

## Sheriff Troy J. Knudson ROCK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Craig L. Strouse, Chief Deputy

Jude G. Maurer Commander, Law Enforcement Services "A Tradition of Service"

Erik D. Chellevold Commander, Correctional Services

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

UPDATE: Slow-No-Wake Declared on Rock River for Postponed 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks Celebration in Janesville on July 10

ORIGINAL: Slow-No-Wake Declared on Rock River for 4th of July Celebration

For Immediate Release

Date: July 8, 2022

**Contact Person** 

Deputy Terry Borgwardt 608-757-7941

**UPDATE:** The Janesville 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks celebration moved to Sunday, July 10, 2022, due to the inclement weather on July 4, 2022. In light of the rescheduled fireworks display, Sheriff Knudson is declaring a slow-no-wake speed restriction on the Rock River from the West Highway 14 Bridge to the West Centerway Street Dam on July 10, 2022, from 5:00 p.m. to midnight. Rock County Sheriff's Office Boat Patrol will be on the water on July 10 and will enforce safety violations. Deputies will place slow-no-wake signs along the river at all public access points between the West Highway 14 Bridge and the West Centerway Street Dam on the morning of July 10.

**ORIGINAL:** Following discussions with officials from the City of Janesville, Sheriff Knudson is declaring a slow-no-wake speed restriction on the Rock River from the West Highway 14 Bridge to the West Centerway Street Dam on July 4, 2022, from 5:00 p.m. to midnight. This area of the Rock River becomes very chaotic and dangerous due to the large number of boats on the Rock River for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks celebration. The slow-no-wake speed restriction will help ensure that all boaters are traveling at a safe speed before and after the event.

Rock County Sheriff's Office and Department of Natural Resources Boat Patrol units will be on the water on July 4, and will enforce safety violations, including the slow-no-wake ordinance. Safety is Sheriff Knudson's primary concern during the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration; he encourages all boaters to boat safely throughout the festivities.

The Sheriff's Office is providing public notice of the Rock River's slow-no-wake status during the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration. Deputies will place slow-no-wake signs along the river at all public access points between the West Highway 14 Bridge and the West Centerway Street Dam on the morning of July 4.

TROY J. KNUDSON SHERIFF

By: Deputy Terry Borgwardt

200 East U.S. Highway 14 Janesville, WI 53545 Phone: 608-757-8000 Fax: 608-757-7997