

# BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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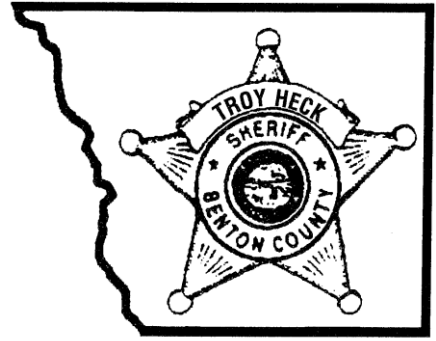
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Troy Heck, Sheriff  
Neal Jacobson, Chief Deputy

## PRESS RELEASE

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### AUTHORITY OF SHERIFF TROY HECK

On October 25<sup>th</sup>, people near Sauk Rapids schools may see a North Memorial medical helicopter coming and going from the area. As a part of the DARE program, North Memorial Air Care will be bringing a medical helicopter to Pleasantview Elementary and Mississippi Heights Elementary schools in Sauk Rapids. The staff of North Memorial will be landing at the schools and doing a brief presentation on the helicopter and its capabilities for the students. One of the goals of the DARE program is to build rapport between students and first responders. This fly-in will provide students with the opportunity to learn about the important work done by medical flight crews. While the presence of a medical helicopter at an elementary school could be cause for alarm, we would like to assure the public that the flights on Friday are strictly for educational purposes.

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

Troy Heck  
Benton County Sheriff