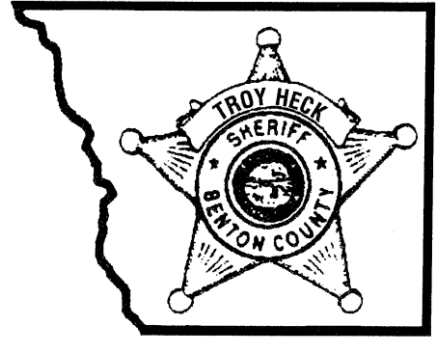


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## PRESS RELEASE

**DATE: 08-14-17**

### AUTHORITY OF SHERIFF TROY HECK

The Benton County Sheriff's Office will be testing the civil defense sirens on Thursday, August 17<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm. The communication hardware at the Benton County Sheriff's Office controlling civil defense siren activation was upgraded late last week. This upgrade requires a live test of the sirens to ensure that the new hardware will successfully activate local civil defense sirens. To ensure the safety of Benton County residents, a test of the civil defense sirens will be conducted on Thursday, August 17<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm. Residents in the cities of Foley, Gilman, Rice, Sauk Rapids, and Watab Township will hear the civil defense sirens sound at this time. If severe weather should be threatening the area near the time of the test, the test will be postponed.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Troy Heck'.

Troy Heck  
Benton County Sheriff