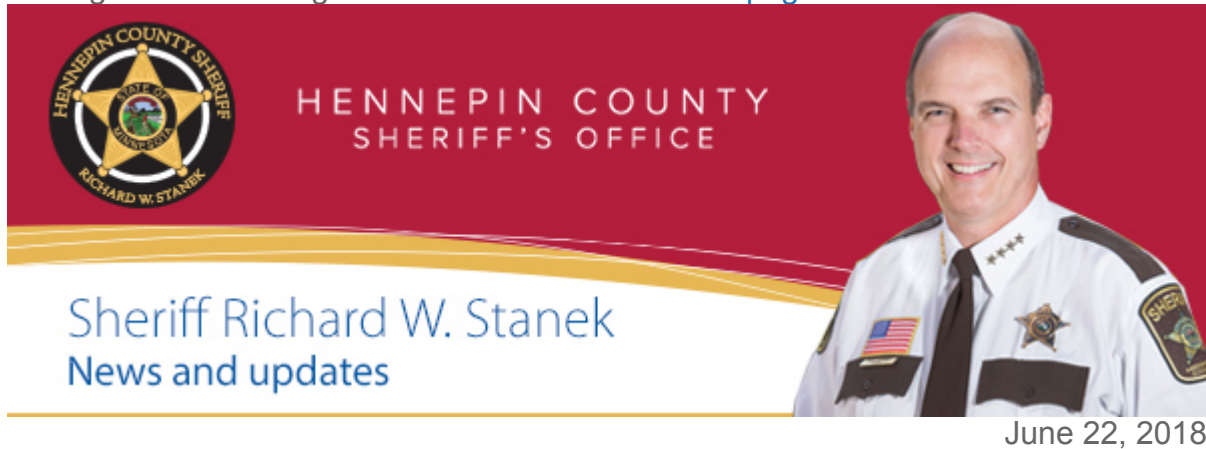


News and Updates: National Night Out, Parades, and more

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National Night Out party registration

Tuesday, August 7 at a block party near you!

Have you started planning your National Night Out or Night to Unite party yet? No party plan is complete without a visit from one of our deputies, K9 teams, dive teams, or any of our other agency personnel. You can request a visit by registering your party on our website by [clicking here](#).

National Night Out is an annual event that takes place across the country in August. Cities, neighborhoods, businesses, and community organizations all host block parties and other events that foster relationships between local law enforcement and their communities, and provide an opportunity for neighbors to get to know each other.

This year's National Night Out will be held on Tuesday, August 7, 2018.



HCSO coming to a parade near you!

It is that time of the year again, cities in Hennepin County are hosting their annual festivals and with that comes parades!

We try to attend as many local parades as possible so you have an opportunity to see some of our Water Patrol boats and Mounted Patrol horses, along with the dedicated Deputies and volunteer Special Deputies who help serve Hennepin County everyday.

Here are some upcoming parades we hope to see you at:

- **Rogers** - Rockin' Rogers Days Grand Parade on 6/23/18 at noon
- **Edina** - 4th of July Parade on 7/4/18 at 10:00 a.m.
- **Richfield** - 4th of July Parade on 7/4/18 at 1:00 p.m.
- **Hamel** - Hamel Rodeo Parade on 7/8/18 at 2:00 p.m.
- **Maple Grove** - Pierre Bottineau Parade on 7/12/18 at 6:30 p.m.



Water safety reminders

Watch, Wear, Learn



WATCH – your kids

- Parents must use active supervision when children are in – or near – the water. In 70% of cases where young children drowned, one or both parents were nearby. Being nearby isn't enough. Parents must focus on kids and avoid distractions such as using cell phones or talking with other adults.
- Parent supervision is needed even when lifeguards on duty.

WEAR – a life jacket

- Weak swimmers or non-swimmers should wear life jackets in the water – including swimming pools. Adult supervision is needed even when using a life jacket.
- Do not rely on water wings or other inflatable devices.
- Readily accessible life jackets are required for all individuals on a boat, and a throwable device is required for boats that are 16 feet or longer.
- MN law requires a life jacket to always be worn by anyone under the age of 10 when on a boat, but we recommend all children no matter the age wear a life jacket.
- Anyone, no matter the age, on a personal watercraft (jet ski) is required to wear a life jacket.

LEARN – to swim & learn about water safety

- Teach your kids to swim. Adults must know how to swim too.
- Keep safety equipment near pools, such as a shepherd's hook. If attempting a rescue, hand something to the struggling person or pull them to safety with the hook.
- Use safety precautions with backyard kiddie pools. (One child drowns every five days in portable pools.)
- Learn CPR and learn more about water safety.

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