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Dane County Sheriff's Office Joins 'Neighbors' by Ring to Provide Users with Real-Time, Local Crime and Safety Information

Madison, WI. May 28, 2019 – The Dane County Sheriff's Office announced today that it is joining the free Neighbors app by Ring to provide the Dane County community with real-time, local crime and safety information. The Neighbors network already has millions of users and has been instrumental in catching package thieves, stopping burglaries and keeping neighborhoods safe.

Residents can text "danecountywi" to 555888 from their smartphone to download the Neighbors app for free on iOS and Android and use the app to: join their neighborhood, share crime and safety-related videos, photos and text-based posts; and receive real-time safety alerts from their neighbors, local law enforcement and the Ring team.

"We're excited to team up with Ring on this new technology," said Sheriff David Mahoney. "Our deputies can spend hours during a crime investigation seeking out video from area homes and businesses. This application will save us time and help keep our citizens informed of what's happening in their neighborhoods."

Jamie Siminhoff, Chief Inventor and Founder of Ring, said: "Over the past few years we have learned that, when neighbors, the Ring team, and law enforcement all work together, we can create safer communities. Neighbors is meant to facilitate real-time communication between these groups, while maintaining neighbor privacy first and foremost. By bringing security to every neighbor with the free Neighbors app, the Dane County community can stay on top of crime and safety alerts as they happen."

How it works:

- Text "danecountywi" to 555-888 or click here, https://download.ring.com/danecounty from your smartphone to download the app for free on iOS and Android.
- Opt-in to join your neighborhood.
- Customize the geographic area you want to receive notifications for (users must verify where they are located and cannot participate in other neighborhoods).
- Receive real-time alerts from your neighbors, local law enforcement and the Ring team that inform of crime and safety posts via a live feed or interactive map.
- Share text updates, photos, and videos taken on any device, including Ring's home security devices.

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